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Western Trade Coast State Development Area

Shaping the future of WA's premier industrial region

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Declaration of the Western Trade Coast State Development Area

The declaration of the Western Trade Coast as Western Australia's inaugural State Development Area under the new *State Development Act 2025* recognises its role as the State's premier industrial region. It enables the Coordinator General to guide future development and support critical industry and government projects in the region.

The WA Government is declaring the Western Trade Coast as a State Development Area (SDA). An SDA will strengthen development and coordination, protect key land uses, maximise shared infrastructure use and support key and emerging industries in the Western Trade Coast to drive economic diversification and decarbonisation for the next phase of growth.

The Western Trade Coast sits at a central point in the State's freight and transport logistics networks, supporting major industry, critical supply chains and State-significant projects. It contributes up to \$20 billion annually to the State's economy, and provides direct and indirect jobs to 43,000 people.

Now, the region is entering a key period of change as the State's economy shifts to support diversification and the establishment of emerging, decarbonised industries.

The Western Trade Coast is primed to respond to these shifts by activating development in renewable energy, critical mineral processing, advanced manufacturing and shipbuilding excellence, complementing growth in its existing heavy industries. This development will be accelerated through the delivery of the Westport project in Kwinana and Defence Precinct in Henderson.

Why the Western Trade Coast is being declared



Strategic and economic significance to the State



Supporting key and emerging industries



Infrastructure access and common use opportunities



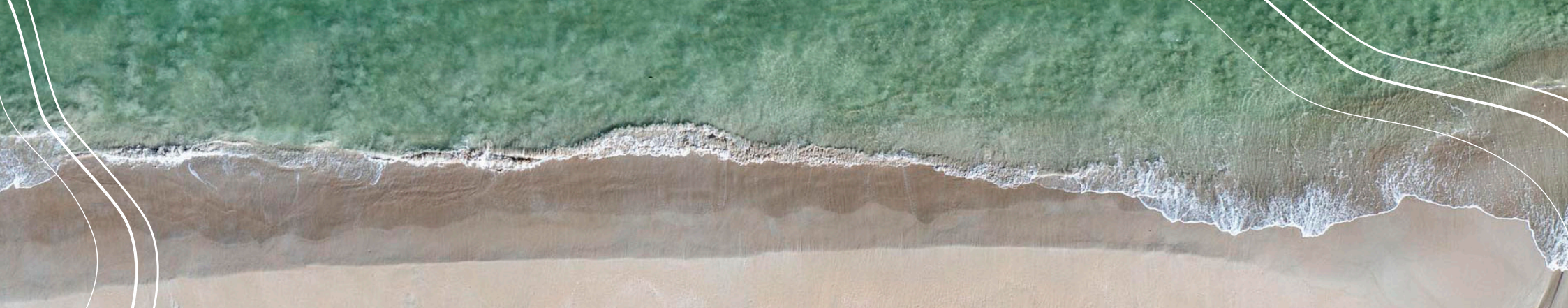
Resolving land use complexity



Contribution to local employment and skills



Community and environmental value



The purpose of State Development Areas

An SDA is an area of land or water identified under the State Development Act for its potential to drive strategic priorities such as economic growth, industrial development and infrastructure delivery.

SDAs are established to:

- support long-term, sustainable WA jobs and strengthen the State's economy
- improve development certainty for industry by offering clear guidance and a single point of contact
- drive coordinated delivery of shared common-use infrastructure aligned to development needs
- provide certainty of land use, improve land accessibility and protect key corridors.

SDAs are made through declarations which clearly set out their boundaries, and the primary purpose of the area, establishing a clear direction for future development. Once declared, the Coordinator General becomes the central point of oversight for the SDA, and is responsible for the planning, establishment and ongoing management of the area.

An SDA Declaration does not change any existing land tenure or ownership or impact existing uses but instead signals the State Government's future intent for the area. The SDA Declaration enlivens powers and functions under the State Development Act to allow the Coordinator General to have visibility of activities within the SDA and to ensure development is aligned with State Government's vision for the area. Visit the [Office of the Coordinator General website](#) to find out more about the powers and functions.

