



Invest & Trade
WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Western Australia

a global leader in investment and trade



Acknowledgement of Country

The Department of Energy and Economic Diversification acknowledges the Traditional Custodians throughout Western Australia and their continuing connection to the land, waters and community. We pay our respects to all members of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities and their cultures, and to Elders past and present.



Cover: Perth city, Western Australia

Inner: Cape Peron at Shark Bay, Western Australia

Premier's Foreword

For decades, Western Australia has played an important role as Australia's economic powerhouse, positioned at the gateway to the Indian Ocean with proximity to Asia and connectivity to priority markets.

Our economy is strong and has remained resilient in responding to and withstanding significant global changes, including the pandemic, shifting geopolitical dynamics, cost-of-living pressures and supply chain disruptions.

My Government's sound financial management provides safe, secure and stable conditions for business. Western Australia continues to maintain its position as the only jurisdiction in Australia to receive a AAA credit rating from both S&P Global and Moody's Investor Services.

Western Australia has a long-standing reputation as a major exporter and trusted trading partner, supplying goods and services across our region and the world.

With an external-facing economy, we recognise that international investment and trade are critical enablers for our success, continued growth and prosperity.

Through trade, we enable local businesses to expand operations, build resilience, foster innovation and share knowledge. Through investment, we can unlock major projects, build industry capability, and access global skills and talent.

We know that every deal or transaction is underpinned by strong relationships and connections. That is one of the reasons why my Government has invested in our Invest and Trade Western Australia global network to expand the State's presence to 17 locations across six regional hubs.

By collaborating, investing and trading with our priority markets, we can navigate the challenges presented by the transition to a low-carbon future and realise the enormous opportunities that it presents across emerging energy industries, infrastructure and manufacturing.

Beyond the energy transition, *Western Australia: a global leader in investment and trade* showcases our investment and trade potential across the State's diverse priority sectors.

Whether you are a local business looking to go global, or an international company with innovative ideas, projects or technologies – we are committed to supporting international investment and trade that can grow our economy and secure a sustainable future for all Western Australians.

Hon Roger Cook MLA

Premier; Minister for State Development; Trade and Investment; Economic Diversification



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Perth city, Western Australia

Western Australia snapshot

An economic powerhouse

Western Australia's economy was resilient during the pandemic, growing faster than other Australian states.



\$458.8 billion
Gross State Product
(GSP) (17% of Australia's GDP)

Western Australia's **gross household disposable income per capita**
\$69,515, 11% higher than the national figure



\$152,500
GSP per capita.

If Western Australia was a country, it would rank 5th in the world for GDP per capita



The Western Australian Government has a strong budget position, recording its **seventh consecutive operating surplus** (\$3.7 billion in 2024-25)



Unprecedented \$13.1 billion infrastructure investment
delivered in 2024-25 by the Western Australian Government



Credit rating
with a stable outlook

The above information is for 2024-25.

A thriving and diverse state



Western Australia's **capital city Perth** is a clean, safe and vibrant city with a sunny climate and consistently **high liveability ratings**

One of the **largest states in the world**



2.5 million km²
land size (seven times the size of Germany or Japan)

with a diverse climate, history, flora and fauna



Shared time zone proximity

with some of the fastest growing economies in the world (including China, Jakarta and Singapore)



World's oldest continuous living culture

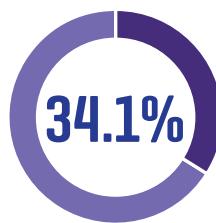
dating back more than 50,000 years with over 200 distinct Aboriginal language groups

A growing population of over

3 million people



(11% of the Australian population and the fastest growing state) (March 2025)



Multicultural society

with around a third of Western Australians born overseas (2021)

Western Australia offers international students diverse pathways into tertiary study and high-demand industries with over

140 institutions

Pink Lake, Hutt Lagoon, Port Gregory, Western Australia

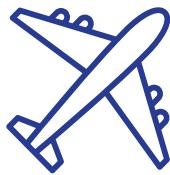
A strategic place to invest



\$62 billion

of private business investment

20 non-stop
aviation routes into Perth (June 2025)



AA
ESG rating

with MSCI (June 2025)



Western Australia has a strong business community with over
265,000 businesses

19%

of the value of Australia's private business investment is in Western Australia

\$1 billion
Strategic Industries Fund

with over \$250 million allocated to date to activate industrial land in Western Australia



A thriving innovation ecosystem
with over 1,000 startups

The above economic snapshot of Western Australia's investment and trade profile consists of investment and international trade as of 2024-25, unless otherwise stated.



Western Trade Coast, Western Australia

A global trade hub

\$232 billion

total exports of goods from Western Australia



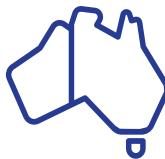
\$10 billion



total value of Western Australia's services exports, led by international students and visitors

Western Australia is the nation's largest exporting state

45% of the value of Australia's exports of goods come from Western Australia



Western Australia's share of Australia's exports:

69%

China

32%

United States

52%

Hong Kong

30%

India

64%

Singapore

41%

South Korea

38%

Japan

36%

Taiwan

44%

Philippines

29%

Indonesia

Over one billion tonnes total trade volumes through Western Australia's ports per year

Western Australia's top eight trading partners

1. China	5. Singapore
2. Japan	6. India
3. United States	7. United Kingdom
4. South Korea	8. Taiwan

Western Australia's top exports



Energy

liquefied natural gas

2nd



Minerals

iron ore, gold and lithium

1st



Agrifood

wheat, canola seeds and barley

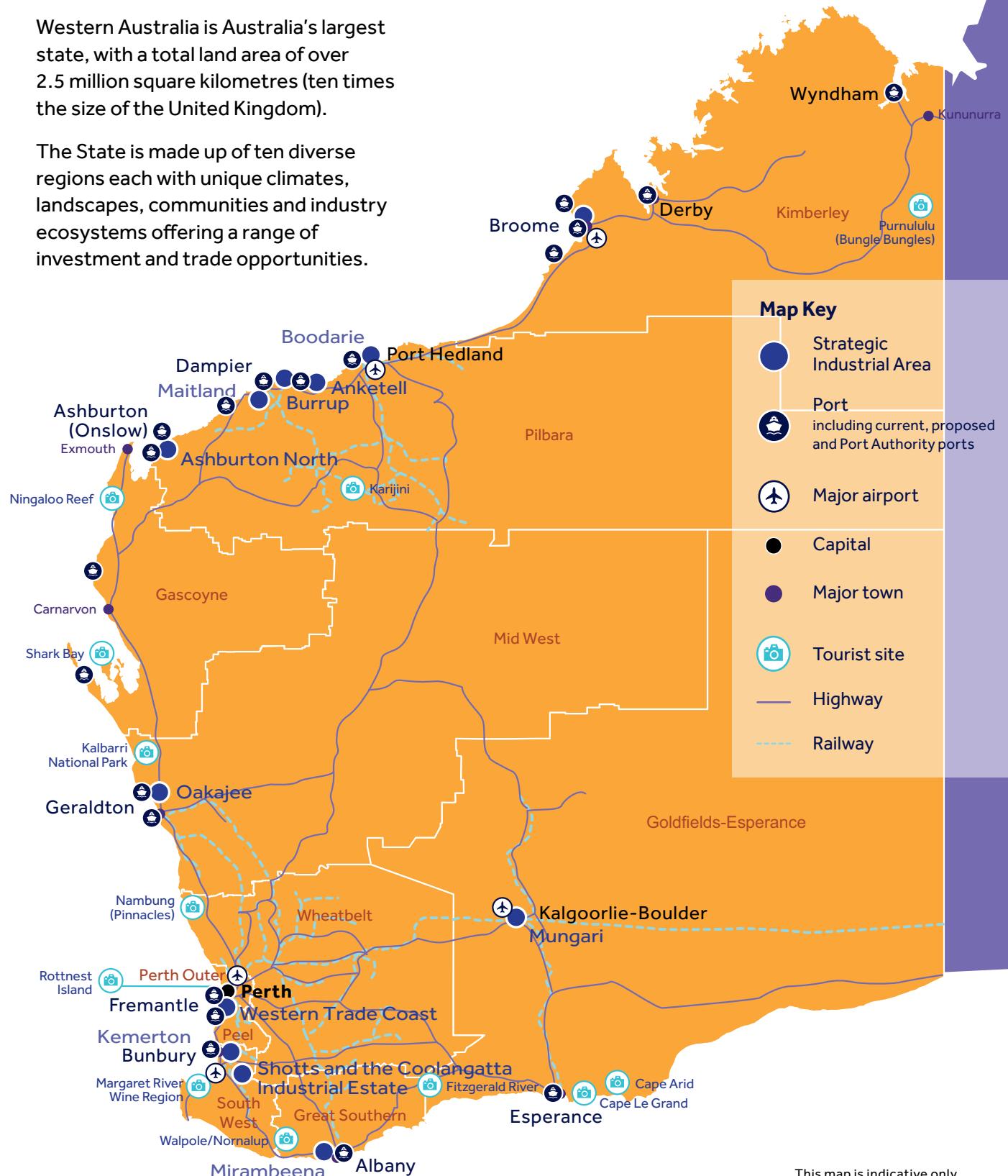
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Western Australia's vibrant regions

Western Australia is Australia's largest state, with a total land area of over 2.5 million square kilometres (ten times the size of the United Kingdom).

