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## Premier of Western Australia

### THE COUNCIL OF REGULATORS CHARTER

#### Specific Responsibilities

- 1. One stop shop (Approvals WA):** agencies to continually improve the functionality of Approvals WA, in line with the transition of information and services onto wa.gov.au, to help proponents navigate the approvals process and reinforce the 'one Government' mindset.
- 2. Clear guidance:** ensure policies, guidelines and process maps for proponents are plain language and user tested as a matter of standard practice.
- 3. Reduced reporting burden:** implement and expand the reduced reporting regime for routine or low risk matters, with the trade-off of greater transparency. This will reduce the administrative burden on proponents and departments.
- 4. Build common understanding:** institutionalise cross agency approvals/assessment officer training and relationship building workshops to improve skills and break down silos.
- 5. Stronger case management:** fully implement the Lead Agency Framework and build a capable and professional cohort of case managers to assist proponents.
- 6. Statements of expectation:** continually embed the spirit and intent of the statements of expectation for proponents and departments.
- 7. Performance measurement:** develop a holistic, transparent, performance reporting regime that provides proponents with a realistic understanding of typical timelines for different project types.
- 8. Legislative reform:** identify further opportunities for legislative and regulatory amendments to streamline decision-making and improve efficiency.
- 9. Implementation of Act amendments:** including engaging with industry stakeholders to manage change and provide clarity around transition arrangements; and
- 10. Implement system improvements:** as required by the Government including Environment Online; BIO; and Fast Track Mining Approvals.

## General Responsibilities

In addition to the above specific responsibilities, the Council of Regulators:

- play a stewardship role in regulatory reform;
- keep Ministers apprised of reform progress and opportunities;
- drive the digital transformation, to a common standard, of approval, regulation and licensing services in member agencies;
- keep agencies informed of interdependencies between regulatory reform and other Government objectives (economic recovery; digital transformation; national deregulation agenda);
- share examples of best practice or successful innovation in regulation and benchmark performance of member agencies;
- promote a whole-of-Government mindset, and consistency, in project assessment and approvals (including in case management, training, and performance measurement);
- build relationships with Commonwealth and local government regulators;
- ensure corporate executive and whole of agency communication, support and buy-in to regulatory reform;
- keep external stakeholders informed of regulatory reform progress;
- provide a mechanism for bottlenecks and constraints to delivery to be resolved;
- influence the Commonwealth deregulation agenda in the interests of Western Australia; and
- co-ordinate member agency input and reporting on regulatory reform to the Treasurer and Ministers.

The Council will work closely with the Streamline WA Steering Committee so that there is a free exchange of ideas about opportunities for improvement.

The Council will nominate a Chair for the Council every year on a rotating basis. The Department of Treasury will provide secretariat services.