Vision for the Western Trade Coast SDA

The Western Trade Coast continues to be a critical economic driver for the State but faces a confluence of emerging challenges, as the industrial environment in the region rapidly evolves. The core intent of the Western Trade Coast SDA is to drive and enable the next phase of strategic industrial growth in the region, addressing constraints to ensure the region remains internationally competitive, while carefully balancing social and environmental considerations.

The SDA will also support delivery of State Government-led projects within the region, including the Westport container port, the Henderson Defence Precinct and Fremantle Outer Harbour common use berth upgrades.

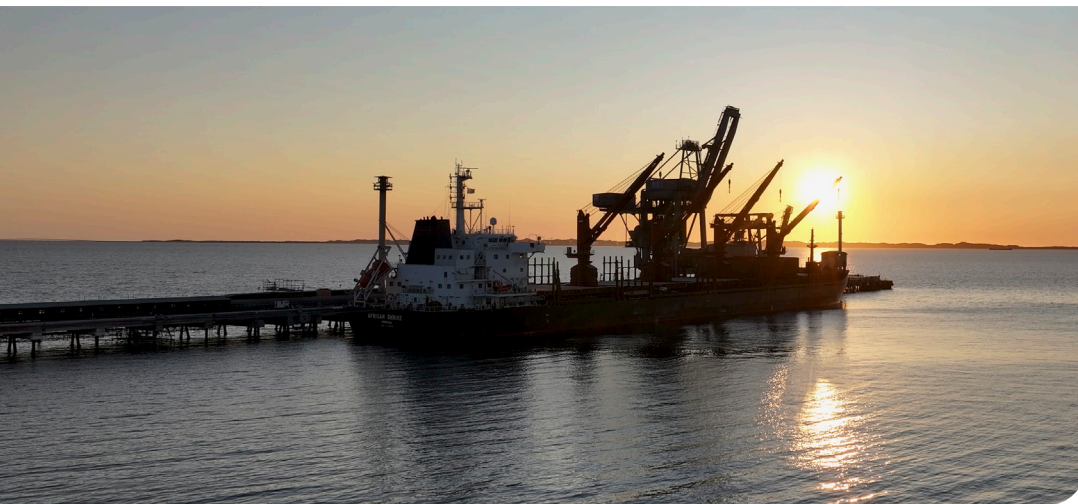


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To achieve this intent, the Western Trade Coast SDA sets out clear objectives, including to:

- provide an internationally competitive industrial region that supports long-term, sustainable development and contributes to regional and State economic growth
- coordinate the development of complex infrastructure upgrades across the SDA to support industry needs
- identify and enable opportunities for shared infrastructure and strategic corridors to foster industrial efficiency and synergies
- leverage WA's competitive advantages to support target industries and advance the State's long-term economic diversification and decarbonisation goals
- ensure the safe and efficient use of land and water, including coordinating a whole-of-Government approach to the management and use of Cockburn Sound
- resolve transitional land uses in a balanced way that considers the needs of industry, landowners and surrounding land uses
- protect and appropriately manage environmental values, including key biodiversity areas and threatened ecological communities.

Target industries

As the global economic landscape shifts towards decarbonisation, the Western Trade Coast is adapting. Previous work has identified 4 target industries for the Western Trade Coast, which will inform the development of the SDA plan.



Shipbuilding and sustainment



Hydrogen and low-carbon fuels



Minerals processing



Port-related logistics and manufacturing

Shipbuilding and sustainment: The combination of emerging Defence shipbuilding activities and growth from the Henderson Defence Precinct will boost economic activity in the region. This will be supported by established commercial shipbuilding and sustainment industries within the Australian Marine Complex.

Hydrogen and low-carbon fuels: The focus on clean hydrogen and other industrial decarbonisation opportunities, such as biofuels, will continue to intensify as the Western Trade Coast develops.

Minerals processing: The Western Trade Coast continues to provide strong opportunities in downstream critical minerals and iron ore processing, with existing industry investing in critical minerals and iron ore processing.

Port-related logistics and manufacturing: The delivery of key infrastructure such as the Westport container port, Fremantle Outer Harbour berth upgrades and related freight upgrades, will support intensified growth in supporting commercial activity in logistics and manufacturing.