The State is made up of ten diverse regions each with unique climates, landscapes, communities and industry ecosystems offering a range of investment and trade opportunities.



This map is indicative only.



Fremantle Harbour, Western Australia

Why Western Australia

Secure and reliable

Western Australia is one of the most secure and stable jurisdictions in the world, supported by a strong system of government and sound financial management. During times of high global uncertainty, Western Australia offers a low sovereign risk environment for business.

A vision for the future

The transition to a low-carbon future presents real challenges but also enormous opportunities for Western Australia as a renewable energy superpower. With demonstrated experience in adapting to change and developing transformational industries such as the State's liquefied natural gas (LNG)

and iron ore industries, Western Australia is well-positioned for the biggest economic transformation in generations.

Along with the energy transition, Western Australia offers ample opportunities for investment and trade across nine priority sectors and emerging industries. These sectors, and the State's targeted diversification opportunities, are identified in the Western Australian Government's economic development frameworks, Diversify WA and Future State: Accelerating Diversify WA.

Through a strong, diversified and decarbonised economy, Western Australia can continue to support quality jobs and opportunities for the community and business.

Favourable business environment

Western Australia's business environment unlocks major projects and fosters growth.

Industrial land and infrastructure

Western Australia has industrial land suitable for major projects and activities across a wide range of sectors, including the State's Strategic Industrial Areas (SIAs). The Western Australian Government is investing \$1 billion through the Strategic Industries Fund to unlock industrial land and attract major projects to diversify

and decarbonise the economy. The recently released [Strategic Industrial Lands Activation Plan](#) will guide further investment in and development of industrial land across the State.

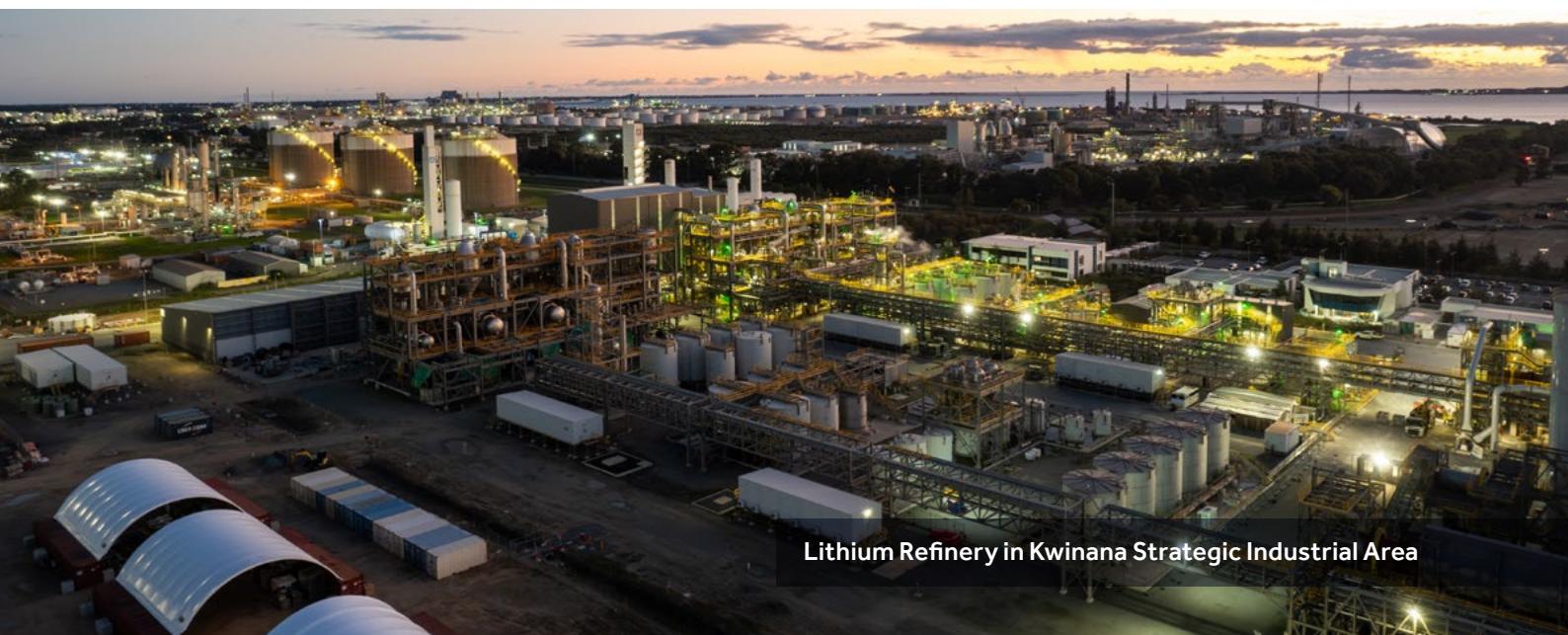
An extensive freight network comprised of 22 ports, metropolitan and regionally based airports, railways and roads enable mobility across Western Australia and facilitate exports to international markets. Western Australia's ports alone make a significant contribution to the economy and international trade, with total trade volumes exceeding one billion tonnes per year.

Infrastructure for the future

As industry and governments move towards a net zero future, the Western Australian Government is delivering significant investment to decarbonise the State's main electricity network and develop renewables-based infrastructure. This includes large-scale battery storage systems, wind and solar, renewable-based standalone power stations and transmission infrastructure.

Other major infrastructure developments across Western Australia include:

- » A modern, sustainable and efficient container port (known as Westport) which is being planned for development south of Perth
- » Significant upgrades to port facilities in Western Australia's north across the Pilbara and Kimberley regions (Port Hedland, Dampier, Broome and Wyndham)
- » A multibillion-dollar redevelopment of Perth Airport to upgrade facilities, consolidate commercial air services and enhance accessibility to Western Australia
- » Significant subsea fibre optic expansion to increase Western Australia's digital connectivity



Lithium Refinery in Kwinana Strategic Industrial Area

Policy and regulatory frameworks

A clear, stable and efficient regulatory environment is a crucial enabler for business to thrive. Western Australia has undertaken significant reforms to enhance the State's regulatory and approvals systems and further work is underway to streamline processes and accelerate job-creating projects. Recent key measures and actions have included:

- » Legislative reforms to the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* and the *Planning and Development Act 2005* to streamline processes and cut red tape, while maintaining world-class standards and protections for the environment.
- » The Western Australian Government has introduced the State Development Bill 2025, which is intended to support efficient assessments and approvals for projects of significance across industries such as critical minerals, naval shipbuilding, renewable energy and manufacturing.

Investment and trade ecosystem

Several incentives and support initiatives are available for local and international businesses in Western Australia (see 'Supporting you to do Business' on page 40).

Led by Invest and Trade Western Australia, the Western Australian Government operates a global network with an international presence in 17 locations across six regional hubs. Collectively, this network acts as Western Australia's 'front door' by facilitating international investment into Western Australia and supporting local businesses to access new export markets (see 'Contact us' on page 44).

In addition, the State's investment and trade ecosystem comprises several partner agencies that provide industry development and investment and trade support for priority sectors. For instance:

- » The Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development works closely with businesses across a range of primary industries including grains, livestock, horticulture and packaged food and beverage products to facilitate investment and trade outcomes.
- » Tourism Western Australia works to promote the State as an attractive destination for tourist accommodation investment.

Skilled and productive workforce

With world-leading energy and mining and Mining Equipment, Technology and Services (METS) sectors, Western Australia boasts a skilled and diverse workforce with expertise in supporting large-scale and complex projects. The State's capabilities in these areas are highly transferrable to emerging industries, and adaptable to new ways of working and innovative technologies.

Growing the skills pipeline

In partnership with the Australian Government, several dedicated national skills centres are being established in Western Australia to build the future pipeline of skilled workers and support qualification pathways to grow priority industries. This includes the:

- » Clean Energy Skills National Centre of Excellence
- » Clean Energy Training and Research Institute
- » Defence Centre of Excellence

Science, innovation and technology

Western Australia has a thriving science, innovation and technology ecosystem underpinned by top-ranked universities, highly regarded research institutes, industry capability, and collaborative precincts that foster connections between government, academia and industry. This ecosystem unlocks growth across the State's priority sectors and emerging industries, delivers social outcomes for the community and supports innovative ideas and businesses to scale operations.

The Western Australian Government, through the New Industries and Innovation Fund, is boosting the development and acceleration of innovation-based technologies and their take up in global value chains. This includes supporting Innovation Hubs, which offer collaborative facilities, shared spaces and use of technologies to bring together innovators and entrepreneurs across the State and beyond.

