



WA Key Insights from Stakeholder Engagement

COVID-19 Pandemic

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“The State Recovery Advisory Group includes representatives from a wide range of important sectors. The Group’s experience, knowledge and expertise are vital to help lead Western Australia’s recovery from the wide-ranging impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.”

Mark McGowan MLA, Premier of WA

Executive summary

To better understand the wide-ranging impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic and identify recovery opportunities, during June 2020 the State Government captured the views of Western Australians through a range of engagement opportunities.

These opportunities complemented extensive consultations that have taken place since the pandemic erupted.

Engagement is a key aspect of the Government's approach, outlined in **Setting the Scene**, to ensure the best resources and ideas are brought forward to inform recovery efforts.

It is important that everyone is unified behind the vision to get Western Australia back on the road to becoming a thriving and innovative community in which to live, work, visit and do business.

The State Government thanks all participants for their contribution to recovery planning.

22 engagements – 600 participants

In June 2020, more than 600 people representing business, industry, not-for-profit organisations, unions, the public sector, local government and community were part of 22 engagement sessions hosted by the Premier and Ministers.

On 27 May 2020, the State Government established the **State Recovery Advisory Group** to provide high level and strategic advice on the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as challenges and opportunities for recovery. A one-day workshop was held on 11 June 2020 hosted by the Premier and State Recovery Controller. Participants are listed on page 21.

Throughout June, Ministers hosted 21 roundtable discussions with stakeholders. The roundtables focused on vulnerable groups (including young people, women and Aboriginal people) and impacted sectors and businesses (including tourism, health, skills and training, housing and construction, international education, and sports, arts and culture). Participants are listed on page 21.

Community ideas and sentiment

Western Australians were invited to contribute their ideas for recovery through the **iThink** (WA Public Sector) online community. Between 28 May and 26 June 2020, five challenges were open to everyone across the State to submit ideas, view the ideas of others, add to ideas and vote on the best ideas.

The challenges were related to the recovery areas of health, economic and infrastructure, social, industry, and regions. A sixth challenge relating to the public sector was open to public sector employees only.

A total of 431 ideas were submitted, generating 955 comments and more than 4000 votes.

Surveys as well as social and online news media analysis have been used to identify and understand sentiment around emerging issues, challenges and ideas prevalent in the community. This ensures the perspectives and experiences of the community are heard and can be considered in recovery planning and activities.

What was heard

Participants at the 22 engagement sessions provided their input and perspectives on the draft impact statement released by the State Government on 9 June 2020. There was consensus that the draft statement provided a good summary of the known impacts and could be strengthened in some areas. This feedback has been incorporated into the **Western Australian Impact Statement: COVID-19 pandemic**.

Participants identified positive impacts arising from the COVID-19 pandemic that could be harnessed to support recovery efforts. For example, unique opportunities were presented for some businesses usually dependent on international and interstate markets to pivot their services to local markets and harness consumers' growing desire for local products. There were also many examples of increased and innovative use of technology which allowed connectivity and collaboration as well as access to services usually provided face-to-face. Participants saw the potential for these technologies to be adopted in the longer term.

Participants were also asked to outline and identify opportunities to support recovery. This provided a wealth of ideas about opportunities to support the State recovery plan. These are summarised in this report across six themes.

Theme 1: Building confidence

There is a need to build confidence across the community – confidence in our ability to strengthen the economy; confidence in attracting investment; confidence that the community can get out and about safely; and confidence in being able to live safely in a COVID community.

Western Australia needs to balance its continued focus on exports and trading partners with working towards economic diversification and leveraging local markets.

Theme 2: Safeguarding the workforce now and into the future

The impact of the pandemic on Western Australia's current and future workforce is immense. The State's future workforce needs to be safeguarded with targeted support for young people, women, Aboriginal people and people with disability. Skills and training are essential to support the workforce of the future.

Current skills and labour shortages need to be addressed, and there needs to be innovation through moving to local content and supporting people seeking to transition to new roles and industries.

Mental health and work/life flexibility also needs to be at the forefront of employers' minds so productivity is boosted to support Western Australia's recovery.

Theme 3: Community wellbeing and resilience

Recovery should focus on promoting community wellbeing and resilience. This includes supporting those who need it and addressing mental health and alcohol and other drug issues.

Increasing community cohesion needs to be a key focus and there are opportunities to do this through volunteerism, culture and the arts, and sport and recreation.

Theme 4: Going digital

The pandemic highlighted business and community reliance on digital resources and infrastructure. Enhanced productivity can result from going digital. There is a need to expand digital infrastructure, particularly to bridge the digital divide that has an impact on many of the State's most vulnerable people.

Theme 5: Partnership and collaboration

Western Australia needs to continue the partnership approach that was evident in response to the pandemic such as people continuing to deliver vital operations that support Western Australia's economy and to provide essential services to those in need. Red tape reduction and procurement reforms need to be expanded, and collaboration continued across governments, business, industry, unions and the community.

Theme 6: Regional focus

Regional Western Australia has been particularly impacted by the pandemic and there are calls for a dedicated focus to support these communities and businesses. There are opportunities to boost regional investment through infrastructure, tourism, jobs and skills, and address the digital divide.

Theme 1: Building confidence

Strengthening the economy

Rebuilding business and consumer confidence, increasing investment, maintaining trade relations and ensuring continued operation of the State's key industries are vital for recovery.

The pandemic highlights the value and vulnerability of the State's key industries, particularly the resources, health, tourism, food and agriculture, transport and logistics, and housing and construction sectors.

There is support for the State Government to keep vital industries open during the response to the pandemic, and acknowledgement of businesses that have been agile and adaptive during a time of crisis, such as the transport and logistics sector.

Business and industry continue to be concerned about the stability of trade relationships with key markets. Some in the resources sector commented that Western Australia is a point of difference to other states and countries as it has been able to maintain strong trade relationships and access to overseas markets while others expressed concern about the status of trade relations.

“COVID-19 has proven that we can operate in a different way. We are faster, more efficient and continue to have safety at the forefront. We want to continue to be agile in the way we interact and do business.”

Edgar Basto, BHP

The need for economic diversification and stronger trade relationships across Southeast Asia is an important opportunity to explore.

There is optimism from industries about the strength of the economy and there are calls to focus on more secure long term initiatives to boost confidence further. Examples include supporting the transport network so producers of exports are globally competitive; promoting competitive Australian manufacturing to boost the economy and create jobs; and improving the coordination of cargo to markets in an environment of increased cost of freight and product movements.

“Our economy is built on exports and we can't lose that otherwise we can't recover.”

Kevin Brown, Perth Airport

Leveraging local markets

The COVID-19 pandemic presents a unique opportunity for businesses dependent on international and interstate markets to pivot to local markets and capitalise on growing support from local consumers for local products, especially in the tourism, food and agriculture, and culture and arts sectors.

Some parts of the tourism industry are developing experiences suitable for local markets, thereby broadening their customer base. Some Aboriginal businesses have proven they can pivot their products to the intrastate market. There is an opportunity for this adaptive approach to be shared with others in the Aboriginal tourism sector.

Some local governments are supporting local markets by promoting local businesses to their ratepayers.

The food and agriculture sector has seen increased consumption of local produce in Western Australia and campaigns can promote this further. The global supply chain disruption is likely to have reshaped international markets – old markets may not exist in their current form. Food and produce exporters may need to adapt and innovate their offerings to capture the 'new normal' market.

“We are an island within a nation – what better time to advertise Western Australian talent to a Western Australian audience.”

Morgan Solomon, Perth Theatre Trust

Further opportunities include investing in Western Australian content and intellectual property across the creative industries, particularly film and contemporary music.

Addressing uncertainty

The ability of Western Australians to adapt in times of crisis and recent government responses have improved confidence. However, there is ongoing uncertainty about restrictions and what the future looks like. There are concerns that the ‘new normal’ is still being defined and impacts are yet to fully emerge.

There is opportunity to tackle this uncertainty through support, clear communication, innovation, scenario planning and a shared understanding of the path forward.