Benefits of the Western Trade Coast SDA

Establishing an SDA over the region creates a clear coordination framework, with the Coordinator General providing central oversight of development and activities to ensure alignment with SDA objectives. This provides a range of benefits for industry, landowners and the community in the Western Trade Coast.

For industry:

- Provides clear guidance and project facilitation to industry, enabling development and attracting investment into the region.
- Allows for State-supported coordination and staging of critical infrastructure and connectivity to meet industry and community needs, now and in the future.
- Provides a strategic and timely allocation of industrial land to support industry expansion.
- Supports delivery of key future-facing commitments such as Westport and the Henderson Defence Precinct to set the region up for ongoing success.
- Establishes the Coordinator General as an escalation point for resolution of development constraints.

For landowners:

- Allows the identification of appropriate future land uses on rural land which provides a transitional interface between industrial and residential areas.
- Doesn't change existing tenure or land use rights.
- Establishes a clear land assembly and activation program, which will protect key strategic land uses and identify future infrastructure corridors.

For the community:

- Doesn't alter environmental standards, heritage requirements or statutory approval processes.
- Ensures appropriate management of social, recreational and environmental values within the SDA.
- Supports local employment opportunities.

Woodman Point



Cockburn Sound



Western Trade Coast SDA
indicative boundary

Kwinana Freeway

Cape Peron



Industrial sub-precincts

The Western Trade Coast SDA identifies 5 key industrial sub-precincts within the SDA for future development.



Kwinana Industrial Area

The Kwinana Industrial Area is a 1300ha existing industrial zone, which offers traditional heavy industrial use opportunities and has strong linkages to transport corridors and access to major maritime infrastructure such as the Kwinana Bulk Terminal. The precinct will support the transition and renewal of heavy industrial activity as existing operations evolve, as well as the development of new projects over time. The Kwinana Industrial Area will also include the location of key infrastructure to support future industrial development, such as critical power upgrades and the future Westport container port.

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Rockingham Industry Zone

The Rockingham Industry Zone is a 1200ha heavy industrial precinct located immediately south of the Kwinana Industrial Area, which offers future-facing heavy industrial use opportunities, supported by established corridors and supporting industry. The precinct will support new industrial development in key emerging industries, such as manufacturing, energy and downstream processing, supporting industrial synergies and related development.

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Australian Marine Complex and the Henderson Defence Precinct

The Australian Marine Complex (AMC) is the State's key industrial shipbuilding precinct. Within the AMC, the WA Government is committed to work with the Australian Government to deliver the Henderson Defence Precinct, creating a consolidated, world-class defence shipbuilding and sustainment hub.

Some or all of the Common User Facility is anticipated to be included in the delivery of the Henderson Defence Precinct to facilitate the growth of the defence and supporting shipbuilding industries. Other areas within the AMC, including the Northern Harbour, could support the continuation of critical non-defence industries.