A number of Cooperative Research Centres (CRCs) are also headquartered, operating or partnering with Western Australia, tackling real-world problems through research collaboration. Further key initiatives focused on science and innovation include the:

- » METS Innovation Program.
- » Square Kilometre Array radio telescope observatory.
- » Western Australian Venture Capital Initiative.

Western Australia's universities

- » Curtin University
- » Edith Cowan University
- » Murdoch University
- » University of Notre Dame
- » University of Western Australia

Collaborative innovation hubs and CRCs

- » Creative Tech Innovation Hub
- » Cyber Security Innovation Hub
- » Data Science Innovation Hub
- » Life Sciences Innovation Hub
- » GreenTech Hub
- » Additive Manufacturing CRC
- » Blue Economy CRC
- » Future Energy Exports CRC
- » Heavy Industry Low-carbon Transition CRC
- » Transformations in Mining Economies and Mineral Exploration CRC

Advanced manufacturing

From autonomous and robotic technologies, remote monitoring and control systems to precision machining, energy efficiency and production optimisation – Western Australia has dynamic manufacturing capabilities that underpin a diverse range of sectors.

The Western Australian Government is investing in local manufacturing, with a particular focus on capabilities to support the clean energy transition, such as local manufacturing of battery energy storage systems, wind energy and transmission infrastructure componentry.

Environmental, social and governance frameworks

Western Australia is committed to upholding environmental, social and governance (ESG) standards that contribute towards positive outcomes for the environment, community, industry and economy. This includes:

- » A commitment to achieving the Paris Agreement objective of net zero emissions by 2050.
- » Ensuring social outcomes and supporting economic opportunities for all Western Australians, including First Nations people and regional communities through initiatives

such as the Collie Just Transition Plan, Native Forestry Transition Plan and Pilbara Traditional Owner Participation Support Fund.

As of June 2025, MSCI rated Western Australia with an AA rating for ESG, reflecting the State's commitment, leadership and ability to manage ESG related risks and opportunities.

Supporting ESG outcomes

- » [Decarbonising Western Australia and our Trading Partners](#)
- » [ESG Information Pack](#)
- » [Sustainability Bond Framework](#)





Aviation routes into Perth, Western Australia

Liveable and well-connected

Beyond business, Western Australia offers an attractive lifestyle across regional communities and cities. The capital city, Perth, is safe, vibrant and clean and consistently ranked in the world's top ten most liveable cities.

In terms of land area, Western Australia is the largest state or territory in Australia and is home to the largest proportion of people born overseas. With a population of over three million people, those living in Western

Australia can enjoy a coastal lifestyle, where the warm weather and pleasant pace of life allow for adventures all year around. From pristine beaches and unique wildlife to ancient landscapes and rich biodiversity – Western Australia is a place of natural wonder.

As Australia's western gateway for international markets, Western Australia is well-connected to the world. As of June 2025, there were 20 non-stop aviation routes into Perth across more than 25 airline carriers.

Priority sectors for investment and trade

The Western Australian Government has identified nine priority sectors for strategic development to support economic growth and diversification. These are identified in Diversify WA.

Across all of these sectors, Western Australia offers a multitude of opportunities for collaboration, international investment and trade.



Albany Wind Farm, Western Australia



Energy

Western Australia is set to become a global renewable energy powerhouse. Home to some of the best renewable

energy resources in the world, with a large landmass, abundant sunshine and consistent wind, there are significant opportunities to generate low-emissions electricity at scale.

Rich reserves of critical minerals and rare earths – essential for manufacturing batteries, electric vehicles, wind turbines and solar panels, further strengthen Western Australia's role in the global energy transition. As a major exporter of natural gas, Western Australia also supports international partners in their shift away from coal-fired power and in firming energy supply.

Achieving a low-carbon future will require coordinated and timely investment across the private and public sectors. Western Australia is ready to lead this transformation, backed by proven expertise, strong policy frameworks, and a commitment to innovation.

Energy componentry manufacturing

Western Australia is investing in the infrastructure and manufacturing capabilities to support the clean energy transition. This includes support for local manufacturers to engage in supply chains for wind energy, transmission infrastructure and battery energy storage systems.

As a strategic hub for clean energy infrastructure, these investments will support Western Australia to meet domestic energy needs, attract emerging industries and support international decarbonisation efforts.

Carbon capture, utilisation and storage (CCUS)

Western Australia's geological formations, skilled workforce and infrastructure make it ideal for CCUS development.

The CCUS Hubs Study, commissioned by the Western Australian LNG Jobs Taskforce, found that the State has the potential to develop CCUS hubs, supported by an enormous capacity to store carbon dioxide with up to 195 billion tonnes of prospective storage resources.

CCUS will play a vital role in decarbonising hard-to-abate heavy industries. In 2024, the Western Australian Government released its [CCUS Action Plan](#), setting out the Government's vision to establish a world leading industry in Western Australia that supports the transition to a low-carbon future.

Hydrogen and hydrogen products (green iron, green ammonia)

Western Australia is committed to producing renewable hydrogen at scale and adding value through downstream products such as green ammonia, green iron and minerals processing. These activities support both domestic prosperity and the decarbonisation goals of regional partners.

In 2024, the Western Australian Government released its updated [Renewable Hydrogen Strategy 2024-2030](#), setting targets to commence production of renewable hydrogen at scale in Western Australia by 2030. Other Government support for the industry includes the Renewable Hydrogen Fund and the establishment of Hydrogen Hubs in the Pilbara, Mid West and Kwinana regions.

Decommissioning

Western Australia is emerging as a global leader in environmentally responsible decommissioning of oil and gas infrastructure. In Australia's Offshore Resources Decommissioning Roadmap, it is estimated that decommissioning activities will generate \$60 billion in economic activity and that 89 per cent

of the total mass of decommissioning projects will be offshore, north of Western Australia.

Based in Perth, the Centre of Decommissioning Australia's Western Australia Decommissioning Hub Location Study identifies multiple locations along Western Australia's coast as suitable for onshore decommissioning facilities with the potential to support this pipeline of activity.



Ground mounted photovoltaic power station



Mining and METS

For several decades, Western Australia has been internationally recognised as having one of the most

advanced and successful mining and METS sectors. Western Australia has an abundance of natural resources, contributing 45 per cent of Australia's merchandise exports.

As the largest global supplier of numerous major commodities, Western Australia is at the forefront of world mineral production. Critical minerals are key enablers of the global energy transition and are essential for manufacturing batteries, electric cars, wind turbines and solar

panels. Western Australia is a well-established, reliable and ethical supplier of critical minerals and processed materials and is well placed to expand our role in global supply chains.

The mining sector is supported by more than 1,700 businesses specialising in METS that support a diverse range of projects and operations through cutting-edge, innovative technologies and world-class engineering and construction services.

With Western Australia's deep pool of knowledge in the mining sector, there are significant opportunities for the local METS sector to support international markets.





Defence industries

Western Australia's defence industries are seeing significant developments and opportunities for

continued growth within the rapidly changing strategic landscape.

The State plays a vital role in supporting the Australian Government's defence priorities and the nation's closest allies, including through:

» AUKUS trilateral security partnership with the United Kingdom (UK) and the United States (US). This will see Western Australia home to both rotational Allied and future Australian nuclear-powered submarines.

- » Establishment of a new Australian Government-owned Defence Precinct in Henderson (approximately 25 km south of Perth), which will support continuous naval shipbuilding and sustainment, and depot-level maintenance for nuclear-powered submarines.
- » Defence Science Centre, as part of the Australian Defence Science and Universities Network (ADSUN), which supports the national defence enterprise through collaboration with state university researchers, industry, the Defence Science and Technology Group (DSTG) and defence end-users, developing world-class research, innovation and technology.





Space industries

Around the world, space industries are experiencing significant growth spurred by increased levels of

government-led space exploration, a desire to build up local space capabilities that can support Defence and other industries, and decreased costs for satellite manufacturing and launches.

With favourable geostrategic and environmental conditions, clear skies and radio quiet zones, Western Australia is home to a burgeoning space industry that supports over

130 international and Australian organisations engaged in space-related activities.

The State is involved in a wide range of space activities and services, including providing critical support for NASA, the European Space Agency (ESA), and commercial space missions, as well as transferring its world-leading remote operations technologies to space applications.

Western Australia also hosts critical space infrastructure supporting global space missions. This includes the Australian Space Automation, AI and Robotics Control Complex, ESA's New Norcia Deep Space Ground Station, and the United States Space Force's Deep-Space Advanced Radar Capability Site.



OTC NASA Satellite Earth Station, Carnarvon, Western Australia



Creative industries

Creative industries play an important role in Western Australia, contributing \$6.2 billion every year to the

State's economy. Western Australia's creative economy is growing at a faster rate than the rest of Australia, with the State's share of Australia's creative economy growing to over nine per cent in 2024.

Western Australia has recently experienced a wave of new screen productions and growth in the local games and interactive sector, which has grown significantly in the past three years. The Government's Screen Industry Capacity Building Fund will further accelerate industry growth.

