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WA GOVERNMENT RESPONSE TO THE AUKUS COMMUNITY TASKFORCE REPORT 2026

Context

The AUKUS Community Taskforce Report 2026 reflects extensive engagement with community, government, industry and other stakeholders in the Rockingham and surrounding areas on the opportunities and challenges associated with AUKUS-related growth. The Report finds that many community concerns about housing, infrastructure, services and workforce capacity reflect pressures that already exist and may be compounded by future AUKUS-related demand. It also highlights the importance of better information and coordinated planning so governments, service providers and communities can prepare for growth and maximise the long-term benefits of AUKUS for Rockingham and surrounding communities.

The Report makes recommendations across four key themes: housing; health and community services; roads and public transport; and education and community assets. It also makes cross-cutting recommendations focused on population planning, community understanding and confidence, information sharing and whole-of-government coordination. Together, the recommendations provide a practical framework to strengthen community readiness, improve coordination between governments and stakeholders, build the capacity of services and infrastructure over time, and support local communities to benefit from the opportunities created by AUKUS.

The WA Government supports all recommendations in the Report and is already progressing work across many of the areas identified by the Taskforce. This includes initiatives to increase housing supply, plan for future health service needs, improve transport connectivity, strengthen education and defence industry workforce pathways, support community infrastructure, and improve population forecasting and information sharing with the Australian Government. The WA Government response sets out its position on each recommendation and identifies relevant commitments, initiatives planned and underway in **Table 1**.

Next steps for implementation and delivery

Delivering the recommendations will require continued collaboration across the WA Government, Australian Government, local governments, industry and community organisations. The Department of the Premier and Cabinet will coordinate implementation across the WA Government, including the development of clear responsibilities, actions, milestones and reporting arrangements, while individual agencies will progress actions within their portfolios. The Government response does not itself commit additional expenditure. Any future funding or policy proposals arising from implementation will be considered through established government decision-making and budget processes.

Table 1 – WA Government Response to the recommendations of the AUKUS Community Taskforce Report 2026

Ref No.	Recommendation	Support/Not Support	Government Action	Lead State Agency
Housing				
REC-01	The WA Government to work with the Department of Defence and Australian Submarine Agency to monitor and report cumulative housing demand and supply impacts associated with AUKUS, and with the assistance of the Australian Submarine Agency provide the community with timely and regular information on expected personnel numbers, timing and Defence housing arrangements.	Support	Work has commenced with the Department of Defence and the Australian Submarine Agency to improve access to and sharing of information relevant to AUKUS-related growth. Improved data sharing will support monitoring of housing demand and supply impacts and enable governments to provide the community with timely information on expected personnel numbers, housing requirements and associated planning considerations.	Department of the Premier and Cabinet
REC-02	The WA Government to communicate the work being undertaken by DevelopmentWA and Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage to identify land parcels and the actions being taken to increase overall housing supply. DevelopmentWA to investigate the feasibility of dedicating a portion of any newly released land to social and affordable housing.	Support	The WA Government already provides public information on housing and land development initiatives through relevant agencies, including DevelopmentWA and the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage. The WA Government will strengthen existing governance and coordination mechanisms to support the timely sharing of information on AUKUS-related growth and housing supply initiatives. This will enable consistent public messaging and improve community awareness of actions being taken to increase housing supply in the southern corridor. The WA Government supports the consideration of social and affordable housing outcomes as part of major land release and development projects in the southern corridor. This includes the release of State-owned land in Rockingham for residential development, with proponents encouraged to identify opportunities for social and affordable housing. The WA Government remains committed to partnering with the Australian Government to deliver more social and affordable homes via the Housing Australia Future Fund.	DevelopmentWA / Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage
REC-03	The WA Government to investigate the feasibility and continue to bring forward social and affordable housing projects in the South-West metropolitan area, working with the Australian Government as appropriate, to increase supply and diversity of housing available to essential workers and families.	Support	The WA Government continues to support the delivery of social and affordable housing through a range of housing initiatives and partnerships. This includes efforts to increase housing supply and diversity in the southern corridor, including opportunities for social and affordable housing as part of strategic housing developments in Rockingham. The WA Government is committed to building an ongoing pipeline of residential development opportunities aimed at	Department of Housing and Works / Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage / DevelopmentWA

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			delivering industry led outcomes via the Housing Diversity Pipeline. This utilises surplus State-owned land to deliver a mix of social and affordable housing. As a part of these ongoing efforts, the WA Government invited developers to submit proposals to deliver new homes and amenities on 18ha of State-owned land in Rockingham.	
REC-04	The WA Government to monitor and prioritise land release development opportunities around existing and planned southern corridor stations, including through precinct planning and accelerated planning processes where appropriate, to support housing supply as market conditions evolve.	Support	Through precinct planning and related planning initiatives, the WA Government is supporting land release and development opportunities around existing and planned stations to help meet housing demand arising from both AUKUS-related growth and broader demographic trends. This includes a commitment of $10 million for final planning, design and approvals for delivery of new METRONET Karnup Station.	Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage
REC-05	The WA Government, in partnership with local government, infrastructure providers and industry, to accelerate the delivery of housing supply in the southern corridor through coordinated infrastructure provision, streamlined approvals, development sequencing and workforce capacity measures, and identify other potential barriers to housing delivery.	Support	The WA Government continues to work with local governments, infrastructure providers and industry to coordinate infrastructure provision and support housing delivery across the southern corridor. This includes precinct planning, enabling infrastructure investment and other initiatives that support housing supply, development sequencing and the timely delivery of new housing in areas expected to experience population and workforce growth associated with AUKUS.	DevelopmentWA
REC-06	The WA Government should explore options to expand capacity for housing support and homelessness services in the Rockingham region to ensure services can respond to existing need and anticipated population growth associated with AUKUS.	Support	The WA Government recognises the importance of maintaining adequate housing support and homelessness services as demand continues to grow. In Rockingham, this includes the investment of $2.6 million to establish a Safe Night Space, which will provide additional accommodation and support services for people experiencing homelessness.	Department of Communities
Health and Community Services				
REC-07	The Department of Defence and Australian Submarine Agency to ensure clear and coordinated communication of Defence health arrangements to improve community understanding and reduce perceived risk and system uncertainty. This may include Defence providing information on the role of HMAS *Stirling* in delivering routine and non-specialist healthcare, and how these arrangements interact with the public health system, as well as the Australian Submarine Agency providing information on private health insurance arrangements for US and UK SRF-West personnel and dependents.	Support in Principle	The WA Government supports clear and coordinated communication regarding Defence health arrangements and private health coverage for SRF-West personnel and families and will continue to monitor demand on local health services and work with Australian Government agencies to address emerging issues as required.	Department of the Premier and Cabinet
REC-08	The WA Government to prioritise short-term capacity enhancements at Rockingham General Hospital, including additional diagnostic	Support	The Department of Health will investigate options to enhance capacity at Rockingham General Hospital subject to service demand, planning and future budget	Department of Health