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Latitude 32

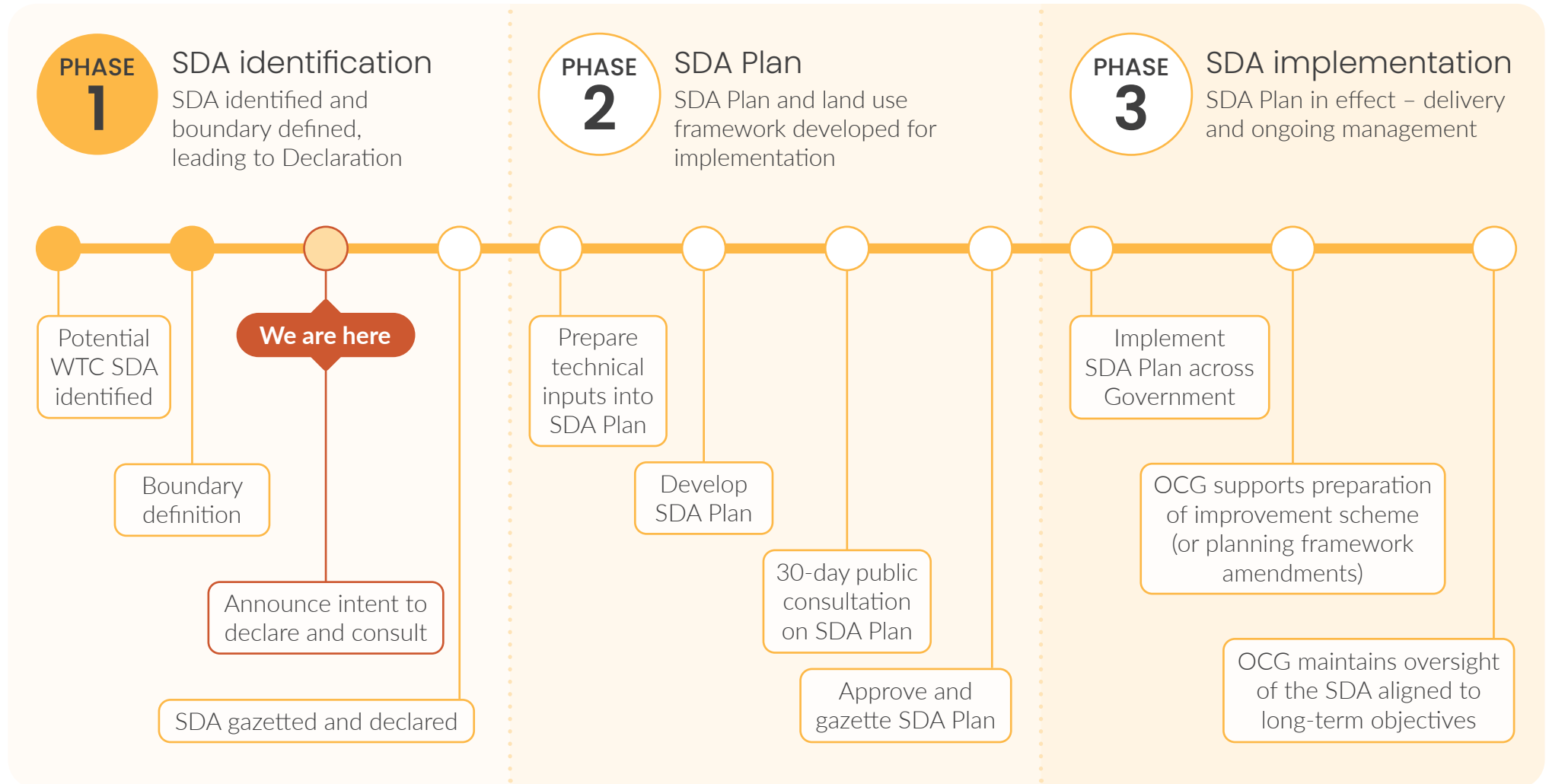
Latitude 32 is located inland of the Kwinana Industrial Area and supplies general industrial land to support the other heavy and specialised industrial precincts. Latitude 32's proximity to existing and planned major infrastructure, including Westport and the planned regional road network ensure it is designed to meet demand for industrial land.

The WA Government is pursuing the establishment of strategic industrial zone in Latitude 32 to accommodate heavy industry uses. The land identified for the new precinct will be preserved in the SDA Plan and enable rezoning to accommodate additional strategic industrial land.

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Next steps

Following declaration, the Office of the Coordinator General will lead preparation of an SDA Plan over the Western Trade Coast to guide future development and decisions made in relation to the SDA.



Note: Central oversight of the SDA by the Coordinator General commences with the declaration.

SDA Plan

An SDA Plan will guide land use, infrastructure provision and development. SDA Plans take a long-term view of the region, identifying intended development within the SDA, and setting out clear precinct and infrastructure planning. The plan addresses specific economic, social and environmental considerations for areas within the SDA.

SDA Plans will be informed by detailed technical studies, which provide guidance on areas such as infrastructure capacity planning to confirm requirements of future development, development staging, cultural, environmental and heritage assessments, required land use and land assembly and corridor identification.

The Office of the Coordinator General will work closely with landowners, industry, local and state governments and other key stakeholders in the preparation of the Western Trade Coast SDA Plan.

