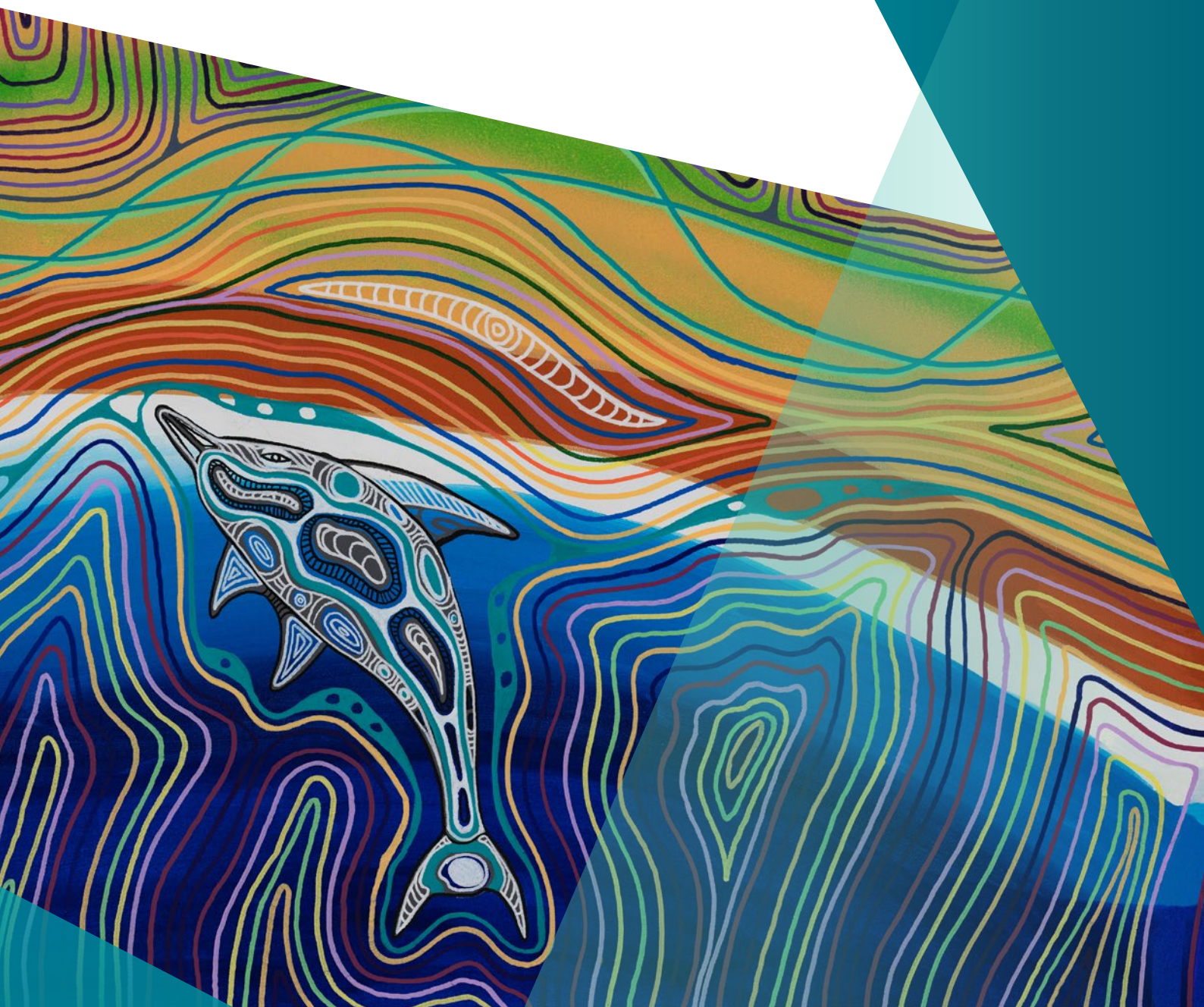




Westport **Noongar Opportunities Strategy**

Stage 4 - September 2026



Acknowledgement of Country

Westport acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the land, sky and waters across Australia and pay respect to Elders past and present. We pay special acknowledgement to the Noongar people as the custodians of the land and waters on which the Westport Program will be delivered.