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	infrastructure and a transit lounge, where supported by service demand.		considerations as part of the master planning work currently being undertaken at Rockingham General Hospital.	
REC-09	The WA Government to complete a long-term master plan for the Rockingham General Hospital and progress the recommendations identified in the master plan as a priority.	Support	Rockingham has been identified as a priority project in the Department of Health's State Health Infrastructure Planning approach. The WA Government has committed $1 million to undertake master planning for Rockingham General Hospital. Future infrastructure priorities identified through the master planning process will inform consideration of future investment and planning decisions through normal government processes.	Department of Transport and Major Infrastructure (Office of Major Infrastructure Delivery) / Department of Health
REC-10	The WA Government to assess options to improve access to the hospital precinct, including potential new transport connections, road network upgrades, improved parking and the strategic use of adjacent land to support future growth.	Support	The WA Government has committed $1 million for master planning at Rockingham General Hospital. As part of this process, options to improve access to the hospital precinct, including transport connectivity, road network capacity, parking and land use opportunities, will be assessed to support future growth.	Department of Transport and Major Infrastructure / Department of Health
REC-11	The WA Department of Health to strengthen workforce attraction, retention and sustainability in the region, in alignment with the *WA Health Workforce Strategy 2034*, to improve service capacity, reliability and access.	Support	The WA Government continues to implement the *WA Health Workforce Strategy 2034* to strengthen the health workforce and support growing demand for services across WA, including communities impacted by population growth associated with AUKUS-related activities.	Department of Health
REC-12	The WA Government to increase community awareness of Medicare Urgent Care Clinics in the southern corridor and communicate the services and capabilities they provide to encourage greater utilisation, and advocate for additional services or expansion where there is demonstrated need.	Support	The WA Government will continue to promote awareness of healthcare options available in the southern corridor, including urgent care clinics, to support appropriate service utilisation and help reduce pressure on hospital emergency departments. The WA Government will continue to advocate to the Australian Government to bolster its investments in Medicare Urgent Care Clinics in the Southern Corridor to support AUKUS-related population growth and service demand.	Department of Health
REC-13	The WA Government to explore opportunities to expand community-based mental health, aged care and social support services in the Rockingham area, working with the Australian Government as appropriate, to support early intervention and help reduce downstream demand on hospital services.	Support	The WA Government is delivering an 8-bed Mental Health Emergency Centre and a 2-bed Behavioural Assessment Unit at Rockingham General Hospital. The WA Government will continue to investigate options to expand community-based mental health, social support and aged care facilities, in partnership with the Australian Government where appropriate.	Department of Health
REC-14	The WA Government to continue to work with the Australian Government to develop measures to increase aged care capacity in Rockingham, improve access to appropriate local placements for older people and reduce the number of patients remaining in hospital while awaiting residential care.	Support	The WA Government will continue to advocate to the Australian Government for aged care capacity that meets the needs of Rockingham's growing population and to support reduced pressure on hospitals.	Department of Health

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Roads and Public Transport				
REC-15	The WA Government to work with the Department of Defence, Australian Submarine Agency and industry to assess and progress freight and logistics solutions that minimise heavy vehicle movements on the local road network, especially Parkin Street, including facilitating greater uptake of alternative transport modes, such as marine transport, where feasible.	Support	The WA Government will continue to work with the Department of Defence, the Australian Submarine Agency, local governments and industry to integrate freight and logistics considerations into transport planning and identify opportunities to reduce pressure on the local road network, including through alternative transport modes where feasible.	Main Roads WA / Department of Transport and Major Infrastructure
REC-16	Main Roads WA to implement short and medium-term local road network improvements outlined in the Garden Island Transport Network Improvement Action Plan.	Support	Main Roads is currently undertaking investigations and project development activities to implement the Garden Island Transport Network Improvement Action Plan. This includes conducting environmental, heritage and traffic investigations, engaging with key stakeholders and developing a Concept Design to guide potential upgrades. The investigations will define the scope and alignment of any upgrades to the existing road network, including Point Peron Road, Memorial Drive and key intersections, and will inform future planning, prioritisation and investment decisions.	Main Roads WA
REC-17	The WA Government to work with the Department of Defence and other stakeholders to establish a coordinated long-term approach to transport planning and investment that addresses access, freight movement, network resilience and community impacts associated with AUKUS-related activities, Westport and other major projects.	Support	The WA Government supports a coordinated approach to transport planning and investment to address the cumulative impacts of AUKUS, Westport and other major projects. Through existing planning and governance arrangements, the WA Government will continue to work with the Department of Defence, the Australian Submarine Agency and other stakeholders to support integrated transport planning, freight movement, network resilience and community connectivity across the southern corridor.	Department of Transport and Major Infrastructure
REC-18	The WA Government to investigate options to improve public transport connectivity across the southern corridor, including improved connections and better integration with existing rail and bus services.	Support	The WA Government will continue to investigate and plan public transport initiatives that improve connectivity across the southern corridor.	Public Transport Authority
REC-19	The WA Government to finalise planning and commence construction for the Karnup Train Station to improve connectivity in the southern corridor, support population growth, and alleviate pressure on roads and public transport, working with the Australian Government as appropriate.	Support	The WA Government is progressing transport infrastructure to support population growth and improve connectivity in the southern corridor, including in areas expected to experience growth associated with AUKUS. The WA Government has committed $10 million for final planning, design and approvals for delivery of the new METRONET Karnup Station.	Public Transport Authority
REC-20	The Department of Defence and WA Public Transport Authority to continue to monitor use of the dedicated car park at Rockingham Station to better understand the reasons for low patronage and determine whether promotion or measures to encourage the service	Support	The WA Government supports ongoing monitoring of the Rockingham Station Defence parking arrangements and will work with the Department of Defence to identify practical measures to encourage public transport use and	Public Transport Authority

