



Department of
**Energy and Economic
Diversification**

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1. 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.

2. Forward

This information statement has been prepared and published in accordance with Part 5 of the *Freedom of Information Act 1992* (FOI Act). This statement has been prepared as a guide for the public about information held by the Department of Energy and Economic Diversification (the department) and how to access it.

In compliance with section 94 of the FOI Act, this statement provides guidance to the public in relation to the following matters:

- Details of legislation administered by the department.
- Details of the decision-making functions and structure within the department.
- The availability and accessibility of information held by the department.

3. About Us

The Department of Energy and Economic Diversification drives Western Australia's energy transition and long-term economic growth for a stronger, more diverse Western Australian economy.

The department delivers initiatives on behalf of the Western Australian Government that supports the full spectrum of economic activity in Western Australia, from strategic energy planning and large-scale industrial operations, to innovate startups and small to medium businesses across the state.

Led by Director General Rebecca Brown PSM, the department has a strong focus on promoting the state nationally and internationally to increase trade and attract investment, and encourage students to consider Western Australia as their destination of choice.

The department fosters Western Australia's already leading science, research and innovation sectors to build a technologically advanced and prosperous future for all Western Australians



3.1. Our Mission

To support the state's energy transition and economic diversification. This includes:

- Facilitating the transformation to a renewable energy future.
- Attracting trade and investment.
- Promoting international education, science and innovation sectors.
- Supporting the state's economic growth and development.

4. Legislation

4.1. Enabling Legislation

The Department of Energy and Economic Diversification (formerly Department of Jobs, Tourism, Science and Innovation) was designated as a Department pursuant to section 35(1) of the *Public Sector Management Act 1994*, with effect from 1 July 2025.

The department complies with the following legislation in the performance of its functions:

- Auditor General Act 2006
- Copyright Act 1968 (Cth)
- Corruption, Crime and Misconduct Act 2003
- Disability Services Act 1993
- Disability Discrimination Act 1992 (Cth)
- Electronic Transactions Act 2011
- Electoral Act 1907
- Equal Opportunity Act 1984
- Fair Trading Act 2010
- Financial Management Act 2006
- Freedom of Information Act 1992
- Integrity (Lobbyists) Act 2016
- Legal Deposit Act 2012
- Work Health and Safety Act 2020
- Privacy and Responsible Information Sharing Act 2024
- Procurement Act 2020
- Public Interest Disclosure Act 2003
- Public Sector Management Act 1994
- State Records Act 2000

4.2. Administered Legislation

The department administers Statutes and State Agreements on behalf of the Western Australian Government.

Legislation and regulations administered by the department by Ministerial portfolio:

Energy and Decarbonisation Portfolio

- *Dampier to Bunbury Pipeline Act 1997*
- *Electricity Corporations Act 2005*
- *Electricity Industry Act 2004 (except Parts 9A and 9B, which are administered by the Treasurer principally assisted by the Department of Treasury and Finance)*
- *Electricity Transmission and Distribution Systems (Access) Act 1994*
- *Energy Arbitration and Review Act 1998*
- *Energy Coordination Act 1994 (except Parts 2 & 3, which are administered by the Minister for Commerce principally assisted by the Department of Local Government, Industry Regulation and Safety)*

- *Energy Corporations (Transitional and Consequential Provisions) Act 1994*
- *Energy Operators (Powers) Act 1979*
- *Fuel, Energy and Power Resources Act 1972*
- *Gas Corporation (Business Disposal) Act 1999*
- *Gas Services Information Act 2012*
- *Gas Supply (Gas Quality Specifications) Act 2009 (except Part 5 Division 2, which is administered by the Minister for Commerce principally assisted by the Department of Local Government, Industry Regulation and Safety)*
- *National Gas Access (WA) Act 2009*
- *State Energy Commission (Validation) Act 1978*