While many businesses and industries recognise the importance of border closures to manage the spread of COVID-19, reopening borders can rejuvenate import and export activity and give affected industries relief.

“People talk about the new normal but no-one understands what the ‘new normal’ is going to look like.”

Noel Hart, Mid West Ports Authority

Continued focus on infrastructure projects

There is support for continued focus on stimulating the economy through infrastructure so there is a lasting impact on the economy and the social and cultural fabric of the community.

This includes development, refurbishment and maintenance of infrastructure across all sectors including social and affordable housing, community services, culture and entertainment venues, tourism, transport and logistics (industrial parks, rail hubs and regional ports), food and agriculture and renewable energy.

Government and private co-investment for infrastructure projects can work towards building investor confidence.

“We need to learn to co-exist with COVID-19 and manage the risk and opportunity in an agile way. There needs to be a more risk-based approach to ensure sustainable economic recovery in the event of further outbreaks.”

Al Williams, Chevron Australia

Getting out

Sentiment tracking shows many in the community are comfortable and ready to get back into the community, particularly by holidaying in Western Australia, working in their normal places of work, going to shopping centres and taking children to playgrounds.

Some people, particularly older people, are still concerned about getting out and about in Western Australia. There is opportunity to promote to the community that it is safe to come out and give them confidence to engage, return to sport and recreation, get involved and travel.

There are calls for communications to reduce any public fear that still exists and may be restricting travel. These could target different cohorts, for example some older Western Australians believe they have not received explicit messages saying they can go outside and connect with their families.

“We need to encourage the community to come out, book a ticket and see something exciting - give them confidence to engage and get involved.”

Nicola Forrest, Black Swan Theatre

Another opportunity is for businesses and community facilities to promote their compliance with COVID-safe rules and principles, such as providing additional cleaning, so people feel safe to come back.

Showcasing Western Australia

Western Australia should capitalise on its effective navigation through the crisis and low rate of community transition to market itself. There is also an opportunity to showcase Western Australia to the intrastate markets, particularly tourism. This could include developing a suitable narrative to highlight the State's strengths and attractions.

Building confidence in the health system

Actively preparing Western Australia's health system now for the possibility of any surge of the virus is essential. Planning for this is underway, such as ensuring the appropriate supply, dissemination and use of Personal Protective Equipment. There is support for improving diagnostics research and collecting data to address any surges in COVID-19.

There is support for the Chief Health Officer's actions during the State of Emergency which allows issues to be addressed quickly and are not weighed down by bureaucratic procedures.

“COVID showed that our belief that the ‘WA health system is slow and can't get things done’ is wrong. WA health can move fast when given the right incentives.”

Dr Carlo Bellini, HIP Consulting

The pandemic provided opportunities for health system advancement and instigated change that would otherwise have taken years to implement, if at all. This momentum should be continued and maximised.

Support for healthcare workers is at the forefront of minds, especially with respect to addressing uncertainties and anxieties in the context of any potential surge in COVID-19. There is opportunity to focus on initiatives to retain staff and provide further training on how to respond in a pandemic situation.

“The ability of the State Government to quickly mobilise and prioritise a large workforce ensured that, overall, resources were targeted where they needed to be.”

Participant at health roundtable

Addressing elective surgery backlogs should be an immediate focus now and into recovery. Some insurance providers have been waiving waiting periods to support this.

There is concern that the pandemic will have a lasting impact on health outcomes due to people not accessing regular testing and screening during the crisis, such as breast screening. There are calls for a public education campaign to encourage people to return to testing and screening programs and give confidence it is safe to do so.

There is consensus that work towards the Sustainable Health Review should continue, however with a COVID-19 lens.

There is an opportunity for Western Australia to think globally and seek opportunities to develop international partnerships to support medical research, the design of new therapies and local employment in the health sector.

Other opportunities include considering how a COVID-19 vaccine would be delivered; escalating work to digitise health records; and proactively engaging the ideas of the health workforce to encourage participation and inclusivity.

Theme 2: Safeguarding the workforce now and into the future

Providing opportunities for young people

Young people have been disproportionately affected by the pandemic, and there are concerns they will be further impacted when the Australian Government's JobSeeker and JobKeeper supports come to an end.

“Talk to young people, listen to young people, empower young people. Listen to their solutions and you will see outcomes.”

Mason Rothwell, Youth Affairs Council of WA

There is a need to support young people with targeted skills, education and training as well as job mentoring to give them better employment opportunities and to benefit employers. Support should be provided to young people unemployed pre COVID-19 and those recently unemployed.

There is an opportunity to engage young people on how to market jobs to their generation in occupations likely to grow in the resources, transport and logistic industries as well as in aged and disability care.

Other opportunities to support young Western Australians include addressing cultural and recruiting barriers; removing blockages to securing housing; providing more permanent roles; promoting flexible employment opportunities for work and study; supporting entrepreneurial youth to move to the regions; and increasing traineeships for young Aboriginal people coming out of school.

“The way young people relate to work has fundamentally changed.”

Laura Mwiragua, United Workers Union

Supporting women

A continued focus is needed to support women to enter the workforce, pivot to new areas of work and provide leadership opportunities. The focus on gender equality in the workplace should not be sidelined as a result of the pandemic.

Opportunities to support Western Australian women include addressing barriers such as the cost of childcare; increasing the number of female apprentices in traditionally male dominated sectors such as construction; and supporting women to manage their own businesses.

There should be a specific focus on supporting young women, particularly Aboriginal women and culturally and linguistically diverse women, to retain and build their skills.

“Ancillary services that surround the construction industry will provide opportunities for short courses and training opportunities for women.”

Professor Colleen Hayward, Edith Cowan University

Address labour vulnerabilities with local content

With Western Australia's dependence on overseas and interstate labour, national and international border closures have exacerbated skills shortages particularly with respect to trades, seasonal tourism, agriculture (harvest time), hospitality (chefs), and transport and logistics. Without borders reopening or the capacity to develop local labour, operations in impacted sectors may be compromised, in turn impacting employment and job creation in the State.

Some companies see the value of employing Western Australian workers on fly-in fly-out (FIFO) arrangements, rather than increasing the numbers of interstate FIFO workers.

“We need to continue to build a strong pipeline of workers locally and in a coordinated way.”

Ivan Vella, Rio Tinto

Local content mandate on government work is seen as an important foundation. However, the requirement should not only apply to government projects but to all public and private projects that receive government funding.

Other opportunities include initiatives to increase the number of job-ready workers located in Western Australia, and provide flexible and adaptive training to meet the needs of new learners and existing workers in priority areas.

“We need to grow more trades positions and encourage youth into the trades. Approximately 10% of our workforce are technical, however 90% of jobs are in operations and trade. We need to supercharge mining education to get young people into the workforce.”

Bill Beament, Northern Star

This could include increasing interstate workers moving to Western Australia on a permanent basis; matching young people with industries with vacant positions such as regional and seasonal jobs in hospitality and tourism; boosting the local disability workforce with bridging programs for unemployed people; and shorter industry training programs to get workers on site faster.

There is potential for further skills shortages due to a reduction of apprentices and potentially fewer employers taking on school leaver as apprentices. Reducing the cost of training and employing apprentices and trainees can mitigate skills shortages.

Preparing the workforce

Work needs to begin now on ensuring Western Australia has a high quality workforce for the future, especially in new and non-traditional jobs. This includes ensuring school curricula, vocational education and training programs, and TAFE and university courses are tied to the skills needed for the future.

Collaboration between industry and the education system is important, such as linking the training expertise that universities and TAFE colleges can offer with primary industry hubs, and building on the strength of the resources sector to create a skills excellence centre.

“Young people say ‘we want to build the future’.”

Colin Pettit, Commissioner for Children and Young People

Better alignment of career advice can steer people towards choosing training and education pathways that develop skills employers need and lead to sustainable employment. This could reduce skills mismatches in the economy.