The Western Australian Government is also investing in creative industries infrastructure projects, including:

- » The Perth Film Studios, opening in early 2026, which will provide studio, digital and

post-production services to support the screen industry.

- » The Creative Tech Innovation Hub in Bunbury, which facilitates a state-wide network focused on building creative industry partnerships and growing entrepreneurship.
- » The Aboriginal Cultural Centre, which will support First Nations art, design and culture. Internationally renowned architectural firm Hassell has been appointed to develop a concept design for the new world-class Centre.
- » Edith Cowan University's new Perth city campus, which will be home to the Western Australian Academy of Performing Arts and will leverage the latest technologies for creative industries workforce development.

Western Australia is also set to host the next three Australian Performing Arts Markets in 2026, 2028 and 2030.





Tourism and events

As Australia's largest state with expansive coastlines, connections to nature, unique biodiversity and cultural

heritage, Western Australia boasts a diverse and thriving tourism industry supported by a pipeline of major infrastructure projects that are priming the State for private sector investment.

The State's dynamic regions feature four UNESCO world heritage areas, one of the nation's most premium wine regions, some of the world's most biologically diverse ocean environments, and extraordinary landscapes.

Perth is Australia's western gateway to the world with over 250 international flight arrivals each week and a shared time zone with a significant

portion of the world's population. Perth now has non-stop flights to the UK, Italy and France as well as direct flights to New Zealand, South Africa the Middle East and Asia.

Major events continue to play an important role in Western Australia's tourism sector by creating jobs, driving spending into the local economy, and supporting the hotel and hospitality industries. The State continues to build its reputation as a global events destination, opening the door to host more premium content and supporting the State's vision to become the fastest growing events destination in the South East Asian region. This growing events calendar reinforces the opportunities for continued investment in hotel and accommodation capacity, both in Perth as well as key regional destinations.



Cottesloe Beach, Western Australia



Health and medical life sciences

Western Australia has a world-class health and medical life sciences sector, underpinned by a skilled and collaborative workforce, significant research infrastructure and highly regarded medical research institutes.

This includes:

- » Over 250 biomedical organisations and support services, including 21 medical research institutes and foundations.
- » Strong biomedical science programs at all five Western Australian universities, with seven Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved drugs developed from Western Australian university research.
- » A dedicated Future Health Research and Innovation Fund backed by the Western Australian Government's \$1.8 billion sovereign wealth fund, and three Government supported health and medical venture capital (VC) funds, as well as additional private funds dedicated to supporting the sector.

- » Two of the top five performing Australian biotech stocks in 2024.
- » Two Nobel laureates in physiology and medicine.

Western Australia has significant strengths in precision medicine, including using oligonucleotides (small RNA) to treat rare diseases, using mRNA to treat cancers, and substantial '-omics' capabilities (such as phenomics, proteomics and genomics). As one of the largest single health jurisdictions in the world, spanning over 2.5 million square kilometres, Western Australia also has extensive expertise in delivering remote and virtual healthcare infrastructure, products and services. This is strengthened by leveraging the State's world-leading remote operations capabilities of the mining and METS sector.

Key medical research institutes

- » Harry Perkins Institute of Medical Research
- » Kids Research Institute Australia
- » Lions Eye Institute
- » Perron Institute





Primary industries

Western Australia is home to diverse primary, fisheries, value-add and agritech industries that make a

significant contribution to the economy. The State's trade in grains and meat is particularly strong, with the value of wheat, canola and barley exports exceeding \$8 billion in 2024-25.

Across diverse landscapes and coastal regions, skilled producers create a range of premium products – from fresh seafood and grains to award-winning wines and gourmet foods.

Western Australia's commitment to protecting its natural resources ensures that its food remains safe, sustainable, and naturally delicious. This reputation for quality and integrity gives global consumers confidence in every Western Australian product.

The primary industries sector is highly innovative and adopts technology to improve productivity, enhance traceability, and enable the sector to adapt to the challenges presented by climate change. With strong links to research and development and a dedication to biosecurity, Western Australia is well placed to meet the growing global demand for high-quality products, such as premium wine and red meat, which are sustainably and ethically produced.

In addition, the State's advanced agricultural practices and access to secure supplies of low-carbon intensity feedstocks provide Western Australia with strong foundations to support the emerging sustainable low-carbon fuels industry.



Margaret River, Western Australia



International education

Western Australia provides international students with the knowledge, skills, support and connections they require to enter the increasingly competitive global job market.

Perth is just a short flight from major Asian cities and provides a safe and vibrant lifestyle that is hard to find anywhere else.

There are over 140 institutions delivering courses to international students in Western Australia (and offshore) registered with the Commonwealth Register of Institutions and Courses for Overseas Students (CRICOS). This includes universities, non-university higher

education providers, vocational education and training (VET) providers, schools and English language providers.

As of 2025, 40 offshore schools deliver the Western Australian Certificate of Education (WACE), alongside nine international university campuses. These institutions form part of Western Australia's growing network of transnational education (TNE) providers.

In 2024, Western Australia recorded a record high 90,200 international student enrolments from more than 150 countries. This growth builds on a nation leading recovery of international students following the COVID-19 pandemic, demonstrating the strength and attractiveness of providers in the State.





Albany, Western Australia

Priority markets for investment and trade

Americas

Invest and Trade Western Australia presence	Tourism Western Australia presence
Austin	Los Angeles
Markets	
United States (US), Canada and Latin America (Mexico, Chile, Brazil, Columbia and Peru)	

Collectively, the Americas has a **total population of over one billion** (12.8% of the world's population)

The US was Western Australia's **6th largest** market for **international visitors** in 2024-25

The combined economy of the Americas accounts for **35% of total global economic output**

The US is the largest source of foreign investment in Australia, with a stock of total investment of **\$1.4 trillion** in 2024



US was Western Australia's **3rd largest trading partner** with \$18.7 billion of goods traded (2024-25)



Western Australia accounted for **21% of Australia's total trade** in goods with the US in 2024-25

The US is Western Australia's third largest trading partner and Australia's largest source of foreign investment. This is underpinned by a strong and long-standing bilateral relationship and shared interests in key sectors such as defence, energy and mining and METS, including dual-use technologies.

As the US looks to build its domestic industries, there are economic opportunities for trusted and allied partners such as Australia. There are particularly strong investment and trade opportunities for Western Australia through:

- » The AUKUS security partnership, with the Australian Defence Precinct strategically located in Western Australia and set to become the southern hemisphere's largest

naval maintenance and shipbuilding hub.

- » The landmark 2025 bilateral framework on critical minerals and rare earths, which can be supported by Western Australia's abundance of natural resources and world-leading expertise in the mining and METS sector.

There continues to be shared interests between the US and Western Australia in areas such as health and medical life sciences, space, dual-use technologies and advanced manufacturing, creative industries and primary industries.

As part of the Commonwealth of Nations, Canada and Australia share a historical connection that is strengthened by strong cultural ties.



The Statue of Liberty, New York, USA

Canada is similar to Western Australia in that it is a resource-rich and export-oriented economy, presenting opportunities to collaborate in areas of shared capability such as clean energy technologies, mining and METS capabilities and innovative industries like health and medical life sciences.

Latin American countries are emerging as important markets for the international education sector with a growing number of students choosing Western Australia for their studies. Western Australia also shares similarities in other sectors, such as the mining and METS sector and remote automations with Chile and Brazil, presenting investment and trade opportunities by leveraging Western Australia's expertise in these areas.

Key agreements and strategic partnerships

- » **Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP) (2018)**
A Free Trade Agreement (FTA) between Australia, Brunei Darussalam, Canada, Chile, Japan, Malaysia, Mexico, New Zealand, Peru, Singapore, and Vietnam. The United Kingdom signed its accession protocol to join the CPTPP in July 2023.
- » **Peru-Australia FTA (2020)**
Enables businesses to take advantage of this growing market and strengthens Western Australia's economic relationships with Latin America.
- » **Australia-Chile FTA (2009)**
Covers goods, services and investment. From 1 January 2015, all tariffs were eliminated except sugar.
- » **Australia-USA FTA (2005)**
Upon commencement, more than 97 per cent of Australia's non-agricultural exports to the US (excluding textiles and clothing) became duty free and two-thirds of agricultural tariff lines went to zero.

ASEAN

Invest and Trade Western Australia presence

Jakarta, Manila, Singapore, Kuala Lumpur, Ho Chi Minh City and Hanoi

Markets

Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam and Timor-Leste

Tourism Western Australia presence

Jakarta and Singapore

The number of **international visitors** from ASEAN rose **15%** in 2024-25



Malaysia is Western Australia's **3rd largest** market for **goods imports** (\$3.7 billion or 7%)



Singapore accounted for the **largest number of visitors** from ASEAN, followed by Malaysia and Indonesia (2024-25)



Western Australia's top trading partners in 2024-25:

5th - Singapore, with \$12.9 billion of goods traded, which was 38% of Australia's total trade in goods with Singapore

9th - Malaysia, with \$6.2 billion of goods traded, which was 21% of Australia's total trade in goods with Malaysia

10th - Indonesia, with \$6 billion of goods traded, which was 29% of Australia's total trade in goods with Indonesia

Strategically located, Western Australia has a well-established relationship with its neighbours in Southeast Asia and shares interests in a peaceful, stable and prosperous region. In addition to its close proximity, Western Australia's complementary economy to many ASEAN countries, aviation links and shared time zone enable a strong investment and trade relationship. Western Australia attracts a large cohort of ASEAN residents who come to Perth for education or family reasons, and through building strong connections, this presents potential for legacy investment.