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	are required, and to inform whether the Department of Defence continues to have dedicated car bays or explores other options to ease congestion on local Rockingham roads.		manage growing transport demand associated with *HMAS Stirling* and AUKUS activities.	
Education and Community Assets				
REC-21	The Australian Submarine Agency, in consultation with the Department of Defence and the WA Government, to provide regular forecasts on the timing, location and composition of AUKUS-related workforce and family arrivals. This would help improve planning certainty and support timely education, infrastructure and service planning.	Support	The WA Government will continue to work with the Australian Submarine Agency and the Department of Defence to strengthen workforce and population forecasting and data-sharing arrangements to support education, infrastructure and community service planning.	Department of the Premier and Cabinet
REC-22	The WA Government to investigate options for further resourcing within the South Metropolitan Education Regional Office, if required, to improve system coordination and support to schools in managing AUKUS-related enrolments, including: • providing a central coordination point for placement and transition of AUKUS-linked students; • supporting schools to respond to increased demand for student support services and cultural transition assistance; • strengthening engagement with the Department of Defence, families and cross-government stakeholders; and • supporting schools to provide clear and consistent communication to local communities regarding enrolment processes, capacity, and planning responses.	Support	The WA Government, through the Department of Education, will continue to monitor regional coordination and school support requirements in the South Metropolitan region.	Department of Education
REC-23	WA Government to support the WA Department of Education in seeking additional transportable classrooms if required, to provide an agile and scalable response to overall population growth, including SRF-West personnel arrivals.	Support	The WA Government, through the WA Department of Education, will continue to monitor enrolment growth and respond as required.	Department of Education
REC-24	The WA Government, the Department of Defence, and the Australian Submarine Agency to continue and expand investment in defence industry workforce development, training infrastructure and STEM/career pathway initiatives in the southern corridor, to provide skilling opportunities for local residents, including continuing efforts to attract and retain underrepresented groups such as women.	Support	The WA Government recognises the importance of continuing investment in workforce development, training and career pathway initiatives to support future industry needs. Since 2020, the WA Government has invested over $50 million in targeted workforce initiatives to support the State's Defence industry. The WA Government will seek to partner with the Australian Government, industry, and education and training providers to build STEM engagement and workforce pathways linked to defence, marine and advanced manufacturing industries.	Department of Training and Workforce Development / Department of Education
REC-25	The WA Government to work with relevant stakeholders to investigate opportunities to enhance the utilisation of existing tertiary education infrastructure in the Rockingham and Kwinana region to support future workforce development needs.	Support in Principle	The WA Government has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Murdoch University, Curtin University and South Metropolitan TAFE to explore options to establish Murdoch University's Rockingham campus as a centre for specialised defence training and innovation to support AUKUS opportunities.	Department of Training and Workforce Development / Defence West