There should also be an increased focus on training people across all aspects of the economy, and not just traditional industries that have been invested in. There is opportunity for greater recognition of the care economy and other sectors.

Jobs of the future are unpredictable, requiring transferable skills not currently taught in schools. There is also a ‘hidden curriculum’ currently not being taught such as networking and interview skills to give young people confidence to seek employment once they finish school.

Other opportunities include supporting workforce renewal by attracting younger employees to sectors with ageing workforces; more upskilling and training for Aboriginal people; and reshaping and re-branding the agricultural sector to be an attractive sector.

Focusing on healthy workplaces

The COVID-19 pandemic placed significant pressure on many workplaces with extended rosters, business uncertainty, adapting to working from home and fatigue. This has the potential to impact the health and wellbeing of workers and families.

Focusing on workplace health and safety practices is high on many employers' agendas. There needs to be a continued focus on the importance and responsibility of employers to manage wellbeing at work.

“The pandemic galvanised the workforce around looking after each other.”

Murray Cook, Arc Infrastructure

Workplaces can be effective environments to intervene, provide support for and increase awareness of mental health matters. Giving employees the skills to live healthy lives translates into benefits for families and the community.

There are calls for the flexibility provided during the pandemic to continue. Some employers witnessed an increase in productivity from staff working from home and many staff are advocating for these flexible arrangements to continue.

Theme 3: Community wellbeing and resilience

Supporting vulnerable people

During the COVID-19 pandemic the community services sector has ensured vulnerable people are still able to access their vital supports.

There are opportunities to build the capacity of the system to respond to future emergencies, such as strategies to support people with disability in times of crisis, and shared resourcing and staffing.

“The “we are in this together” message Palmerston shared with our community helped break down the ‘them’ and ‘us’ barriers between services and clients.”

Emma Jarvis, Palmerston Association

The impact of the pandemic on community wellbeing and vulnerable communities is still emerging. There are concerns that a significant increase in unemployment will lead to financial stress; family and domestic violence; mental health and other alcohol and drug issues; and homelessness. This will have associated longer term increases in child protection issues, interaction of individuals with the justice system, and an increased demand for social housing and community services support.

There is an opportunity to improve data collection and analysis to support service delivery to vulnerable people. This would provide clarity on the demands and impacts on the community.

Further opportunities include improving financial literacy for women and minority groups; continued focus on keeping women experiencing family and domestic violence safe; support for individuals on temporary visas, international students and new migrants facing financial hardship; increasing social and disability housing; and providing affordable child care.

The demonstrated strengths of older people’s ability to adapt during the pandemic, and the value of older people in the community was highlighted. The impact on grandparents and grandcarers having no in-person contact with family members was particularly significant and reinforced their critical role in families. There are opportunities to support older people by ensuring their voices are heard and they have access to services, and addressing challenges in the aged care sector.

“It took this urgency to drive change, to bring out what’s really good about our community. We saw the very best of Western Australian community values. Our response shone a light on how we should revere the aged whom we serve.”

Warren Harding, Alzheimer’s WA

Dealing with mental health and alcohol and other drugs issues

The mental health impacts associated with the COVID-19 pandemic cannot be understated. The uncertainty and massive change in people’s lives result in great stress and anxiety, particularly for young people who are feeling a sense of hopelessness. This has the potential to increase mental health issues and alcohol and other drug misuse.

“We have the whole of society talking about mental health and wellbeing across all ages, diversity. Use State communications strategies to support navigating access, treatment and recovery.”

Monica Taylor, College of Mental Health Nurses

Social isolation has a major impact on vulnerable cohorts (particularly seniors, people with disability and Aboriginal people in remote communities) as it perpetuates loneliness, which in turn compounds mental health issues.

Opportunities to address this include: developing strategies and initiatives that focus on mental health; and decreasing the normalisation of increased drinking during the COVID-19 pandemic.

There are potential dangers in an increased price of illicit drugs due to border closures as people may be detoxing in the community posing a risk for the individual and the broader public. There is an opportunity to ensure access to low medical withdrawal services across Western Australia to address this.

Connecting to community and culture

The pandemic brought some of the community closer with large increases in acts of kindness, community members reaching out to each other, and appreciation for the community services sector. This highlights the willingness of Western Australians to go above and beyond to support their community.

There is an opportunity to look at ways to build and maintain this sense of community into recovery. This includes re-engaging volunteers who reduced activities due to fears of COVID-19, particularly older people.

“Strengthen/spotlight the positive benefit of kindness and genuine care in neighbourhoods and communities.”

Participant at mental health roundtable

Local governments play a critical role in supporting community recovery. Many are providing food and emergency relief to vulnerable people and the community. Financial insecurity of local governments may increase due to ratepayers being unable to make payment and impact their ability to support their communities.

“Sport is more than the game on the field – it’s about the contribution it makes to the community.”

Participant at sport and recreation; volunteering roundtable

Culture and the arts play a vital role in creating opportunities to support and enhance connection to community and culture. There is an opportunity to support Aboriginal culture with cafes, restaurants and more local tours promoting and celebrating Aboriginal culture and foods.

The value of outdoor sporting and recreational activities has come to the forefront and there are more people participating in new ways. Neighbourhoods are experiencing an upsurge in people and families walking, riding bikes and reconnecting in parks and local infrastructure. This should be continued and acknowledged as a key enabler in re-establishing community into recovery.

Theme 4: Going digital

Transforming digitally

The pandemic highlighted a growing need for digital services (including medical treatment), resources and infrastructure. Significant transformations occurred across government, business, industry and the not-for-profit sector to quickly adapt to deliver online treatment and education, maintain operations and services, and connect with staff and stakeholders.

Audiovisual communications allow people to come together to find solutions more quickly than previously. Some business operators in heavily impacted areas, such as tourism, use technology to connect, listen to each other and share ideas and initiatives. Digital technology means that businesses with regional workforces are able to stay connected during border closures.

“Information technology was transformational as it mobilised people quickly, and is essential as we move forward.”

Gordon Trewern, Nulsen

Some businesses and organisations have enhanced their digital service offering by upskilling and reaching new audiences. Supporting digital transformation going forward ensures that gains made are not lost.

Many people, particularly older people, were able to engage with technology for the first time. This allows sustained participation in the community and ensures safety and security.

Accessing medical treatment

There is support for the expanded access to telehealth and digihealth through the Medicare Benefits Scheme and calls for this to continue, especially in regional and remote communities.

These technologies provide choice for individuals in respect to health and mental health treatments. Some patients report welcoming the increased access to telehealth as it meant they were able to continue treatment. For others it did not meet their treatment needs and increased their reliance on crisis treatment.

Some organisations report that clients are more willing to discuss alcohol and other drug issues over the telephone, particularly where support has moved from group to individualised delivery.

“Recognise and learn from the innovations implemented by Aboriginal communities and organisations, particularly in remote communities.”

Participant at mental health roundtable

There is an opportunity to improve the use of technology in future service delivery by understanding consumer needs while continuing to provide face to face options.

Further opportunities to support digital transformation and access to treatment include medical training for health care workers to learn how to treat people using new technologies; improving digital infrastructure to increase accessibility and online service delivery; and maintaining digital communications to encourage and support community connections as well as reduce costs for business, industry and not for profits.

Narrowing the digital divide

Across the community there is a pressing need to provide a more inclusive digital economy and address the 'digital divide'. Many Western Australians have not been able to access digital services due to a lack of resources, capacity and digital infrastructure (particularly in regional areas).

The temporary closure of many schools saw children switch to remote learning, highlighting barriers with some families not having the finances to acquire equipment or data plans.

“Work on equity of access to IT as a key part of equity of access across the State not just the metropolitan areas.”

Participant at mental health roundtable

Theme 5: Partnership and collaboration

Collaboration across government, business, industry and the community services sector during the response to the COVID-19 pandemic ensured that vital operations supporting Western Australia's economy have continued, and essential services for those in need provided.

“One thing that we need to keep is the speed at which we work together; impressive.”

