

Media Statement

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Future of Fremantle milestone sets path towards new vision

- First look at proposed future redevelopment options for Fremantle | Walyalup Inner Harbour port precinct
- A Future of Fremantle project vision and three economic and land use scenarios released for public comment
- Scenarios explore different ideas to transform the precinct over the next 50 years

A long-term vision for the future transformation of the Fremantle | Walyalup Inner Harbour is a step closer today with the release of a vision and three scenarios for public comment.

With Westport progressing plans for a new container terminal in the Kwinana Outer Harbour, the Future of Fremantle project is considering the long-term redevelopment of the Inner Harbour port precinct.

The scenarios explore different ideas and possibilities about what could be achieved across the precinct's 50-year planning horizon following the relocation of port activities.

This includes exploring different land uses and development intensities, housing types, job creation, green spaces, waterfront treatments, and transport and social infrastructure investment across the 260-hectare site (land only).

Each scenario poses a different level of economic development and land use intensity, with corresponding transport, community and civil infrastructure to support this growth:

- **Scenario One | Harbour City**
 - Potential for 15,000 – 25,000 jobs / 25,000 – 35,000 residents
 - A sustainable and self-sufficient urban neighbourhood that supports the Fremantle City Centre.
- **Scenario Two | Coastal City**
 - Potential for 30,000 – 40,000 jobs / 35,000 – 45,000 residents
 - Prioritises landscape, public space and greenery to reposition Fremantle as a major city in the southern region of Perth.
- **Scenario Three | Competitive City**
 - Potential for 40,000 – 50,000 jobs / 45,000 – 55,000 residents
 - Enhances economic and population growth to position Fremantle as a key metropolitan anchor to diversify the economy.

The vision and scenarios were informed by extensive technical investigations and input from the Future of Fremantle Planning Committee, the Aboriginal Reference Group, the Project Reference Group and considerable community and stakeholder engagement.

This included over 350 attendees at a community visioning day, more than 300 participants at two Place Design Forums, and workshops with 80 Aboriginal Elders, in all more than 100 hours of direct engagement.

Over the next eight weeks, the community is invited to provide feedback on the emerging vision and three scenarios.

A comprehensive Community Information Pack details the main features of each scenario and will help people provide comments and feedback through an online survey.

The consultation process is supported by two drop-in Community Open Days to be held at the Fremantle Town Hall on Saturday 2 December 2023 from 12.00pm - 4.00pm and at the North Fremantle Community Centre on Tuesday 12 December 2023 from 3.00pm - 6.30pm. The Future of Fremantle project team will be available to answer questions and hear ideas and feedback.

The vision and scenarios are open for comment until Monday 15 January 2024, online at <https://consultation.dplh.wa.gov.au/future-of-fremantle/>

A final economic and land use recommendation will be presented to the State Government in mid-2024.

Comments from Jane Bennett, Chair, Future of Fremantle Planning Committee:

“For more than 120 years, the Port has served the State and the community and helped to define Fremantle’s unique characteristics.

“With the proposal to relocate the container port to Kwinana, we have been gifted a rare opportunity to reimagine a new future for the city through the redevelopment of the port precinct.

“The Future of Fremantle Planning Committee has been working to identify long-term economic, social and cultural opportunities to create smart, sustainable and responsive urban development through this remarkable project.

“It’s not often that we get to work on a project of this scale and transformative potential, and that allows us to reimagine how we might live sustainable and fulfilling lives into the future.

“Considerable work has gone into developing the emerging vision and scenarios which offer the community an insight into what can be achieved for this site over the next 50 years.

“We want to hear which aspects of the scenarios resonate with the community and I encourage anyone with an interest in the future of Fremantle to get involved in this innovative project – all feedback will be used to help inform the Committee’s final recommendation for the Government’s consideration.”

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