Our Noongar Opportunities Strategy extends opportunities to all Aboriginal peoples to contribute to the delivery of the Westport Program of works and the long-lasting outcomes that the Westport Program will make to Western Australia’s prosperity.

Within the strategy, Westport has identified four pillars – **Kaartdijin** (Community Collaboration), **Boodja** (Cultural and Environmental Connect), **Boya** (Economic and Capacity Building), and **Moort** (Meaningful Pathways). Of these pillars, Boodja, Boya and Moort initiatives are extended to all Aboriginal peoples. The Kaartdijin initiatives are Noongar specific and must be led by, or delivered in partnership with, Noongar people guided by cultural advice and leadership provided through the Westport Noongar Reference Group.

Glossary

English Meaning	Noongar Word	Phonetic Explanation
Path, Track	Bidi	“bee-dee”
Elders	Birdiya	“beer-dee-ah”
Country	Boodja	“booj-ah”
Stone or Rock	Boya	“boy-ya”
Walk slowly together with strength and opportunity	Dabarkaan Koorliny	“da-bar-kahrn koor-lin”
Together	Dandjoo	“dan-joo”
Cockburn Sound	Derbal Nara	“dur-bal nar-ah”
Traditional Owners of the Binjareb/Pinjarup, Wilman, Ganeang, and Wardandi	Gnaala Karla Booja	“nah-la kar-la boo-jah”
Knowledge	Kaartdijin	“kahrt-jee-din”
Moving, going, travelling	Koorliny	“koor-lin”
Family, Kin, Relations	Moort	“mort”
Aboriginal people of the southwest of Western Australia.	Noongar	“noong-ar”
Sea	Wardan	“wahr-dahn”
Traditional Owners of the Perth metropolitan area in Western Australia.	Whadjuk	“whad-juk”
Kangaroo	Yonga	“yong-ah”

Our Language Disclaimer

The Westport Program acknowledges that Aboriginal languages, stories and knowledge systems are traditionally shared orally and may vary between communities and regions. Noongar language, in particular, is oral in nature, which means individual words may have multiple accepted spellings. Westport respectfully recognises these variations and seeks to use Noongar language in a culturally informed and appropriate manner, guided by Aboriginal community knowledge holders.

Co-ownership statement

We acknowledge our ancestors and elders who have cared for **boodja** for millennia. We honour their connection to **boodja** and **wardan** and recognise the responsibility we carry to protect and strengthen it for the future.

As Noongar custodians, knowledge holders and members of the Westport Noongar Reference Group, we provide cultural and economic guidance to support the delivery of Westport on Noongar **boodja** and within the **Derbal Nara**, on Beeliar Midgegooroo’s territory. We are committed to ensuring this project reflects Noongar values, beliefs, customs and respects what matters to our **moort** and is delivered in a way that upholds cultural authority and strengthens relationships.

Through the Noongar Opportunities Strategy, we seek to keep cultural and environmental integrity at the heart of this project ensuring Noongar **kaartdijin** guides how **boodja** and **wardan** are cared for, now and into the future.

We are equally committed to creating genuine participation and building strong **bidi** through education, training, employment, and leadership so that our **moort** and future generations can **dabarkaan koorliny** with strength and opportunity.

Our commitment is to ensure Westport becomes a legacy project that honours our past, strengthens our present and creates enduring opportunities for generations to come.

Westport's Noongar Reference Group members

Minister’s foreword

The Westport Program represents a once-in-a-century opportunity to plan and deliver critical infrastructure that will support Western Australia’s continued growth, strengthen supply chains and position our State for the future. Importantly, it is also an opportunity to embed Aboriginal participation and community outcomes at the centre of delivery.

This *Noongar Opportunities Strategy* reflects the State Government’s commitment to working in genuine partnership with Noongar people. It recognises the critical role of the Westport Noongar Reference Group in providing cultural insight and leadership to inform how we plan, design and deliver this program. Through this approach, we are not only building infrastructure, but shaping a program that delivers long-term outcomes for communities and future generations.

This Strategy sets a clear direction to deliver a legacy project. By working together, we are creating meaningful pathways for training, employment and business growth, while ensuring environmental and cultural integrity remain at the forefront of the Westport Program.