Jimmy Wilson, CBH Group

Collaboration between the State Government and resources sector, and within the sector itself, allowed production to continue while complying with COVID-19 health and safety measures.

Reducing red tape and funding uncertainty

The community services sector has welcomed the reduction of red tape by the State Government as it has allowed services to be flexible and respond. Some organisations reported using funding innovatively to purchase mobile phones and tablets with data for client use, enabling them to stay connected.

There is agreement that this partnership needs to continue into recovery. Business, industry and the community services sector seek increased support from the State Government

to address administrative burdens and streamline procurement processes; facilitate and accelerate government projects to boost the economy; improve support for investors to navigate the process; and provide funding certainty to the community services sector.

“Regulatory approvals are critical and there is huge opportunity to make real change in the system and drive investment.”

Warren Pearce, Association of Mining and Exploration Companies

Local governments stress that streamlining procurement can play a role in generating economic recovery and allows a rapid rollout of capital works.

The resources sector has called for fast-tracking of approvals processes for both new and existing projects and removal of duplication between State and Australian Government processes. These can bring projects online more quickly, unlocking significant employment opportunities.

“There has been effective and powerful communication through government which has contributed to strong collaboration and good policy review outcomes.”

Ken Brinsden, Pilbara Minerals

Developing new partnerships

There is support to continue to build on new partnerships that formed during the COVID-19 pandemic. Some industries are united through the experience of a common hardship. There is opportunity to build on this collegiality to prepare and position industries for the future.

There is overwhelming support to focus on building new partnerships that bridge the divide between government, business, industry and the community services sector.

“Government and community need a partnership with industry to discuss mutual benefits. We are two sides of the same coin.”

Participant at mental health roundtable

There is support for government and the community services sector to partner with business and industry so links between economic and social development are understood and explored further.

The education and training sectors expressed interest in working with each other to support skills development.

Other partnership opportunities include community services and community pharmacies providing local support and effective communication to older people in crisis; and the sport and recreation industry partnering with other sectors such as education and health to promote the mental health benefits of sport and recreation.

Increasing collaboration

Maintaining partnerships between the State and local governments is critical, and there is an opportunity to improve communications to facilitate coordination for recovery.

There are opportunities to also improve the partnership between the State and Australian Governments, particularly through the newly established National Cabinet process.

The Western Australian health system can be strengthened by increasing collaboration between hospital service providers, clinical and community services, the aged care sectors and the public health system so individuals receive the treatments they need and the most vulnerable people are protected.

“Collaboration between industry, industry bodies and government to solve and share best practices has been a very positive step.”

Katie Tovich, South32

Theme 6: Regional focus

Regional Western Australia has been particularly impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic and there are calls for a dedicated focus on these communities and businesses. The ongoing challenges that regional communities face are exacerbated such as access to services, digital connectivity, and attracting investment and people to the regions.

“Supporting our regional areas brings a massive benefit to the State. We have a social licence to operate in Western Australia, and education and training are a real opportunity to provide back.”

Raleigh Finlayson, Saracen Mineral Holdings Limited

Accessing services

The pandemic has further highlighted issues in accessing specialist treatment, with many not being able to travel to Perth due to a lack of flights, risk of COVID-19 transmission and biosecurity requirements. There is an opportunity to be more innovative so care can be provided close to home rather than relying on beds in the metropolitan area.

There are concerns that increases in financial stress and social isolation will result in more people accessing support, particularly for mental health and alcohol and other drugs.

Investing in opportunities

There is support for further investment in the regions through infrastructure, skills development, job creation, upgrades to road networks and population growth.

“Regional digital communications infrastructure remains one of the great limitations to the productivity of regional WA.”

Participant on iThink

The lack of digital infrastructure continues to be a significant issue for the regions. Ongoing work is needed to enhance telecommunications/digital infrastructure to provide short term stimulus as well as long term social and economic benefits.

Regional digital connectivity can ensure the regions are well positioned to be adaptable, innovative and agile into recovery.

“There is a challenge in getting good regional infrastructure – farmers are taking on new technology. If we can get regional connectivity that would be a big win.”

Ashley Herbert, Australian Association of Agricultural Consultants WA

Other opportunities to support investment include providing attractive regional centres through housing diversification; addressing issues that regional residents face in accessing capital; and providing for innovation and start-ups.

Support across all levels of government is needed to increase investment in regional WA, particularly for infrastructure projects and skills development.

Bringing people to the regions

Travel restrictions, and the closure of the State and international borders, has had an impact on regional industries including culture and the arts, tourism and food and agriculture.

Bringing people to the regions can support regional industries to recover and provide a skilled workforce, increase tourism and address labour shortages.

There is an opportunity to focus on increasing tourism to the regions by people from multicultural communities.

Further opportunities to support the regional tourism industry include enhancing Western Australia's cultural tourism offerings; continuing to invest in tourism campaigns; capitalising on the regions' dark sky by promoting astrotourism; and investing in regional events and venues.

“There is a huge opportunity to provide employment in local communities in the exploration industry. We need to find a way to get our industry back to business.”

Keren Paterson, Trigg Mining

There are calls to increase the regional workforce and ensure key regional industries can operate and have the skills required to grow. There are concerns about the availability of labour for the picking season in mid-September as many farmers depend on people who have left Western Australia due to the pandemic.

Opportunities to address these matters include job matching initiatives to bring skilled people from Perth to the regions; and incentives to make the regions attractive places for city dwellers to work and live in.

The regions welcome a commitment from mining companies to return to using commercial flights as opposed to charter flights. Mining companies indicate a concern about the health and safety of employees using commercial flights and therefore seek assurances that appropriate protocols are in place before increasing use of commercial flights. The high cost of flights and limited availability remain issues that impact both regional residents and prospective tourists.

Working with Aboriginal people in regional and remote communities

Cooperation and collaboration between government, Aboriginal leaders and the community are key to help stop the spread of COVID-19 among Aboriginal communities, particularly in regional and remote areas. They have led to improved quality and timeliness of health services to Aboriginal communities and, more specifically, those in bio-security areas.

“Aboriginal leadership needs to be at the forefront of recovery.”

Lawford Benning, MG Corporation

There are many examples of success and excellence in the Aboriginal medical services that have responded rapidly and provided strong support for Aboriginal communities, including in regional and remote areas.

The speed and agility in responses should continue and not be impacted by overly bureaucratic processes. Aboriginal leaders in remote communities highlight that more consultation with the State Government is critical to ensure an effective recovery process.

The development of local pandemic plans is an opportunity to bring issues such as infrastructure and food security to the forefront. This information should be used to support recovery efforts.

Aboriginal people in regional and remote communities are particularly impacted by travel restrictions, with increased overcrowding and concerns about the mental health and cultural wellbeing of communities due to social isolation. There is an opportunity to invest in more regional and remote social housing to address this. Aboriginal procurement and training opportunities could be attached to future investment.

Specific data and evidence are critical to deliver targeted and appropriate services to Aboriginal people and communities.

There is support to further expand telehealth to regional and remote communities. The lack of high quality digital connectivity has made it difficult for isolated Aboriginal people in some regions to access treatment.

“There is no better job in the world for our young people than to look after their country.”

Merle Carter, Aboriginal Advisory Council member

Opportunities for recovery include improving contact tracing among Aboriginal people; supporting the growing interest in bush food and associated intellectual property to promote wealth creation; improving medical research; and increasing support for Aboriginal rangers to protect national parks and manage visitors to preserve culturally significant areas.