Across ASEAN, governments are pursuing economic development policies that promote international cooperation and integration,

support trade liberalisation, strengthen supply chains, and increase connectivity and energy security.

Indonesia, Malaysia and Singapore have emerged as major trading hubs and fall within Western Australia's top ten trading partners. Traditionally underpinned by sectors such as resources, primary industries, tourism and education, there are opportunities to collaborate in new sectors such as health and medical life sciences, the energy transition and space industries to advance shared interests, expand economic ties, and diversify supply chains across innovation, technology and connectivity.



Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam

Key agreements and strategic partnerships

» **ASEAN-Australia Comprehensive Strategic Partnership (2021)**

Intended to address complex regional challenges and support cooperation throughout Australia and ASEAN.

» **ASEAN-Australia-New Zealand Free Trade Area (2010)**

An agreement between ASEAN Member States (Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam), Australia and New Zealand. It delivers extensive tariff reduction and greater certainty for services suppliers and investors.

» **Western Australia-East Java Sister State Relationship (1990)**

The Province of East Java and Western Australia formed a sister-state relationship in August 1990. The relationship celebrated its 35th anniversary in 2025. The current focus of cooperation includes trade and investment; tourism, culture and creative industries;

energy; primary industries; and education and training (including youth and sport).

» **Comprehensive Strategic Partnership between Vietnam and Australia (2024)**

» **Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (2022)**

» **Comprehensive Strategic Partnership between Australia and Malaysia (2021)**

» **Indonesia-Australia Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (2020)**

» **Comprehensive Strategic Partnership between Australia and the Republic of Indonesia (2018)**

» **Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (2018)**

» **Australia-Singapore Comprehensive Strategic Partnership (2017)**

» **Singapore-Australia Green Economy Agreement (2022)**

» **Singapore and Australia Green and Digital Shipping Corridor MoU (2024)**

Greater China

Invest and Trade Western Australia presence

Shanghai and Hangzhou

Markets

Mainland China and Hong Kong

Tourism Western Australia presence

Shanghai



China is Western Australia's **3rd largest** market for **international students** (9.4%, 2024)

China has the **2nd largest economy** in the world



China was Western Australia's **top trading partner** with \$11.2 billion or 21% of goods imported and 116.7 billion or 50% of goods exported (2024-25)

China was Western Australia's **4th largest** market for **international visitors** in 2024-25



China is Western Australia's largest two-way trading partner, sharing a complementary trade relationship based mainly on resources exports (in particular, iron ore) and imports of consumer goods, and manufactured and industrial products. The relationship grew significantly from the early 2000s as China's rapid industrialisation and urbanisation created a large demand for steel, and in turn, iron ore imports from Western Australia.

While iron ore is Western Australia's highest value export to China by a large margin, China is also a leading market for many of the State's other resource exports including LNG, lithium and gold, and is the State's largest market for agrifood exports.

With many shared interests, Western Australia and China have strong ties in tourism and education. Chinese tourists are among the top

international visitors to Western Australia, with the State also the top destination for Chinese students studying higher education in Australia.

The relationship is continuing to evolve as China's economy becomes more focused on advanced manufacturing, innovation and services, and as its population demographic shifts.

Western Australia and Hong Kong also have a longstanding investment and trade relationship. The State accounts for half of Australia's total trade in goods with Hong Kong. While Hong Kong has established itself as a global financial and logistics hub, primary industries remain a key investment and trade pillar with Western Australia, supported by increased demand for the State's premium agrifood and beverage products.



Shanghai, China

Key agreements and strategic partnerships

» **Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement** (2022)

A regional free trade agreement that complements and builds upon Australia's existing free trade agreements with 14 other Indo-Pacific countries. It is the world's largest free trade agreement by members' GDP.

» **The China-Australia Free Trade Agreement (ChAFTA)** (2015)

This agreement unlocks significant opportunities for Australia in China, which is Australia's largest export market for goods and services, accounting for nearly a third of total exports, and a steady source of foreign investment.

» **Sister-State Relationship between Western Australia and Zhejiang Province** (1987)

The current focus of cooperation includes primary industries, technology, new energy and health and life sciences. It also committed to continue supporting people-to-people exchange between schools, business councils and government agencies. The partnership is governed by the Western Australia-Zhejiang Exchange Committee that is held biennially in alternate locations.

» **Western Australia and Sichuan Province Strategic Partnership** (2023).

» **Australia Hong Kong Free Trade Agreement and associated Investment Agreement** (2020).

» **MoU between Western Australia and China Development Bank** (2012).

India-Gulf

Invest and Trade Western Australia presence

Chennai, Mumbai and Dubai

Tourism Western Australia presence

Mumbai

Markets

South Asia (India, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Nepal), the Gulf and Middle East (Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar, the United Arab Emirates and Oman) and Africa



India was Western Australia's **8th largest** market for **international visitors** in 2024-25

The largest shares of Western Australia's **international student enrolments** were from India (17.1%, 2024)



Western Australia's top trading partners in 2024-25:

6th - India, with \$10 billion of goods traded in 2024-25, which was 27% of Australia's total trade in goods with India

13th - UAE, with \$3.2 billion of goods traded, which was 40% of Australia's total trade in goods with the UAE

Western Australia and India's economic relationship has continued to strengthen and grow since the 1990s, resulting in India being a key export market for Western Australia, diversifying the State's trading partners beyond North East Asia.

India is the world's largest democracy and has the world's fifth largest economy, which is fast-growing and becoming increasingly innovation driven. Services, especially information technology, business process outsourcing, and financial services, account for over half of India's Gross Domestic Product (GDP).

Key exports from Western Australia to India include non-monetary gold, iron ore, alumina, mineral sands, and gold ore. India is also the State's largest source of international

students, reflecting mutual interests in skills development, but also the strong people-to-people ties and community connections.

As India continues to grow rapidly in its development, there are investment and trade opportunities across various sectors such as energy, resources, agriculture, creative industries and technology for space and other dual-use technologies. Partnerships in these areas can support our shared goals for the clean energy transition and India's growing demand for high-quality food and resources to support its expanding middle class and industrial base. The Western Australian Government is actively pursuing opportunities to establish a direct aviation connection with India to strengthen access for this key visitor market and support sustained tourism growth.



Indian parliament, New Delhi

Western Australia's economic relationship with countries in the Gulf, such as the United Arab Emirates (UAE), has continued to grow steadily over recent years. The UAE is the State's largest trading partner among the countries in the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) with main exports to the UAE including alumina and canola seeds.

A number of investment and trade opportunities are emerging with the UAE, particularly for mineral exploration, mining and processing of critical minerals, green energy infrastructure and large-scale clean energy projects.

Key agreements and strategic partnerships

» **Australia-UAE Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) (2025)**

The CEPA and the Agreement Between Australia and the United Arab Emirates on

the Promotion and Protection of Investments (Investment Agreement) entered into force on 1 October 2025. Tariffs are eliminated on over 99 per cent of Australia's exports to the UAE including alumina, frozen red meat and oil seeds.

» **Australia-India Economic Cooperation and Trade Agreement (2022)**

From 1 January 2026, 90 per cent of Australian goods exports by value to India will be tariff free.

» **Letter of Intent between the Western Australian Government's Department of Energy and Economic Diversification and the Abu Dhabi Investment Office (2024).**

» **Comprehensive Strategic Partnership between Republic of India and Australia (2020).**

North East Asia

Invest and Trade Western Australia presence

Tokyo, Kobe and Seoul

Markets

Japan and South Korea

Tourism Western Australia presence

Tokyo

Japan is Australia's **3rd largest investor** by country (12.2%)



Japan was Western Australia's **9th largest** market for **international visitors** in 2024-25



Japan is Western Australia's **2nd largest** market for **goods exports** (\$24.9 billion or 11%)

South Korea is Western Australia's **3rd largest** market for **goods exports** (\$15.7 billion or 7%)

Japan has the world's fourth-largest economy and is a leading exporter of vehicles, machinery, precision equipment and robotics. Western Australia's relationship with Japan is characterised by mutual reliability, long-term contracts, shared values and strategic interests in the Indo Pacific region.

For the past 60 years, Western Australia and Japan have maintained a strong and enduring economic relationship. The demand for raw material from Japan due to its rapid post-war industrialisation resulted in Western Australia becoming a major supplier of iron ore, natural gas and other minerals.

Today, Japan is Western Australia's second largest trading partner. In addition to providing resources and minerals, Japan is Western Australia's second largest agrifood market. Imports from Western Australia include a premium noodle wheat blend that is used to produce udon noodles.

