



## Premier of Western Australia

### PREMIER'S CHARTER TO THE COUNCIL OF REGULATORS (27 May 2021)

#### Specific Responsibilities for 2021-2022

- 1. One stop shop:** implement and improve the functionality of the online one stop shop for approvals to help proponents navigate the approvals process and reinforce the 'one Government' mindset within your agencies.
- 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 the practice of twice-yearly, 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:** fully implement and 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 types of project.
- 8. Legislative reform:** identify further opportunities for legislative amendments to streamline decision-making and improve efficiency.
- 9. Implementation of Act amendments:** successfully implement the 2020 reforms to the Planning and Development Act and the Environmental Protection Act; and
- 10. Implement system improvements:** as required by the Government (Environment Online; BIO; mining and petroleum titles election commitment).

#### General Responsibilities

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

- 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 on regulatory reform to the Treasurer's annual economic reform statement.

I expect you to work closely with the Streamline WA Steering Committee so that there is a free exchange of ideas about opportunities for improvement.

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