List of participants

State Recovery Advisory Group Workshop

11 June 2020

Hosted by Hon Mark McGowan MLA, Premier; Minister for Public Sector Management; State Development, Jobs and Trade; Federal-State Relations & Sharyn O'Neill, State Recovery Controller

Hon Roger Cook, MLA, Deputy Premier, Minister for Health; Mental Health

Hon Stephen Dawson, MLC, Minister for Environment; Disability Services; Electoral Affairs

Hon Sue Ellery, MLC, Minister for Education and Training

Chris Rodwell, Chamber of Commerce and Industry WA

Paul Everingham, Chamber of Minerals and Energy WA

Claire Wilkinson, Australian Petroleum Production and Exploration Association WA

Nicole Lockwood, Freight and Logistics Council of WA

John Langoulant, Infrastructure WA

Meredith Hammat, UnionsWA

Bradley Woods, Australian Hotels Association (WA)

Cath Hart, Housing Industry Association

John Gelavis, Master Builders Association
Tracey Roberts, WA Local Government Association

Rhys Turton, WAFarmers

Louise Giolitto, WACOSS

Michelle Mackenzie, Shelter WA

Donna Chung, Women's Council

Evan Hall, Tourism Council WA

Ross Wortham, Youth Affairs Council of WA

Shelagh Magadza, Chamber of Arts and Culture

Rod Jones, Study Perth

Tanya Steinbeck, Urban Development Institute of Australia WA

Paula Rogers, Committee for Economic Development of Australia

Piers Verstegen, Conservation Council

Jonathan Ford, Moorditj Koort

John Van Der Wielen, HBF

Sandra Brewer, Property Council WA

Rob Thompson, SportWest

Kitty Prodonovich, Regional Chamber of Commerce and Industry WA

Michelle Andrews, Department of Communities

Michael Barnes, Department of Treasury

Rebecca Brown, Department of the Premier and Cabinet

Jodi Cant, Department of Finance

Dr David Russell-Weisz, Department of Health

Richard Sellers, Department of Jobs, Tourism, Science and Innovation

Sport and Recreation; Volunteering Ministerial Roundtable

8 June 2020

Hosted by Hon Mick Murray MLA, Minister for Seniors and Ageing; Volunteering; Sport and Recreation

Duncan Ord, Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries

Christina Matthews, WA Cricket Association

Darren Beazley, Swimming WA

Diane Gepp, Comdance

Evan Stewart, Basketball WA

Gavin Taylor, WA Football Commission

Griffin Longley, Nature Play

James Curtis, Football West

Jamie Bennett, Outdoors WA

Karyn Murray, Gymnastics WA

Ken Pride, Bowls WA

Leith Fradd, Parks and Leisure Australia (WA)

Megan Fardon, Croquet West

Nick Sloan, WA Local Government Association

Peter Leaversuch, Royal Life Saving WA

Rob Thompson, SportWest

Robyn Kuhl, Volleyball WA

Rosalie Evans, Paddle WA

Simon Mead, Rebound WA

Simon Taylor, Netball WA

Stuart Gilsean, Hockey WA
Meredith Blais, Volunteering WA
Steve Grace, Fitness Australia
Steven Rose, Diving WA

Women Ministerial Roundtable

9 June 2020

Hosted by Hon Simone McGurk MLA, Minister for Child Protection; Women's Interests; Prevention of Family and Domestic Violence; Community Services

Hon Sue Ellery MLC,
Minister for Education and Training
Elizabeth Shaw, KPMG
Maria Osman, Harmony Alliance
Clare Thompson, Women Lawyers of WA
Meredith Hammat, UnionsWA
Paula Rogers, Committee for Economic Development of Australia WA
Professor Colleen Hayward,
Edith Cowan University
Marion Fulker, Committee for Perth
Tania Cecconi, CEOs for Gender Equity
Alison Evans,
Women's Health and Family Services
Susan Cull, Chamber of Minerals and Energy WA
Kendall Galbraith,
Rural, Regional and Remote Network
Natalie Busch, National Association of Women in Construction WA
Jenna Clarke, The West Australian

Cathryn Greville, Master Builders WA
Vanessa Shugg, Women in Mining
Jody Nunn, Australian Institute of Company Directors
Professor Colleen Fisher, The University of Western Australia
Corina Martin, AFLS
Conrad Liveris, Diversity consultant
Louise Giolitto, WACOSS
Sonja O'Leary, Public Sector Commission
Sharyn O'Neill, State Recovery Controller
Michelle Andrews, Department of Communities
Rebecca Brown, Department of the Premier and Cabinet
Lisa Rodgers, Department of Education
Kelly Faulkner, Department of Water and Environmental Regulation

Local Government and Leadership Ministerial Roundtable

9 June 2020

Hosted by Hon David Templeman MLA; Minister for Local Government; Heritage; Culture and the Arts

Hon Fran Logan MLA; Minister for Emergency Services; Corrective Services
Duncan Ord, Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries
Tracey Roberts, City of Wanneroo
Jenna Ledgerwood, Town of Mosman Park
Paul Kelly, Town of Claremont

Catherine Ehrhardt, City of Bayswater
Cheryl Cowell, Shire of Shark Bay
Ronnie Fleay, Shire of Kojonup
Chris Mitchell, Shire of Broome
Mark Irwin, City of Stirling
Peter Long, City of Karratha
Michelle Rich, Shire of Serpentine-Jarrahdale
Julie Brown, City of Gosnells
Ruth Butterfield, City of Armadale
Doug Thompson, City of Fremantle
Carol Adams, City of Kwinana
Tony Dean, Shire of Nannup
Nick Sloan, WA Local Government Association
Jamie Parry, Local Government Professionals
Ian Cowie, City of Gosnells
Annie Riordan, Shire of Harvey
Jonathan Throssell, Shire of Mundaring
Candy Choo, Local Government Professionals
Jodi Cant, Department of Finance
Darren Klemm, AFSM, Fire and Emergency Services Commissioner

Skills, Training, Workforce and International Education Ministerial Roundtable

10 June 2020

Hosted by Hon Sue Ellery MLC, Minister for Education; Training

Sharyn O'Neill, State Recovery Controller
Lisa Rodgers, Department of Education
Anne Driscoll, Department of Training and Workforce Development

Michelle Hoad, North Metropolitan TAFE
Terry Durant, South Metropolitan TAFE
Richard Sellers, Department of Jobs, Tourism,
Science and Innovation
Chris Rodwell, Chamber of Commerce
and Industry WA
Kitty Prodonovich, Regional Chamber
of Commerce and Industry WA
Paul Everingham, The Chamber of Minerals
and Energy WA
Stuart Diepeveen,
Apprentice Employment Network
Iain McDougall, Hospitality Group Training
Jim Walker, State Training Board
Meredith Hammat, UnionsWA
Pankaj Pathak, Phoenix Academy
Phil Payne, StudyPerth
Dr Marco Schultheis, Curtin University
Professor Steve Chapman,
Edith Cowan University
Professor Eeva Leinonen, Murdoch University
Professor Selma Alliex, The University
of Notre Dame
John Paxton, English Australia (WA)
Carl Copeland, NECA WA
Trish Ridley, Independent Tertiary Education
Council Australia
Stan Liaros, The Apprentice
and Traineeship Company
Julie Waylen, National Disability Services WA

Cam Dumesny, Western Roads Federation
Stephen Moir, Motor Trades Association of WA
Steve McCartney, Australian Manufacturing
Workers Union
Professor Sandra Eades, Curtin University
Tayyeb Shah, The University
of Western Australia
Rebecca Brown, Department of the Premier
and Cabinet

Tourism and Hospitality Ministerial Roundtable

10 June 2020

**Hosted by Hon Paul Papalia CSC MLA,
Minister for Tourism; Racing and Gaming;
Small Business; Defence Issues; Citizenship
and Multicultural Interests**

Hon David Templeman MLA, Minister for Local
Government; Heritage; Culture and The Arts
Richard Sellers, Department of Jobs, Tourism,
Science and Innovation
Rebecca Brown, Department of the Premier
and Cabinet
Duncan Ord, Department of Local Government,
Sport and Cultural Industries
Mark Webb PSM, Department of Biodiversity,
Conservation and Attractions
Evan Hall, Tourism Council Western Australia
Robert Taylor, Western Australian Indigenous
Tourism Operators Council