LNG will continue to play an important role in supporting Japan's energy security and transition and as both regions progress to a net zero future, there are opportunities for next generation fuels and emerging energy industries.

Beyond the energy sector, investment and trade opportunities between Western Australia and Japan continue to evolve. Japan is bolstering its technological capabilities through investing in its national defence capabilities, space technologies and precision medicine that will forge closer technological ties with Western Australia. Primary industries also continue to be a major opportunity for both regions as increased demand and direct air access between Perth and Tokyo evolves the growth of the industry.

Meanwhile, South Korea is the world's 12th largest economy driven by a mix of high-tech and heavy industries including advanced manufacturing. South Korea is a global leader in exporting semiconductors, automobiles and petrochemicals.

Western Australia and South Korea's investment and trade relationship has primarily been driven by South Korea's industrialisation and demand for minerals, especially iron ore for its steel industry. LNG exports also remain vital to South Korea's energy needs, and over time, exports have diversified to include gold, copper, wheat and other agrifoods. South Korea and Western Australia's transition to net zero



Tokyo, Japan

brings new investment and trade opportunities to collaborate in the energy sector. This continuously evolving partnership underpins major economic growth in both regions.

Key agreements and strategic partnerships

» **Australia-Republic of Korea Comprehensive Strategic Partnership (2021)**

A framework for enhanced bilateral cooperation, structured around three pillars: strategic and security, economic, innovation and technology, and people-to-people exchanges. It has led to significant initiatives including the Low and Zero Emissions Technology Partnership, focusing on areas like clean hydrogen and critical minerals.

» **Japan-Australia Special Strategic Partnership (2014)**

In 2014, Australia and Japan elevated their bilateral relationship to a "Special Strategic Partnership". Key developments included the signing of the Japan-Australia Economic Partnership Agreement and the Agreement on the Transfer of Defence Equipment and Technology, which were designed to boost economic ties and deepen defence cooperation.

» **Sister-State Relationship between Western Australia and Hyogo Prefecture (1981)**

A new Joint Statement to mark the Western Australia-Hyogo Prefecture Sister-State Relationship's 40th Anniversary was signed in January 2023. It includes cooperation in the renewable energy sector to achieve carbon neutrality, carbon neutral port transition,

research in science and technology, commerce, trade and investment, and cultural communities of Western Australia and Hyogo Prefecture.

» **MoU between Western Australia and the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy (MOTIE) (2024).**

» **MoU on a Comprehensive Strategic Partnership between the State of Western Australia and Japan Bank for International Cooperation (2023).**

» **MoU for Cooperation between Himeji Port of Hyogo Prefecture and Pilbara Ports Authority (2023).**

» **MoU on Earth Science Cooperation between Korea Institute of Geoscience and Minerals Resources Republic of Korea and Minerals Research Institute of Western Australia (2023).**

» **Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (2022).**

» **MoU between Western Australia and Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group Ltd (2021).**

» **MoU between Western Australia and Japan Organization for Metals and Energy Security (2020 and 2022).**

» **Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (2018).**

» **Japan-Australia Economic Partnership Agreement (2015).**

» **Korea-Australia Education MoU (1990).**

United Kingdom-Europe

Invest and Trade Western Australia presence

London and Frankfurt

Markets

The United Kingdom (UK) and Europe

Tourism Western Australia presence

London, Frankfurt, Rome and Lyon

Europe has a combined population of **755 million** (3rd largest in the world)

The UK accounts for the **largest share of international visitors** in Western Australia (14% in 2024-25)



The United Kingdom, France and Italy are in the **world's top ten** largest economies

Germany has the world's **3rd largest economy**, behind China and the US

The UK is Australia's **2nd largest investor** by country with \$839 billion in 2024 (16.9% of total investment)

In 2024, EU investment in Australia was **\$869 billion**



As part of the Commonwealth of Nations, Western Australia shares a historical connection with the UK that has developed into a modern partnership built on common values and people-to-people ties. Western Australia also maintains an enduring relationship with Europe, which spans shared democratic values and cultural links.

As well as these significant historical and social connections, Western Australia's relationships with both the UK and Europe have been further strengthened over decades of economic cooperation and aligned strategic interests.

Currently, the UK and Europe are amongst Western Australia's largest trading partners and sources of foreign direct investment. Traditionally underpinned by sectors such as agriculture, resources, and tourism, there is growing opportunity to expand investment and trade across a wide range of sectors. In particular, the transition to net zero

emissions presents significant opportunities for collaboration, investment and trade across critical mineral supply chains and other emerging energy industries.

In addition, Western Australia is aligned to a number of the UK's priority sectors, such as advanced manufacturing, digital and technologies (including space industries) as well as creative industries, clean energy industries, defence, and life sciences.

The joint AUKUS agreement presents major opportunities for defence industries, with Western Australia at the forefront of Australia's nuclear-powered submarine pathway. The Australian Defence Precinct (located in Henderson, just south of Perth) is set to become the southern hemisphere's largest naval maintenance and shipbuilding hub. Within defence, cross-cutting enablers such as dual-use technology and innovation present broader opportunities for collaboration.



Palace of Westminster, London UK

Similar opportunities exist between Western Australia and several European countries, such as Germany and France that have highly developed technology sectors. In addition to security and defence, the European Union (EU) is also prioritising a range of areas to support economic and social outcomes. Those with strong alignment to Western Australia include the clean energy transition, digital economy transformation, research, innovation and technology adoption, food security, and climate adaptation.

The broad ranging interests of countries across Europe present further opportunities across almost every sector.

Key agreements and strategic partnerships

» **EU-Australia MoU on Critical and Strategic Minerals** (2024)

To support cooperation on sustainable critical and strategic minerals. The partnership enables the EU to diversify its supplies of materials necessary for the green and digital transformation, while contributing to the development of Australia's domestic critical minerals sector.

» **Australia-UK FTA** (2023)

Eliminates tariffs on over 99 per cent of Australian goods exports to the UK.

» **AUKUS trilateral security partnership** (2021)

AUKUS is an enhanced trilateral security partnership between Australia, the UK and the US. It will deepen diplomatic, security and defence cooperation between Australia, the UK and the US with a focus on joint capabilities and interoperability – initially focusing on cyber capabilities, artificial intelligence, quantum technologies and additional undersea capabilities.

» **Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership** (UK's accession in 2023).

» **Australia-UK Joint Supply Chain Resilience Initiative** (2022).

» **Partnership Agreement between Australia and the NATO Support and Procurement Organisation** (2025).

» **Framework Agreement between Australia and the EU** (2022).



Perth, Western Australia

Supporting you to do business

Invest and Trade Western Australia operates a network of offices that is available to assist local businesses to access new markets and support international investors to explore investment, trade and partnership opportunities in Western Australia. See 'Contact Us' on page 44.

To unlock investment and support major projects in Western Australia, the Western Australian Government has undertaken several measures to enhance the State's regulatory approvals system (see 'Policy and Regulatory Frameworks' on page 12).

There are also a range of programs and incentives available at the State and national level to assist with the development and advancement of projects in Western Australia. A number of key initiatives are detailed below (this is not an exhaustive list).

Facilitating major projects

The Western Australian Government has significant experience providing facilitation services to make it easier to do business in Western Australia and increase investment. This includes working with proponents to identify potential options for industrial land and supporting businesses to navigate the State's regulatory environment. The Green Energy Projects initiative is an example of how the Western Australian Government is supporting green energy projects across a range of industries including conventional wind and solar, hydrogen industries and critical minerals processing and manufacturing.



Investment Attraction Fund

In 2022, the Western Australian Government launched the first round of the Investment Attraction Fund (IAF), prioritising sectors for strategic development across the State's priority sectors.

In 2023, the New Energies Industries Funding Stream was launched, which targets investment into clean energy projects to further support the Western Australian Government's decarbonisation and diversification agenda. This includes projects in carbon capture, utilisation and storage, low emissions iron and critical minerals. A second round of this stream was launched in 2025.

Register of Interest – global trade engagement

In June 2025, Invest and Trade Western Australia launched a Register of Interest to provide a streamlined way for Western Australian companies to express interest in joining future Government-led global trade initiatives - such as investment and trade missions, global accelerator programs, international trade exhibitions, and market insight webinars. The Register of Interest can be found on the Invest and Trade Western Australia website, any company interested in exploring new markets or forming international opportunities is encouraged to register. As opportunities arise, eligible registrants will receive invitations to apply for relevant initiatives and activities.

Small Business Development Corporation

The Small Business Development Corporation (SBDC) supports small businesses in Western Australia through a range of advisory services, workshops, resources and advocacy. In particular, the SBDC can assist individuals looking to start or grow a small business in Western Australia and provide advice across a range of areas including business planning, market research, licences and permits, as well as managing disputes.

Geological Survey of Western Australia

The Geological Survey of Western Australia (GSWA) is a trusted, world-leading geological survey organisation that provides objective and authoritative geoscientific data, information, and knowledge to support the responsible use of the State's natural resources.