SDA Plan objectives



Provides clear guidance to industry, landowners, the community and State agencies about development within an SDA



Recognises the needs of existing industry while enabling future growth



Subject to a public consultation process providing the opportunity for community and stakeholder feedback



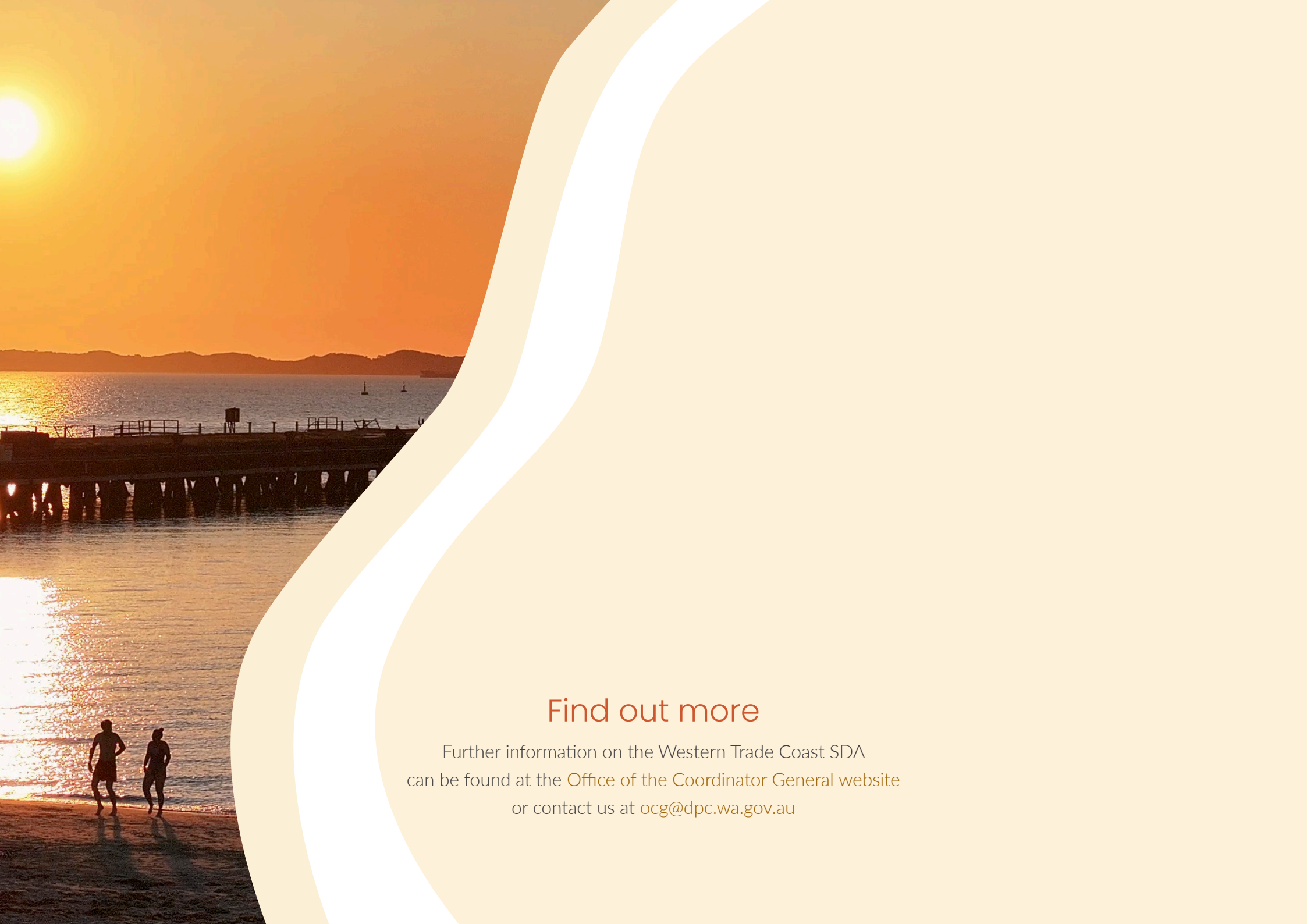
Ensures the impact of development on the environment, cultural heritage and the wider community is avoided, mitigated or managed



Guides preparation of SDA Improvement Schemes and amendments to the planning framework



A due regard instrument, requiring decision makers to consider its guidance when determining a matter within or relevant to the SDA



Find out more

Further information on the Western Trade Coast SDA
can be found at the [Office of the Coordinator General website](#)
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