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REC-26	The WA Government, in partnership with the Department of Defence and the Australian Submarine Agency, to strengthen awareness of, and access to, training and re-skilling pathways linked to AUKUS-related employment opportunities. This would support local workforce participation in the southern corridor and maximise the economic benefits of these roles for local workers and communities, including people from diverse backgrounds and circumstances.	Support	The WA Government continues to progress work to strengthen defence industry workforce development and training opportunities in the southern corridor and explore initiatives to raise the community's awareness of the defence industry training and workforce opportunities.	Department of Training and Workforce Development / Department of the Premier and Cabinet
REC-27	The WA Department of Education and Department of Training and Workforce Development to work with the Department of Defence to build on existing defence career taster experiences to be based in the southern corridor.	Support	In August 2026, the WA Government committed $3 million to expand the Career Taster Program to the defence industries sector, providing students with opportunities to explore defence industry careers and related pathways. The WA Government will continue to work with the Department of Defence to build on this and similar initiatives, including opportunities in the southern corridor, to strengthen awareness of defence and AUKUS-related careers and support future workforce development.	Department of Education / Department of Training and Workforce Development
REC-28	The WA Department of Education to encourage participation in current STEM subjects, courses and learning opportunities for people from diverse backgrounds and circumstances, together with the development and implementation of new learning and training opportunities to support the defence industry.	Support	The WA Government recognises the importance of participation in STEM education and training pathways, particularly among people from diverse backgrounds and circumstances, to help meet future workforce needs. The WA Government committed $3.7 million for science and technology upgrades at secondary schools and will continue to support initiatives that promote STEM learning, career awareness and skills development, including opportunities aligned with the growing defence industry.	Department of Education
REC-29	The WA Department of Education and Department of Training and Workforce Development to explore options to strengthen partnerships between schools, TAFEs, universities and industry to support pathways into Defence and Defence industry careers.	Support	The WA Government, through South Metropolitan TAFE will continue to collaborate with Defence, industry, schools and universities to support pathways into Defence and Defence industry careers. In February 2025, the WA Government established the Defence Industry Skills Centre at South Metropolitan TAFE, supported by $14.6 million investment by the WA and Australian Governments.	Department of Education / Department of Training and Workforce Development
REC-30	Building on existing State and local government investment in community infrastructure, all levels of government should consider funding opportunities to support priority sporting, aquatic, recreation and youth facilities in the southern corridor to help communities respond to the population growth and increased demand associated with AUKUS-related activity.	Support	The WA Government recognises the importance of maintaining and expanding community infrastructure to support growing communities in the southern corridor. Building on existing investment, the WA Government continues to support sporting, recreation and community facilities across the region, including a $3 million commitment for lighting upgrades at Lark Hill Sportsplex and $3 million for sport and play upgrades at nine public schools across Rockingham and surrounding communities.	Department of Creative Industries, Tourism and Sport