Bradley Woods,
Australian Hotels Association WA
Deb Carr, Australian Tourism Export Council
and Rottneest Island Chamber of Commerce
Hugh Singe, Event Industry Association
Gareth Martin, Business Events Perth
Matt Norton, Visitor Centre Association of WA
Graeme Skeggs, BusWA
Michelle Howard,
Marine Tourism Western Australia
Kevin Brown, Perth Airport Pty Ltd
Michael Collins, Forum Advocating Cultural and
Eco-Tourism
Craig Kenyon,
Caravan Industry Association WA
Matthew Hammond, Cruise Western Australia
Barry Felstead, Australian Resorts at Crown
Resorts Ltd.
Karen Giles, Clubs WA
Mike McKenna, Optus Stadium/VenuesLive WA
Simon Barwood, WA Nightclubs Association
Catrin Allsop, Australia's South West
Larry Jorgensen, Wines of Western Australia
Peter Peck, Liquor Stores Association
Kate Sinfield, WA Distillers Guild
Tim Brown, Small Bar Association WA
Karma Lord, United Workers Union WA

Mental Health; Alcohol and Other Drugs Ministerial Roundtable

10 June 2020

Hosted by Hon Roger Cook MLA, Deputy Premier; Minister for Health; Mental Health

Hon Alanna Clohesy MLC, Parliamentary Secretary to the Deputy Premier; Minister for Mental Health

Jen McGrath, Mental Health Commissioner,

Dr David Russell-Weisz, Department of Health

Michelle Andrews, Department of Communities

Carissa Wright, Peer Support Worker

Dr Anne O'Sullivan, North Metropolitan Health Service

Dr Roland Main, WA Country Health Service

Monique Williamson, Mental Illness Fellowship West Australia

Shauna Gaebler, Consumers of Mental Health WA

Taryn Harvey, WA Association for Mental Health

Emma Jarvis, Palmerston Association

Carol Daws, Cyrenian House

Dr Helen McGowan, Older Adult Mental Health

Vicki O'Donnell, Aboriginal Health Council of WA

Jim McGinty, North Metropolitan Health Service

Dr Sophie Davison, Department of Health

Liz MacLeod, Department of Health

Julia Stafford, Cancer Council WA

Learne Durrington, WA Primary Health Alliance

Debora Colvin, Mental Health Advocacy Service

Dr Nathan Gibson, Chief Psychiatrist

Monica Taylor, College of Mental Health Nurses
Ross Wortham, Youth Affairs Council of WA

Professor Colleen Hayward,
Edith Cowan University

Kerry Hawkins, WA Association for Mental Health

Professor Steve Allsop, WA Network of Alcohol and other Drug Agencies

Jill Rundle, WA Network of Alcohol and other Drug Agencies

Dan Morrison, Wungening Corporation

Associate Professor Ashleigh Lin,
Telethon Kids Institute

Brad Geatches, Mates in Construction

Elysha Millard, Chamber of Minerals and Energy WA

Dr David Stevens, East Metropolitan Health Service

Dawn Walton, Mental Illness Fellowship of WA

Dr Emma Crampin, North Metropolitan Health Service

Rod Astbury WA Mental Health Network

Sue Young, WA Police

Culture and the Arts Ministerial Roundtable

10 June 2020

Hosted by Hon David Templeman MLA; Minister for Local Government; Heritage; Culture and the Arts

Hon Paul Papalia CSC MLA,
Minister for Tourism

Duncan Ord, Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries

Richard Sellers, Department of Jobs, Tourism, Science and Innovation

Sam Walsh, Australia Council for the Arts

Chad Creighton, Aboriginal Art Centre Hub WA

Colin Walker, Art Gallery of Western Australia

Kim Jameson, Art on the Move

Bev East, Barking Gecko

Nicola Forrest, Black Swan Theatre

Shane Colquhoun, The Blue Room Theatre

Shelagh Magadza, Chamber of Arts and Culture

Anne Banks-McAllister, City of Perth

David Doyle, DADAA Ltd

Lynda Dorrington, FORM

Clair Medhurst, Fremantle Press

Sharon Burgess, Fringe World

Alex Egloff, Last Great Hunt

Ingrid van den Berghe, Luna Cinema

Brad Mellen, Mellen Events

Christen Bell, Australian Museums and Galleries Association WA

Rachael Whitworth, Performing Lines

Iain Grandage, Perth Festival

Morgan Solomon, Perth Theatre Trust

Paul MacPhail, Regional Arts WA

Brodie Carr, Tourism Western Australia

Willie Rowe, Screenwest

Mike Harris, WA Music

James Berlyn, WA Youth Theatre Company

Paul Shannon,

West Australian Symphony Orchestra

Older Persons and Seniors Ministerial Roundtable

10 June 2020

Hosted by Hon Mick Murray MLA, Minister for Seniors and Ageing; Volunteering; Sport and Recreation

Christine Allen, COTA WA

Dawn Yates, Seniors Recreation Council of WA

Martin Yates, Seniors Recreation Council of WA

Deidre Timms, Advocare WA

Kathy Blitz-Cokis, Northern Suburbs Community Legal Centre

Fran Ottolini, Northern Suburbs Community Legal Centre

Justin Stevenson, Legal Aid WA

Pauline Bagdonavicius, Public Advocate

Mervyn Teow, Seniors Card Centre

Etta Palumbo, Public Trustee

Rita Afsar, Office of Multicultural Interests

Paul Coates, Carers WA

Christine Young, City of Melville – Local Government Professionals Network Age Friendly Communities

Kati Francis, Wanslea

Mark Batty, WA Local Government Association

Ron de Gruchy, WA Self-Funded Retirees Inc.

Warren Harding, Alzheimer's WA

Michelle Andrews, Department of Communities

Transport and Logistics Ministerial Roundtable

10 June 2020

Hosted by Hon Rita Saffioti MLA, Minister for Transport; Planning

Hon Alannah MacTiernan MLC, Minister for Regional Development; Agriculture and Food; Ports; Minister Assisting the Minister for State Development, Jobs and Trade

Nicole Lockwood, Freight and Logistics Council of WA

Jason Holmes, Toll Group

Graeme Potger, Qantas Group

John Park, Freight and Trade Alliance

Matt Bronickis, WA Port Operations Taskforce (FPA)

Craig McKinley, RTBU WA Branch

Des Snook, Main Roads Western Australia

Rob Slocombe, RAC

Robert Carruthers, Chamber of Minerals and Energy of WA

Ian Duncan, WA Local Government Association

Justin Cardaci, Centurion

Adrian Evans, CFMMEU WA Branch

Paul Hamersley, Watco WA

Tim Dawson, Transport Workers Union

Jimmy Wilson, CBH Group

Murray Cook, Arc Infrastructure

Kevin Brown, Perth Airport

Noel Hart, Mid West Ports Authority

Todd Emmert, Qube Bulk

Cam Dumesny, Western Roads Federation

Peter Woronzow, Department of Transport Warrick Lodge, REX

Clayton McDonald, Aurizon

Resources Ministerial Roundtable

12 June 2020

Hosted by Hon Mark McGowan MLA, Premier; Minister for Public Sector Management; State Development, Jobs and Trade; Federal-State Relations

Hon Bill Johnston MLA, Minister for Mines and Petroleum; Energy; Industrial Relations

Richard Sellers, Department of Jobs, Tourism, Science and Innovation

Sharyn O'Neill, State Recovery Controller

Kelly Faulkner, Department of Water and Environmental Regulation

David Smith, Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety

Terry Durant, South Metropolitan TAFE

Chris Ellison, Mineral Resources Limited

Paul Everingham, Chamber of Minerals and Energy of WA

Claire Wilkinson, Australian Petroleum Production and Exploration Association

Chris Salisbury, Rio Tinto

Edgar Basto, BHP

Elizabeth Gaines, Fortescue Metals Group

Stuart Nicholls, Strike Energy

Warren Pearce, Association of Mining and Exploration Companies

Ivan Vella, Rio Tinto Iron Ore
Peter Bradford, IGO Limited
Bill Beament, Northern Star
Ken Brinsden, Pilbara Minerals
Katie Tovich, South32
Peter Coleman, Woodside Energy Limited
Al Williams, Chevron Australia Pty Ltd
Michael Gollschewski, Alcoa
Tom O'Leary, Iluka
Will Robinson, Encounter Resources Limited
Raleigh Finlayson,
Saracen Mineral Holdings Limited
Keren Paterson, Trigg Mining
Steve McCartney, Australian Manufacturing
Workers' Union
Brad Grady, Australian Workers' Union
Peter Bennett, Clough Group