State Development Portfolio

- *Albany Hardwood Plantation Agreement Act 1993*
- *Alumina Refinery Agreement Act 1961*
- *Alumina Refinery Agreements (Alcoa) Amendment Act 1987*
- *Alumina Refinery (Mitchell Plateau) Agreement Act 1971*
- *Alumina Refinery (Pinjarra) Agreement Act 1969*
- *Alumina Refinery (Wagerup) Agreement and Acts Amendment Act 1978*
- *Alumina Refinery (Worsley) Agreement Act 1973*
- *Anglo-Persian Oil Company Limited's (Private) Act 1919*
- *Barrow Island Act 2003*
- *BHP Billiton (Termination of Agreements) Agreement Act 2006*
- *Bunbury Treefarm Project Agreement Act 1995*
- *Cement Works (Cockburn Cement Limited) Agreement Act 1971*
- *Collie Coal (Griffin) Agreement Act 1979*
- *Collie Coal (Western Collieries) Agreement Act 1979*
- *Collie Hardwood Plantation Agreement Act 1995*
- *Dampier Solar Salt Industry Agreement Act 1967*
- *Dardanup Pine Log Sawmill Agreement Act 1992*
- *Diamond (Argyle Diamond Mines Joint Venture) Agreement Act 1981*
- *Evaporites (Lake MacLeod) Agreement Act 1967*
- *Goldfields Gas Pipeline Agreement Act 1994*
- *Government Agreements Act 1979*
- *Industrial Lands (CSBP & Farmers Ltd.) Agreement Act 1976*
- *Industrial Lands (Kwinana) Agreement Act 1964*
- *Industry and Technology Development Act 1998*
- *Iron Ore (Channar Joint Venture) Agreement Act 1987*
- *Iron Ore (FMG Chichester Pty Ltd) Agreement Act 2006*
- *Iron Ore (Goldsworthy-Nimingarra) Agreement Act 1972*
- *Iron Ore (Hamersley Range) Agreement Act 1963*
- *Iron Ore (Hope Downs) Agreement Act 1992*
- *Iron Ore (Marillana Creek) Agreement Act 1991*
- *Iron Ore (McCamey's Monster) Agreement Authorisation Act 1972*
- *Iron Ore (Mount Bruce) Agreement Act 1972*
- *Iron Ore (Mount Goldsworthy) Agreement Act 1964*
- *Iron Ore (Mount Newman) Agreement Act 1964*
- *Iron Ore (Murchison) Agreement Authorisation Act 1973*
- *Iron Ore (Rhodes Ridge) Agreement Authorisation Act 1972*
- *Iron Ore (Robe River) Agreement Act 1964*
- *Iron Ore (Wittenoom) Agreement Act 1972*
- *Iron Ore (Yandicoogina) Agreement Act 1996*
- *Iron Ore Processing (Mineralogy Pty. Ltd.) Agreement Act 2002*

- *Kambalda Water and Wastewater Facilities (Transfer to Water Corporation) Act 2004*
- *Leslie Solar Salt Industry Agreement Act 1966*
- *Mineral Sands (Beenup) Agreement Act 1995*
- *Mineral Sands (Cooljarloo) Mining and Processing Agreement Act 1988*
- *Mineral Sands (Eneabba) Agreement Act 1975*
- *Morley Shopping Centre Redevelopment Agreement Act 1992*
- *Natural Gas (Canning Basin Joint Venture) Agreement Act 2013*
- *Nickel (Agnew) Agreement Act 1974*
- *Nickel Refinery (BHP Billiton Nickel West Pty Ltd) (Termination of Agreements) Agreement Act 2008*
- *North West Gas Development (Woodside) Agreement Act 1979*
- *Nuclear Activities Regulation Act 1978*
- *Oil Refinery (Kwinana) Agreement Act 1952*
- *Onslow Solar Salt Agreement Act 1992*
- *Ord River Hydro Energy Project Agreement Act 1994*
- *Paper Mill Agreement Act 1960*
- *Pigment Factory (Australind) Agreement Act 1986*
- *Pilbara Energy Project Agreement Act 1994*
- *Poseidon Nickel Agreement Act 1971*
- *Railway and Port (The Pilbara Infrastructure Pty Ltd) Agreement Act 2004*
- *Railway (BBI Rail Aus Pty Ltd) Agreement Act 2017*
- *Railway (Roy Hill Infrastructure Pty Ltd) Agreement Act 2010*
- *Shark Bay Solar Salt Industry Agreement Act 1983*
- *Silicon (Kemerton) Agreement Act 1987*
- *Tailings Treatment (Kalgoorlie) Agreement Act 1988*
- *Texas Company (Australasia) Limited (Private) Act 1928*
- *The Commonwealth Oil Refineries, Limited (Private), Act 1940*
- *Uranium (Yeelirrie) Agreement Act 1978*
- *Western Australian Jobs Act 2017*
- *Western Mining Corporation Limited (Throssell Range) Agreement Act 1985*
- *Wood Processing (Wesbeam) Agreement Act 2002*
- *Wood Processing (WESFI) Agreement Act 2000*
- *Wundowie Charcoal Iron Industry Sale Agreement Act 1974*

Trade and Investment Portfolio

- *Agent General Act 1895*

5. Agency Structure

The Director General leads the department which consists of five groups:

- Strategy, Performance and International Engagement
- Science and Innovation, Industry and Corporate Capability
- Energy Policy WA
- PoweringWA
- State Development and Project Facilitation

6. Functions

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6.1. Strategy, Performance and International Engagement

The Strategy, Performance and International Engagement group (SPIE) shapes and aligns strategy, policy, planning, evaluation and communication across DEED to ensure effective delivery and resource utility. The group also leads the Government's investment, trade and international engagement agenda.

6.2. Science and Innovation, Industry and Corporate Capability

The Science and Innovation, Industry and Corporate Capability group (SIICC) builds the State's capacity through targeted support, fostering science, innovation and industry capability. The group also ensures effective and efficient administration of DEED's financial assistance and equity programs and business support functions.

6.3. Energy Policy WA

Energy Policy WA (EPWA) oversees energy and decarbonisation policy, regulatory and market arrangements, system planning, energy programs, and emergency management to ensure reliable, sustainable, affordable supply.

6.4. PoweringWA

PoweringWA facilitates delivery of the State's new energy infrastructure to drive decarbonisation, system resilience and support future growth.