The GSWA produces state-of-the-art databases, maps, digital spatial layers, and geophysical and geochemical datasets that provide the building blocks for the discovery of new mineral and energy resources, and which provide a foundation for government to develop policies and make decisions on economic and land-use issues. It also provides the general public and interest groups with the geological knowledge to make informed opinions around mining and resources and informs our stakeholders about the history and importance of our continent.

Western Australian Treasury Corporation

The Western Australian Treasury Corporation (WATC) is the central financial services provider for the Western Australian Government. The WATC partners with Western Australian Government entities to achieve sound financial management outcomes, while providing investors with secure and sustainable investment opportunities. As part of its work with institutional investors, the WATC undertakes wholesale funding activities through a range of debt facilities in both domestic and overseas financial markets to source funding for Western Australia's borrowing program.

Clean Energy Finance Corporation

The Clean Energy Finance Corporation (CEFC) is Australia's specialist climate investor working to increase the flow of finance into the clean energy sector, advance efforts to reduce Australia's emissions and reach net zero by 2050. The CEFC invests in the latest technologies to generate, store, manage and transmit clean energy.

National Reconstruction Fund Corporation

The Australian Government established the \$15 billion National Reconstruction Fund Corporation (NRFC) to help diversify and strengthen Australia's industry and economy.

The NRFC offers financial services in the form of debt, equity and guarantees to support Australian projects across seven priority areas of the Australian economy.

These priority areas are:

- » Resources, including critical minerals and metals.
- » Agriculture, forestry and fisheries.
- » Transport and manufacturing of transport vehicles.
- » Medical science manufacturing.
- » Renewables and low emission technologies.
- » Defence capability.
- » Enabling capabilities, including engineering and data science.

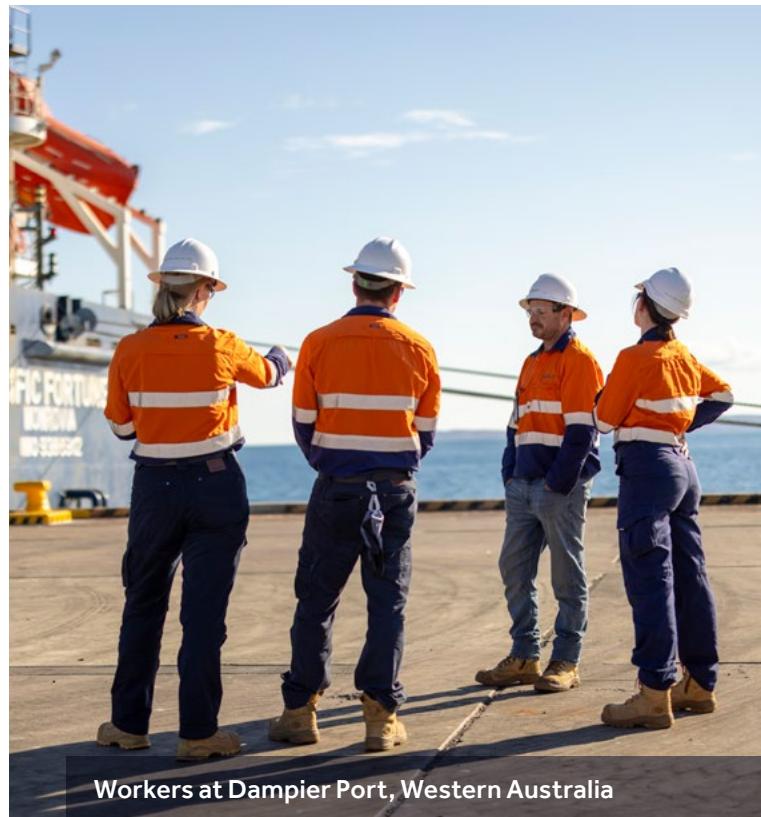
Export Finance Australia

Export Finance Australia (EFA) functions as the Australian Government's export credit agency. It provides support to Australian export trade and overseas infrastructure development that delivers benefits to Australia. EFA provides a range of financial solutions including, loans, bonds, guarantees and project and structured finance.

EFA provides finance solutions to:

- » Australian exporters and businesses in the export supply chain.
- » Overseas buyers of Australian goods or services.
- » Pacific and Indo-Pacific infrastructure projects that benefit Australia and the region.
- » Domestic and overseas resources projects that include Australian goods or services.
- » Businesses looking to invest overseas.

To view the range of support available in Western Australia, visit [Grants and programs finder | business.gov.au](https://business.gov.au/grants-and-programs-finder)



Workers at Dampier Port, Western Australia



Perth, Western Australia

Migration Pathways

The Australian Government offers a range of visas that allow people to come to Australia to live and work and use their skills.

Skilled Visa

Visas are available through the Australian Government's Department of Home Affairs (Home Affairs), for eligible professionals or trades persons. They include both temporary and permanent visas. The two main pathways are employer sponsored and independent or nominated.

Western Australia Designated Area Migration Agreement

In June 2024, the Western Australian Government entered a five-year agreement with the Australian Government to secure 10,000 skilled migration places creating more opportunities for the State's economy. Combined with the State Nominated Migration Program, the Designated Area Migration Agreement (DAMA) enables the Western Australian Government to set its own priorities for skilled migration to meet the State's skill needs. Businesses seeking to access the DAMA must first obtain endorsement from the Department of Training and Workforce Development as the authorised Designated Area Representative.

State Nominated Migration Program (Subclass 190 and Subclass 491)

Under the State Nominated Migration Program the Western Australian Government can

nominate eligible migrants to live and work in Western Australia for two visas: the Skilled Nominated visa (subclass 190) and the Skilled Work Regional (Provisional) visa (subclass 491).

Skills in Demand (Subclass 482)

This temporary visa lets an employer sponsor a suitably skilled worker to fill a position they can't find a suitably skilled Australian to fill. There are three streams: Core Skills Stream, Specialist Skills Stream and Labour Agreement Stream.

Skilled Employer Sponsored Regional (Provisional) visa (Subclass 494)

This temporary visa enables regional employers to address identified labour shortages within their region by sponsoring skilled workers where employers can't find suitably skilled Australians to fill. If you are granted this visa and meet all eligibility criteria, you may be able to apply for the Permanent Residence (Skilled Regional) visa (subclass 191).

National Innovation Visa (Subclass 858)

This is a permanent visa for people who have an internationally recognised record of exceptional and outstanding achievement in an eligible area. You must be invited to apply for this visa.

For more information visit the Department of Home Affairs at immi.homeaffairs.gov.au

For more information on the Migration programs in Western Australia visit: migration.wa.gov.au

Contact us

Invest and Trade Western Australia network

Invest and Trade Western Australia is the 'front door' to assist investors and businesses to engage with the State's established industries and gather critical information to make it easier than ever to do business in and with Western Australia.

Invest and Trade Western Australia's network of local and international offices are here to help

investors navigate the State's investment and trade ecosystem, service existing stakeholders through aftercare, and assist local businesses to access new export markets.

International Hubs

Representing Western Australia 'on-the-ground', the international teams foster people-to-people connections and advocate on behalf of the State and its industries in market. Learn more about each of the hubs below.

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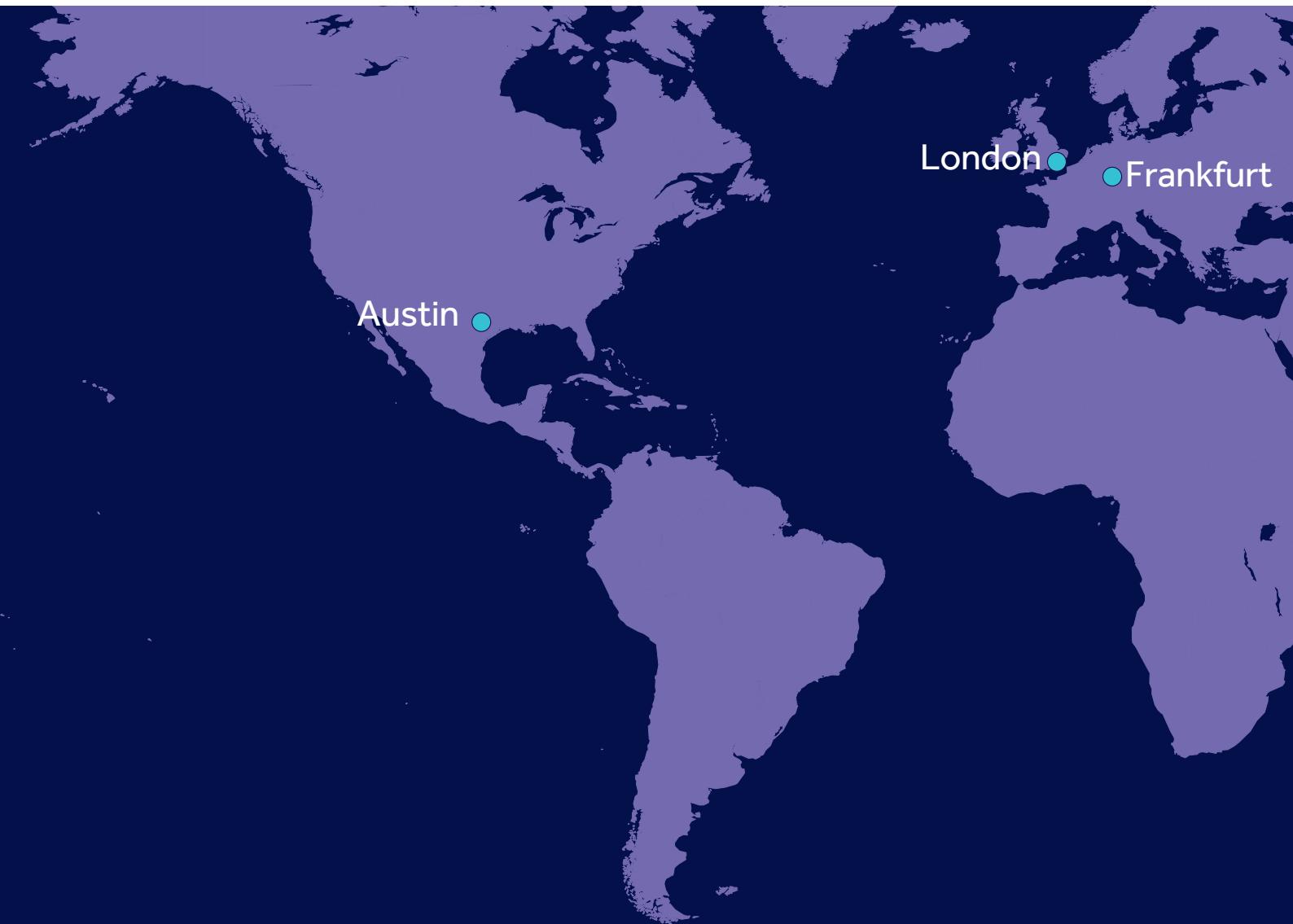
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The Perth Hub