Multicultural Advisory Group Ministerial Roundtable

12 June 2020

**Hosted by Hon Paul Papalia CSC MLA,
Minister for Tourism; Racing and Gaming;
Small Business; Defence Issues; Citizenship
and Multicultural Interests**

Iqbal Samnakay, Metropolitan Migrant
Resource Centre
Dr Edward Zhang,
The Association of Great China Inc.
Nicholas Agnocs,
Hungarian Community Association
Surya Ambati, Indian Society of WA

Abdullah Khan, Australian Islamic College
Theresa Kwok, Chung Wah Community and
Aged Care
Duncan Ord, Department of Local Government,
Sport and Cultural Industries
Maria Osman, African Communities
Joansy Pegrum, Karen Welfare Association
of WA Inc.
Paul Isaachsen, Department of Communities
Kim Ellwood, Office of Multicultural Interests
Ramdas Sankaran, Multicultural Services
Centre of Western Australia
Dr Enzo Sirna, Italo-Australian Welfare and
Cultural Centre
Sara Shengeb, Culturally and Linguistically
Diverse Youth representative
Salim Youssef, Australian Arab Association

Housing and Construction Ministerial Roundtable

12 June 2020

**Hosted by Hon Peter Tinley MLA, Minister
for Housing; Veterans Issues; Youth; Asian
Engagement & Hon Rita Saffioti MLA, Minister
for Transport; Planning**

Gail McGowan, Department of Planning, Lands
and Heritage
Michelle Andrews, Department of Communities
Sandra Brewer, Property Council WA
John Gelavis, Master Builders WA
David Della Bona,
Civil Contractors Federation WA
Mike Rowe, Australian Property Institute

Tanya Steinbeck, Urban Development Institute
of Australia
Nick Sloan, WA Local Government Association
Aaron Morey, Chamber of Commerce and
Industry WA
Peter Moore,
Construction Contractors Association
Philip Helberg, Department of Finance
Jonathan Ford, Aboriginal Advisory Council
Cath Hart, Housing Industry Association WA
Alistair Jones, Department of Treasury
Michelle Mackenzie, Shelter WA
Rikki Hendon, CPSU/CSA
Nigel Hindmarsh, Department of Communities
Mick Buchan, CFMEU
Diane Dowdell, Consult Australia
Michelle Hoad, North Metropolitan TAFE

Food and Primary Industries Ministerial Roundtable

15 June 2020

**Hosted by Hon Peter Tinley AM MLA, Minister
for Housing; Fisheries; Veterans Issues; Asian
Engagement & Hon Alannah MacTiernan MLC,
Minister for Regional Development; Agriculture
and Food; Ports; Minister Assisting the Minister
for State Development, Jobs and Trade**

Patrick Walsh, V&V Walsh
(includes Linley Valley Pork)
Jim Trandos, Western Australian Corn Grower
Larry Jorgensen, Wines of WA
Greg Harvey,
Harvest Road (includes Harvey Beef)

Jane Sale, Pastoralist
Sally O'Brien, WAMIA
Rhys Turton, WAFarmers
Mic Fels, WAFarmers
Brad Adams, Ocean Grown Abalone
Basil Lenzo, Geraldton Fisherman's Co-op
Alex Ogg, WAFIC
Adam Laitt, Milne AgriGroup
Pat Zanetti, WA Coles
Greg Cross, Fletcher International Exports
Greig Smith, D'Orsogna
Joanne Edwards, Brownes Dairy
Nic Giblett, Newton Orchards
Ashley Herbert, AAAC(WA)
Bob Nixon, GIWA
Jimmy Wilson, CBH
Kevin Goss, Soil and Land Conservation Council
Leela James, WACOSS
Mark Sweetingham, Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development
Ralph Addis, Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development
Richard Sellers, Department of Jobs, Tourism, Science and Innovation
Mike Rowe, Department of Water and Environmental Regulations
Jodi Cant, Department of Finance

Regional Communities (North) Ministerial Roundtable

16 June 2020

**Hosted by Hon Alannah MacTiernan MLC,
Minister for Regional Development; Agriculture
and Food; Ports; Minister Assisting the Minister
for State Development, Jobs and Trade**

Josie Farrer MLA, Member for Kimberley
Ralph Addis, Department of Primary Industries
and Regional Development
Jodi Cant, Department of Finance
Richard Sellers, Department of Jobs, Tourism,
Science and Innovation
Geoff Haerewa, Shire of Derby
Harold Tracey, Shire of Broome
David Menzel, Shire of Wyndham East
Kimberley
Peter Taylor, Shire of Broome
Lawford Benning, MG Corporation
Cara Peek, NBY
James Brown,
Kimberley Development Commission
Simon Penn,
Australia's North West Tourism
John Bowler, City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder
Malcolm Cullen, Shire of Coolgardie
Lee Jacobsen, Regional Development Australia
Goldfields Esperance
Ryan Jones, Goldfields-Esperance
Development Commission/KBCCI
Eddie Smith, Shire of Carnarvon
Matt Niikkula, Shire of Exmouth

Andy Munro,
Gascoyne Development Commission
Shane Van Styn, Shire of Greater Geraldton
Karen Chappel, WALGA Northern Country Zone
Matt Rutter, Tourism Geraldton Mid West
Joanne Fabling, Mid West Chamber of
Commerce and Industry
Wayne McDonald,
Bundiyarra Aboriginal Corporation
Todd West, Mid West Development Commission
Fred Riebeling, Town of Port Hedland
Peter Long, City of Karratha
Brendan Hammond,
Pilbara Development Commission
Tym Duncanson, Gascoyne Development
Commission
Jeff Gooding,
Kimberley Development Commission
Gavin Treasure,
Mid West Development Commission
Kris Starcevich, Goldfields-Esperance
Development Commission
Terry Hill, Pilbara Development Commission

Youth Ministerial Roundtable

15 June 2020

**Hosted by Hon Dave Kelly MLA, Minister for
Water; Forestry; Innovation and ICT; Science;
Youth**

Hon Michelle Roberts MLA, Minister for Police
Jon Phillips, CPSU PSU
Dana Errington, SDA
Laura Mwiragua, United Workers Union

Analena Gilhome, CCIWA
Bradley Woods, AHA WA
Evan Hall, Tourism Council WA
Mason Rothwell, Youth Affairs Council WA
Bella Ndayikeze, Ministerial Youth Advisory Council WA
Charlotte Glance, Ministerial Youth Advisory Council WA
David Castelanelli, Ministerial Youth Advisory Council WA
Chris Twomey, WACOSS
Iain McDougall, Apprentice Employment Network WA
Sameh Gowegati, SMYL Community Service
Professor Paul Flatau, The University of WA
Kylie Whiteley, WA Police
Wade Garwood,
Aboriginal Health Council of WA
Anne Driscoll, Department of Training and Workforce Development
Colin Pettit, Commissioner for Children and Young People
Sharyn O'Neill, State Recovery Coordinator
Michelle Andrews, Department of Communities
Lisa Rodgers, Department of Education
Fiona McQuisten, WA Police
Terry Durant, South Metropolitan TAFE
Michelle Hoad, North Metropolitan TAFE