Hon Rita Saffioti MLA
Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport

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About Westport

Westport is the WA State Government's plan to resolve future container trade constraints in WA by moving container trade from Fremantle to Kwinana. This includes planning new port facilities, a connected road and rail freight system, and logistics operations.

Westport is a once-in-a-century opportunity to design a new port and connecting road and rail networks that will deliver benefits to the economy, community, industry, and Noongar people.

The Noongar Opportunities Strategy guides the Program in achieving Westport's vision, enabling meaningful opportunities to ensure benefits are maximised for Noongar communities through the development of the port and supply chain infrastructure.

Learn more
about Westport



Our partnership

This Strategy is not Westport's strategy for Noongar people; it is a shared strategy created together with Noongar community. It reflects our ongoing partnership and our commitment to working alongside Noongar people in a way that is culturally grounded, transparent and respectful.

The Strategy was co-developed in Stage 3 with the Noongar Advisory Group, whose cultural knowledge and community leadership shaped its foundations. In Stage 4, this partnership continues through the Noongar Reference Group, ensuring Noongar values and advice remain central to how Westport is planned and delivered.

Westport Noongar Reference Group

The Noongar Reference Group provides senior cultural, social, economic and environmental advice to guide Westport during Stage 4 – Definition and Delivery. The group ensures Noongar perspectives, values and knowledge systems continue to shape planning, design, implementation and decision-making throughout the life of the Program.

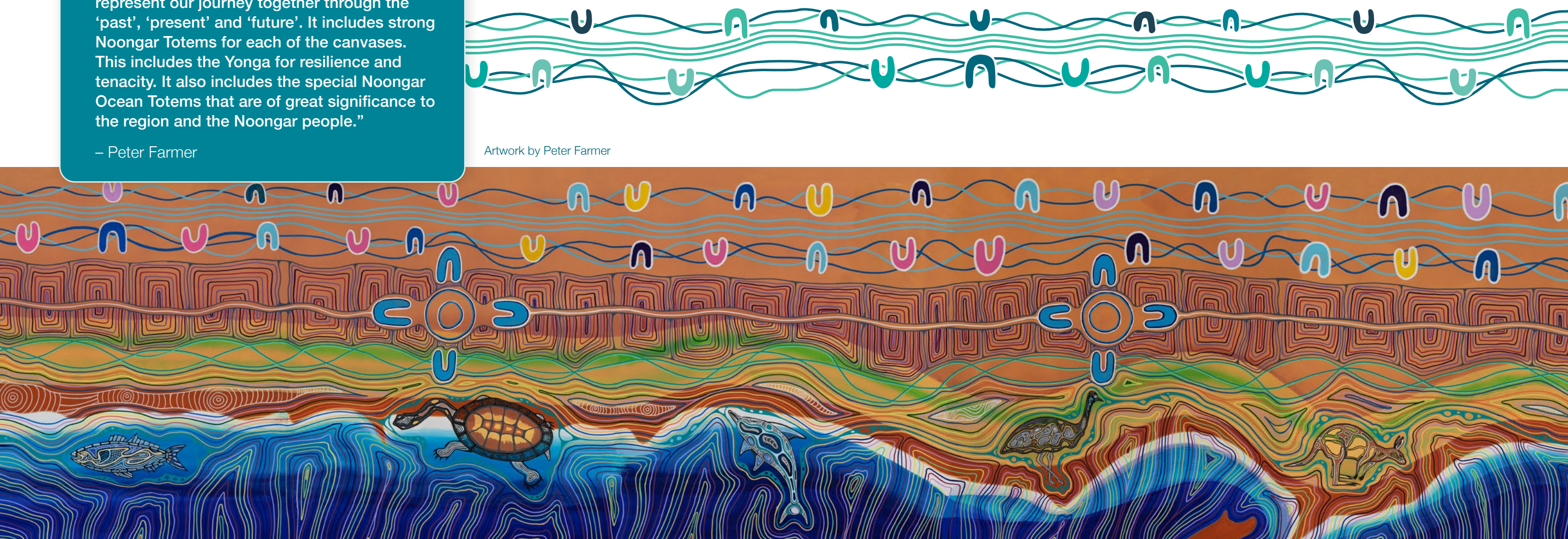
The Noongar Reference Group succeeds the Stage 3 Noongar Advisory Group, evolving the partnership into a more formal governance mechanism that supports cultural integrity and long-term outcomes for Noongar people.