6.5. State Development and Project Facilitation

The State Development and Project Facilitation group (SDPF) supports the delivery of project-ready land, and facilitates major state development projects, including the management of State Agreements.

7. Public Participation

7.1. Decision Making

The avenues for direct public participation in the organisation's policy formulation and performance are limited. Information is made available through a range of mediums including public statements, news releases and Western Australian Government document collections.

7.2. Public Consultation

The department provides the public with opportunities to comment on proposals while they are being developed and prior to a final outcome being achieved or determined. In both strategic and statutory planning exercises, opportunity for comment and participation may be provided through:

- media statements
- announcements
- invitations to events
- invitations to submit tenders

7.3. Feedback

The department respects our stakeholders' rights to make a complaint if they are not happy with the services we provide, or the way in which they are provided. An online complaint can be made via the following link:

[Have a question or want to report a problem? | Western Australian Government](#)

7.4. Written Requests

A member of the public can write to the department on the activity, service or any issues within the department's jurisdiction.

8. Information Held by the Department

8.1. Publications, reports and presentations

Publications that are free to the public are generally available in electronic format on the department's website. These publications and this information include, but are not limited to:

- annual reports
- presentations
- studies and public consultation documents

8.2. Administrative files

The department produces and maintains comprehensive records on all its operations and activities. The following is a summary of the types of records for which an FOI application may be required:

- policy and strategic planning
- procedures
- internal and external correspondence
- employee records

8.3. Information Centre

The department also maintains an Information Centre that holds material on:

- mineral and infrastructure projects
- mining and energy industries
- science and other industry development
- State Agreements
- economics and statistics
- international trade

9. Freedom of Information

9.1. What is Freedom of Information?

The *Freedom of Information Act 1992* (FOI Act) gives the public a right to access government documents, subject to some limitations.

Documents accessible under the FOI Act include paper records, plans and drawings, photographs, tape recordings, films, video tapes or information stored in a computerised form.

Anyone can also apply to have personal information about themselves in government documents amended if that information is inaccurate, incomplete, out of date or misleading.

The department's aim is to assist applicants in obtaining access to documents and at the lowest reasonable cost. Where appropriate, documents will be provided outside of the Freedom of Information process.

9.2. Freedom of Information Unit

Freedom of Information Coordinator
Department of Energy and Economic Diversification
Level 11, 1 William Street, Perth WA 6000

foi@deed.wa.gov.au

(08) 6277 3000

www.wa.gov.au/DEED

9.3. Accessibility

The department is committed to ensuring accessibility for all members of the community to our facilities, services and information. In accordance with the department's Disability Access and Inclusion Plan (DAIP), Freedom of Information applicants with a disability can be provided copies of documents in a format that will enable them to access the information as readily as other people are able to access it. Information about the DAIP is available on the department's website.

9.4. Application

Applications for information under the Freedom of Information process must:

- be in writing
- be specific so that the search for documents can be done efficiently
- give an Australian address to which notices can be sent
- be lodged at the department together with any application fee payable

Applications will be acknowledged in writing and the applicant will be notified of the decision within 45 (calendar) days.

9.5. Notice of Decision

A Notice of Decision will be issued by the department as soon as possible, within the statutory 45 days from receipt of a valid application.

The Notice of Decision will include details such as:

- the date the decision was made
- the name and designation of the officer who made the decision
- the reasons for claiming the document is exempt if access is refused
- information on the rights of review and the procedures to be followed to exercise those rights

9.6. Amendment of Personal Information

Individuals can apply to the FOI Coordinator for the correction or amendment of any documents held by the department containing their personal information.

The application must be in writing, and you must give as much information as you can to show how or why the department's records are inaccurate, incomplete, out of date or misleading.

If the department decides to amend the information, it will usually alter the record or add a further note in relation to the record. The department will inform you of its decision and reasons, together with your right of review if you are not satisfied.

9.7. Fees and Charges

The application fee and processing charges are set under the Freedom of Information Regulations 1993. Apart from the application fee for non-personal information, all charges are discretionary.

Concessions

For impecunious applicants or applicants issued with a prescribed pensioner concession card, the charges payable are reduced by 25%. This reduction does not apply to the application fee.

9.8. Right of Review

Internal review

Applicants who are dissatisfied with the decision of the department are entitled to ask for an internal review by the department. Applications should be made in writing within 30 days of receiving the notice of decision.

Applicants will be notified of the outcome of the review within 15 days. If the applicant disagrees with the result of the internal review the applicant can apply to the Information Commissioner for an external review. Details will be advised to applicants when the internal review decision is issued.

Should an applicant wish to proceed with a review, the application should:

- be in writing
- give particulars of the decision to be reviewed
- confirm an Australian address to which notices can be sent

No further fees or charges apply to an internal review.

External review

Following an internal review, matters remaining in dispute can be submitted to the Office of the Information Commissioner for an external review. Such applications must be submitted to the Information Commissioner's office within 60 days from the date of the internal review decision for an applicant and 30 days by a third party.

No further fees or charges apply to an external review.