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REC-31	The WA Government to consider options for leveraging industry investment in community facilities, in consultation with relevant Australian Government agencies as appropriate.	Support in Principle	Opportunities to leverage industry investment and partnerships to support community infrastructure will be considered as part of ongoing engagement with industry, local governments and relevant Australian Government agencies.	Defence West
REC-32	The Department of Defence and the Australian Submarine Agency to work closely with the US Navy, Royal Navy, community providers, and the WA and Local Governments to continue to develop and deliver coordinated arrival information and welcome materials for AUKUS-linked personnel and their families. This could include information on services, education, community and recreational opportunities, and local tourism and environmental attractions to support smoother integration into local communities.	Support in Principle	The WA Government will continue to work with the Department of Defence, the Australian Submarine Agency, local governments and community organisations to support the provision of information and services that assist AUKUS-linked personnel and their families to integrate successfully into local communities.	Department of the Premier and Cabinet
REC-33	The Department of Defence and the Australian Submarine Agency to continue to strengthen partnerships with local community organisations, such as the Marilla Community Centre, to support the successful integration of incoming US, UK and Defence families.	Support in Principle	The WA Government supports continued partnerships between the Department of Defence, the Australian Submarine Agency and local community organisations and will monitor progress and explore opportunities to support outcomes where appropriate.	Department of the Premier and Cabinet
REC-34	The WA Government, the Department of Defence, and the Australian Submarine Agency, with the City of Rockingham, to continue to strengthen communication and coordination with RSLs and the Rockingham Navy Club to ensure these organisations are empowered to support AUKUS in WA.	Support in Principle	The WA Government will continue to work with the Department of Defence, the Australian Submarine Agency, the City of Rockingham and local community organisations to support engagement, information sharing and coordination that strengthens the capacity of veteran and naval community groups to support AUKUS-related activities and personnel.	Defence West
REC-35	The WA Government, in consultation with the Australian Government as appropriate, to work with industry partners to strengthen partnerships between schools, sport, and the defence industry that promote STEM learning, career awareness, work experience, and pathways into AUKUS-related employment opportunities.	Support	The WA Government has already established partnerships with major Western Australian sporting organisations including Fremantle Dockers, Perth Wildcats and Rugby WA to promote defence industry career opportunities and increase awareness of STEM pathways for students and young people. Building on these initiatives, the WA Government will continue to work with the Department of Defence, the Australian Submarine Agency, schools, sporting organisations, and industry partners to strengthen career awareness, work experience opportunities and pathways into AUKUS-related employment.	Department of Training and Workforce Development / Defence West
REC-36	The Department of Defence and the Australian Submarine Agency to work with Gnaala Karla Booja Aboriginal Corporation (GKB) to explore opportunities for a cultural welcoming initiative for personnel and families relocating to the region as part of AUKUS implementation.	Support in Principle	The WA Government supports continued discussions between the Department of Defence, the Australian Submarine Agency and GKB regarding opportunities for cultural welcoming initiatives and will monitor progress and explore opportunities to support outcomes where appropriate. The WA Government notes that this recommendation reflects the Rockingham-focused scope of the Taskforce's	Department of the Premier and Cabinet

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			consultation process. As AUKUS and Defence activity expands across the wider region, engagement will be undertaken with relevant Traditional Owner organisations.	
REC-37	The WA Government to work with GKB to explore options to strengthen its presence in the Rockingham area, recognising the increasing demand for engagement associated with major regional investment and development, including AUKUS-related activity.	Support in Principle	The WA Government recognises the important role of GKB in representing Traditional Owner interests across the Rockingham region and the value of ensuring Aboriginal perspectives inform planning and engagement associated with major investment and development activities. The WA Government will continue to engage with GKB and explore opportunities to strengthen its participation in AUKUS-related and other regional planning processes, recognising that any decision regarding GKB's operational presence, priorities and resourcing is a matter for GKB. The WA Government notes that this recommendation reflects the Rockingham-focused scope of the Taskforce's consultation process. As AUKUS and Defence activity expands across the wider region, engagement will be undertaken with relevant Traditional Owner organisations.	Department of the Premier and Cabinet
REC-38	The Department of Defence to engage with GKB to continue to explore opportunities for greater Aboriginal participation in environmental stewardship, land management, and cultural heritage activities associated with Defence operations.	Support in Principle	The WA Government supports continued discussions between the Department of Defence and Traditional Owners, including GKB, and will monitor progress and explore opportunities to support outcomes where appropriate. The WA Government notes that this recommendation reflects the Rockingham-focused scope of the Taskforce's consultation process. As AUKUS and Defence activity expands across the wider region, engagement will be undertaken with relevant Traditional Owner organisations.	Department of the Premier and Cabinet / Defence West
Cross-Cutting Recommendations				
REC-39	The WA Government to work with the Australian Government to support structured and coordinated engagement across Government agencies delivering family and community services, to ensure that agencies are able to access relevant information, understand their respective roles and responsibilities, and effectively plan and coordinate support services for US and UK personnel and their families.	Support	Work has commenced across government to strengthen coordination with Defence agencies and improve information sharing relevant to the delivery of family and community services. Continued engagement will support State agencies to understand their respective roles and responsibilities and effectively plan and coordinate support for US and UK personnel and their families as AUKUS-related activities progress in WA.	Department of the Premier and Cabinet
REC-40	The WA Government, in collaboration with the Department of Defence, local governments and community organisations, support initiatives that connect incoming US and UK personnel and families with local sporting, cultural, volunteer and community activities to strengthen community integration.	Support in Principle	The WA Government recognises the value of initiatives that encourage participation in local sporting, cultural, volunteer and community activities and would support opportunities to work collaboratively with the Department of Defence, local governments and community	Defence West