The group includes representatives nominated by the Whadjuk Aboriginal Corporation, Gnaala Karla Booja Aboriginal Corporation, South West Aboriginal Land and Sea Council, and local Noongar community members.

“The three lines throughout the artwork represent our journey together through the ‘past’, ‘present’ and ‘future’. It includes strong Noongar Totems for each of the canvases. This includes the Yonga for resilience and tenacity. It also includes the special Noongar Ocean Totems that are of great significance to the region and the Noongar people.”

– Peter Farmer

Artwork by Peter Farmer



Noongar Country

The Westport Program footprint extends into Whadjuk and Gnaala Karla Booja regions, as defined by their respective Indigenous Land Use Agreements (ILUAs). Beyond the physical footprint, the port and network of road and rail will reach across the State and provide a gateway to domestic and international trade.

LEGEND

- Proposed freight corridor
- Existing roads
- Existing freight rail network
- Whadjuk Region
- Gnaala Karla Booja Region



Whadjuk Indigenous Land Use Agreement

The Whadjuk people are the Noongar dialectal group from the greater Perth area. Their ILUA forms part of the South West Native Title Settlement. The Westport Program intersects with areas within Whadjuk ILUA region including the proposed new shipping channel. Engagement with Whadjuk representatives is essential to ensure respectful and informed planning and development.

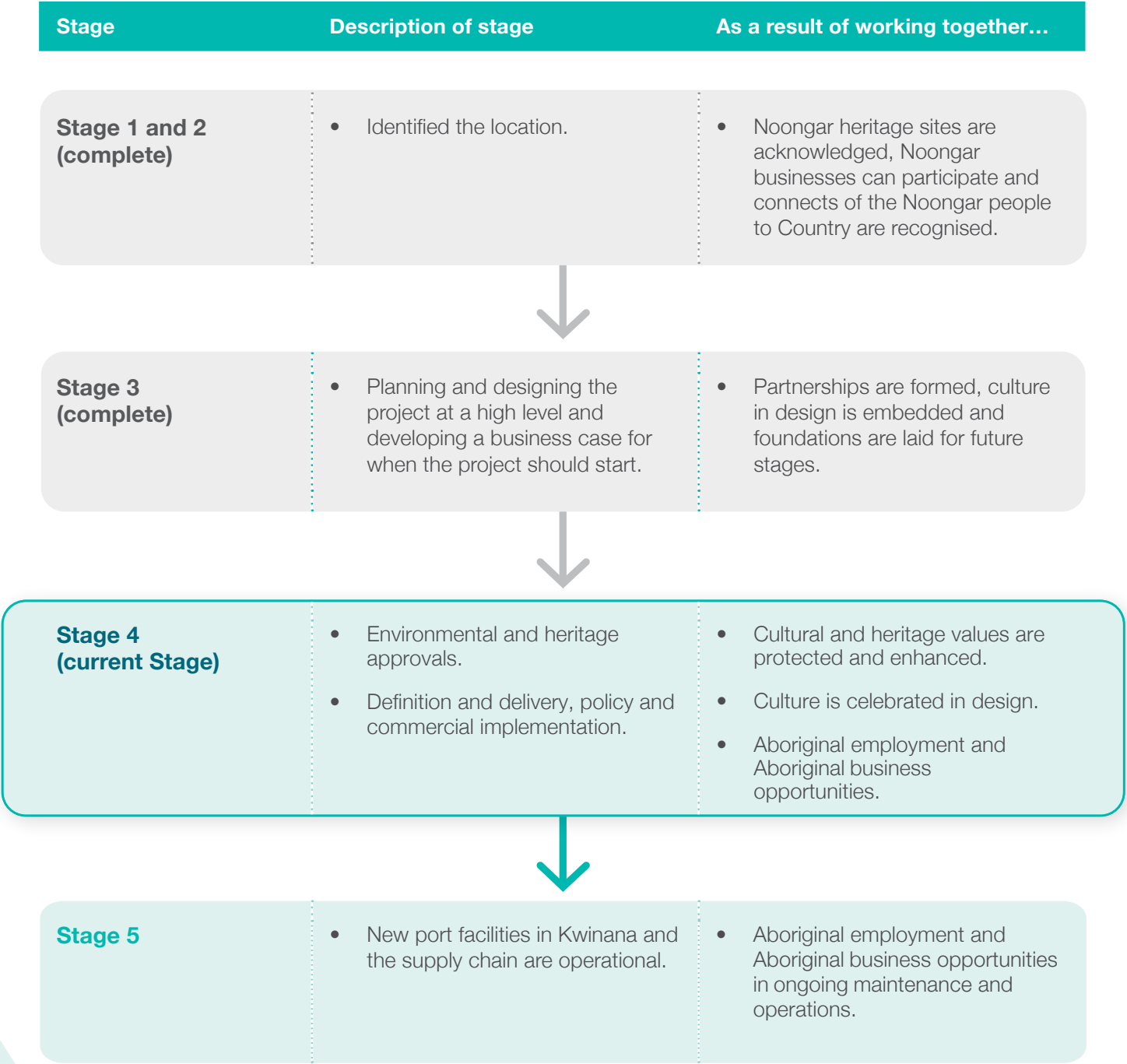
Gnaala Karla Booja Indigenous Land Use Agreement