The Perth Hub works in partnership with the overseas teams to coordinate ministerial missions and delegations, strengthen strategic partnerships and assist you with investment and trade opportunities in Western Australia.

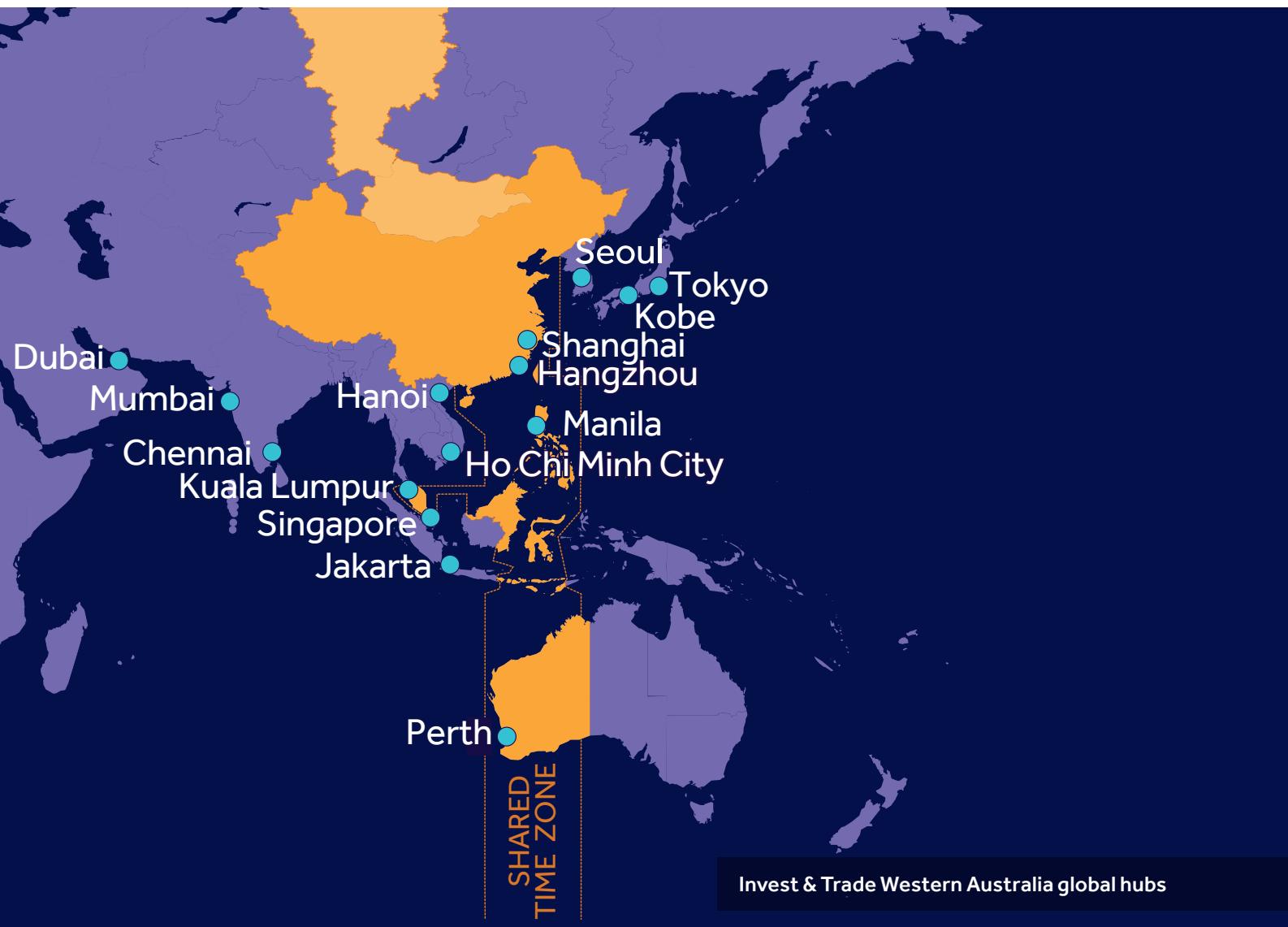
Enquire

If you are looking for opportunities in business, investment or trade, please contact any of the global network of offices or the Perth Hub via our [online enquiry form](#).

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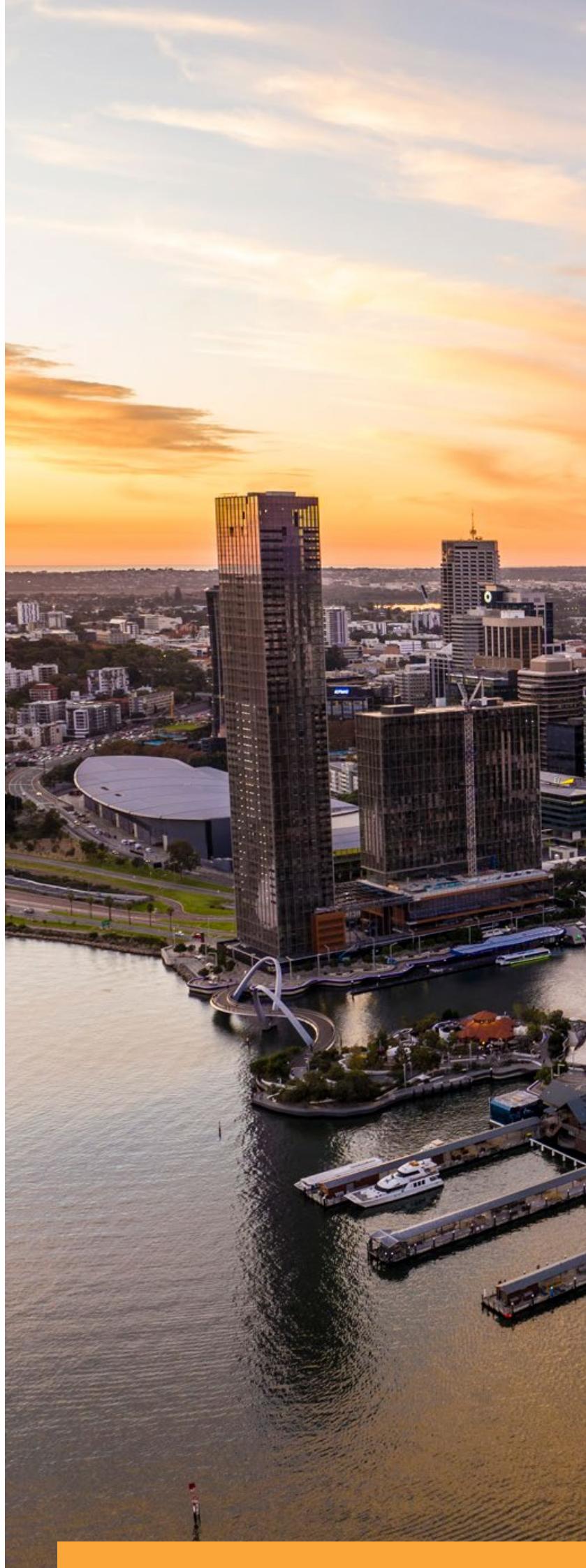
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