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			organisations to facilitate community connections where appropriate.	
REC-41	The WA Government to work with the Department of Defence and the Australian Submarine Agency to develop and communicate projected population growth figures, including clearly identifying the proportion of anticipated population growth and associated service demand attributable to AUKUS-related workforce growth and multiplier effects.	Support	Work has already commenced with the Department of Defence and the Australian Submarine Agency to strengthen the information available to support population forecasting and planning. Improved access to data and analysis will assist governments to better understand and communicate AUKUS-related population growth and associated service demand, supporting evidence-based decision-making and coordinated planning.	Department of the Premier and Cabinet (lead) / Defence West (support)
REC-42	The Australian Submarine Agency to publish and regularly update a list of key facts about AUKUS and its impacts on WA	Support in Principle	The WA Government encourages the ongoing publication of clear and up-to-date information about AUKUS and will continue to work with the Department of Defence and the Australian Submarine Agency to support informed community engagement and awareness across WA.	Department of the Premier and Cabinet
REC-43	The Department of Defence and Australian Submarine Agency to continue to provide timely workforce projections and, where available, information on likely residential locations, school catchments and demographic characteristics to support planning for public transport, education, health and other community services.	Support in Principle	The WA Government encourages the Australian Government to share projections for the AUKUS and Defence workforce growth so that WA Government agencies may engage in effective planning for provision of public services and infrastructure.	Department of the Premier and Cabinet / Department of Training and Workforce Development
REC-44	The Australian Submarine Agency to consider establishing and leading a cross-government community engagement mechanism (for example a community reference group) to address questions and concerns, supported by the WA Government and the City of Rockingham.	Support in Principle	Effective and coordinated community engagement will be important to maintaining public confidence and ensuring access to accurate and timely information about AUKUS-related activities. The WA Government would support the Australian Submarine Agency's consideration of an appropriate cross-government engagement mechanism and work collaboratively with the Australian Government and the City of Rockingham to facilitate community engagement where appropriate.	Department of the Premier and Cabinet
REC-45	The Department of the Premier and Cabinet to work closely with the Australian Submarine Agency and the Department of Defence to strengthen AUKUS data analysis and sharing across State Government agencies.	Support	The Department of the Premier and Cabinet has already commenced work in this area and will continue to work with the Australian Submarine Agency, the Department of Defence and relevant State agencies to strengthen data sharing and analysis. This work will support coordinated planning, improve understanding of AUKUS-related impacts and opportunities, and help ensure government decision-making is informed by the best available evidence.	Department of the Premier and Cabinet
REC-46	The WA Government to progress engagement with WA communities impacted by AUKUS.	Support	The WA Government recognises the importance of ongoing engagement with communities impacted by AUKUS and will continue to engage with these communities to help ensure community views inform	Department of the Premier and Cabinet

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			government planning and implementation, support community readiness, and strengthen public confidence as AUKUS-related activities progress in WA.	
REC-47	The WA Government, Australian Government, and the City of Rockingham to work together to develop an AUKUS Community Benefits Strategy that ensures the benefits of AUKUS extend beyond Defence operations and deliver long-term economic and social value for the community.	Support	The WA Government will work with the Australian Government and the City of Rockingham to explore opportunities for a coordinated AUKUS Community Benefits Strategy. Such a strategy could help align planning and investment across governments, identify opportunities to deliver enduring economic and social benefits for the community, and ensure that the impacts and opportunities associated with AUKUS are considered as part of the region's long-term development. The WA Government will consider initiatives to increase the public's awareness of the benefits and positive impacts of AUKUS and Defence investment in WA, including opportunities for communities to participate in and benefit from this investment.	Department of the Premier and Cabinet (lead) / Defence West (support)