People with Disability Ministerial Roundtable

17 June 2020

**Hosted by Hon Stephen Dawson MLC
Minister for Environment; Disability Services;
Electoral Affairs**

Kerry Allan-Zinner, NDIA Independent Advisory Council/Ministerial Advisory Council of Disability
Michelle Andrews, Department of Communities
Melanie Bray,
Community and Public Sector Union
Carrie Clark, Kalparrin
Paul Coates, Carers WA
Rob Holmes, Enable WA Inc.
Shauna Gaebler, Consumers of Mental Health WA
Bruce Langoulant, Disability Services Commission Board
Chelsea McKinney, WA Association for Mental Health
Samantha Jenkinson, People with Disabilities WA
Joan McKenna Kerr, Autism Association of WA
Marion Hailes-MacDonald,
Department of Communities
Leanne Pearman, WA Individualised Services
Marina Re, Identitywa
Wendy Rose, Ethnic Disability Advocacy Centre
Jacquie Thomson, Ability Centre
Gordon Trewern, Nulsen
Philippa Clarke, United Voice
Jennifer Lawrence, Brightwater
Julie Waylen, National Disability Services WA

Jesse Williams,
Youth Disability Advocacy Network
Kathy Hough,
Council of Regional Disability Services
Tania Harris, First Peoples Disability Network

Supporting Communities Forum Ministerial Roundtable

17 June 2020

**Hosted by Hon Simone McGurk, Minister for
Child Protection; Women's Interests; Prevention
of Family and Domestic Violence; Community
Services**

Michelle Scott, McCusker Centre for Citizenship
Jodi Cant, Department of Finance
Louise Giolitto, WA Council of Social Services
Dan Minchin, Chorus Australia
Tricia Murray, Wanslea
Ross Wortham, Youth Affairs Council of WA
Felicite Black, Women's Health and Family Services
Kate Chaney, Anglicare WA
Justine Colyer, Rise Network
Emma Jarvis, Palmerston Association
Denver D'Cruz, Inclusion Solutions
Kelda Oppermann,
Zonta House Refuge Association
Michelle Andrews, Department of Communities
Lisa Rodgers, Department of Education
Duncan Ord, Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries

Rebecca Brown, Department of the Premier and Cabinet
Jen McGrath, Mental Health Commissioner
Paul Isaachsen, Department of Communities
Denise Sullivan, Department of Health
Jeremy Hubble, Lotterywest
Lorna Pritchard, Lotterywest

Health Ministerial roundtable

17 June 2020

Hosted by Hon Roger Cook MLA, Deputy Premier; Minister for Health; Mental Health

Professor Steve Allsop, WANADA
Dr Aresh Anwar, Child and Adolescent Health Service
Dr Paul Bailey, St John Ambulance WA
Dr Gareth Baynam, Genetic Services of WA
Dr Carlo Bellini, HIP Consulting
Kane Blackman, Rare Voices Australia
Professor Jonathan Carapetis AM, Telethon Kids Institute
Professor Gervase Chaney, The University of Notre Dame
Professor Archie Clements, Curtin University
Khye Davey, Electronic Medical Record Clinical Excellence Division
Professor Daniel Fatovich, Professor of Emergency Medicine
Dr Neale Fong, Bethesda
Professor Gary Geelhoed, WAHTN
Dr Omar Khorshid, Head of Department Orthopaedic Surgery

Professor Peter Leedman, Harry Perkins Institute
Vicki O'Donnell, Kimberley Aboriginal Medical Service
Kelli Porter, Workforce Rural Health West
Ashley Reid, Cancer Council WA
Dr Andrew Robertson, Department of Health
Jayden Rogers, Linear Clinical Research
Professor Cobie Rudd, Edith Cowan University
Dr David Russell-Weisz, Department of Health
Dr Hannah Seymour, Fiona Stanley Hospital
Rebecca Tomkinson, Royal Flying Doctors Service
Professor Di Twigg AM, Edith Cowan University
Professor Jon Watson, The University of WA
Professor Tarun Weeramanthri, Climate Change and Health Inquiry
Dr James Williamson, Department of Health
Dr Michael Winlo, Emerald Clinic
Dr Fiona Wood, Perth Children's Hospital

Health Ministerial roundtable

19 June 2020

Hosted by Hon Roger Cook MLA, Deputy Premier; Minister for Health; Mental Health

Samantha Jenkinson, People with Disabilities WA
Kerrie Hawkins, WA Association for Mental Health
Graeme Prior, Hall & Prior Aged Care Group
Rikki Hendon, Community and Public Sector Union

Mandy McKnight, Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital
Dr Andrew Miller, Australian Medical Association WA
Naomi McCrae, Health Services Union WA
Liz MacLeod, East Metropolitan Health Service
Jen McGrath, Mental Health Commissioner
Yarlalu Thomas, Precision Public Health Fellow
Dr Brad Jongeling, CAHS
Pip Brennan, Health Consumers' Council
Dr Shane Kelly, St John of God Hospital
Jessica Short, United Workers Union
John Van Der Wielen, HBF
Dr David Russell-Weisz, Department of Health
Dr Bennie Ng, Australian Medical Association (WA)
Learne Durrington, WA Primary Health Alliance
Dr Matthew Tweedie, Pharmacy Guild
Chris How, Bethanie
Margaret Doherty, Mental Health Advisory Council
Kevin Sneddon, United Workers Union
Dr Matthew Anstey, St John of God Hospital
Kempton Cowan, Ramsay Health Care
Stephanie Buckland, AMANA
Linda Wayman, Carers WA
Michael Clancy, Australian Nursing Federation
Dr Sean Stevens, Royal Australian College of General Practitioners WA
Dr Justin Yeung, WACHS
Shauna Gaebler, Consumers of Mental Health Western Australia

Regional communities (South) Ministerial roundtable

19 June 2020

**Hosted by Hon Alannah MacTiernan MLC,
Minister for Regional Development; Agriculture
and Food; Ports; Minister Assisting the Minister
for State Development, Jobs and Trade**

Ian Mickel, Shire of Esperance

Wayne Halliday, Tourism Esperance

Gail Reynolds-Adamson, Goldfields-Esperance
Development Commission

Leslee Holmes, Shire of Dandaragan

Julie Flockart, Shire of Merredin

Leigh Ballard, Shire of Narrogin

Rebecca Tomkinson,
Wheatbelt Development Commission

David Bolt, Shire of Murray

Rhys Williams, City of Mandurah

Paddi Creevey, Peel Development Commission

Pat Strahan, Visit Mandurah

Dennis Wellington, City of Albany

Ceinwen Gearon, Shire of Denmark

Dave Schober, Shire of Denmark

Elizabeth Guidera, Shire of Katanning

David Steytler, Albany Chamber
of Commerce and Industry

Benita Cattalini, Albany Chamber
of Commerce and Industry

Ronnie Fleay, Great Southern
Development Commission

Ian Earl, Shire Augusta Margaret River

Stephanie Addison-Brown, Shire of Augusta
Margaret River

Gary Brennan, City of Bunbury

Mal Osborne, City of Bunbury

Paul Omedei, Shire of Manjimup

Andrew Campbell, Shire of Manjimup

Catrin Allsop, Australia's South West

Steve Harrison, Margaret River Busselton
Tourism Association

Nick Belyea,
South West Development Commission

Brendan Hammond,
Pilbara Development Commission

Aboriginal Advisory Council of Western Australia Ministerial roundtable (Aboriginal people and remote communities)

19 June 2020

**Hosted by Hon Ben Wyatt MLA,
Minister for Aboriginal Affairs**

Hon Roger Cook MLA, Deputy Premier;
Minister for Health; Mental Health

Hon Stephen Dawson MLC, Minister
for Environment; Disability Services;
Electoral Affairs

Gail Beck, Co-Chair

Martin (Marty) Sibosado, Co-Chair

Daniel (Danny) Brown, Member

Merle Carter, Member

Jonathan Ford, Member

Gordon Gray, Member

Vicki O'Donnell, Member

Gail Reynolds-Adamson, Member

Peter Riley, Member

Michelle Andrews, Department of Communities

Rebecca Brown, Department of the Premier
and Cabinet

Jodi Cant, Department of Finance

Kate Alderton, Department of the Premier
and Cabinet

Debbie Fletcher, Department of the Premier
and Cabinet