The Gnaala Karla Booja region encompasses the Noongar dialectal groups of Binjarep/ Pinjarup, Wilman, and Ganeang. This region is also part of the South West Native Title Settlement through the Gnaala Karla Booja ILUA. A significant portion of the Westport footprint, including the new container port terminal, lies within this region. Ongoing engagement and cultural due diligence are required to ensure the protection and recognition of significant sites and cultural values that remain present today.

Indicative only

The Westport and Noongar Journey

Throughout the development of Westport, the Program has been anchored by the overarching Westport vision and goals. These goals also apply to the Noongar Opportunities Strategy and inform how we will be ensuring the program delivers ongoing opportunities to Aboriginal peoples.



Westport Goals

Goal	Noongar Opportunity
 Better trade outcomes for exporters, importers and the community	Better trade outcomes for all Western Australians will unlock new opportunities for the Aboriginal community through lower cost imports, more ready export of products and participating in a more robust economy.
 Local economic growth and jobs are created	Opportunities for targeted creation and growth of Aboriginal businesses to support the Westport program and opportunities provided for Aboriginal peoples to participate in all aspects of the program.
 Value for money	Value for money ensures that the programs put in place to support Aboriginal opportunities go further and have the greatest impact on the Western Australian community.
 Environmental resilience and a net zero supply chain	Environmentally resilient supply chains safeguard Culture and Country for future generations.
 Benefits to the community and Aboriginal peoples	Close working relationships with the Noongar Reference Group and other bodies will ensure that benefits are passed to Aboriginal peoples.
 Safety for workers and the community	All workers, including Aboriginal peoples, will be able to safely contribute to the Westport program.
 Legacy to WA from the unique scale of Westport Program	The Westport Program will create a legacy of new Aboriginal businesses, upskilled Aboriginal peoples and new ways of working together that can support future projects across Western Australia.

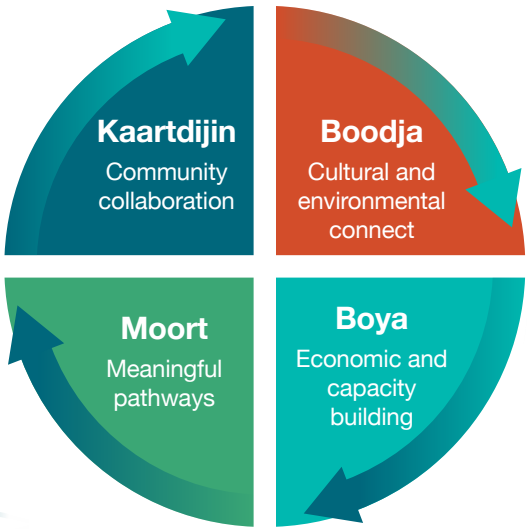
Strategy for Stage 4

Our shared vision for Noongar Opportunities

A port and trade network, shaped by Country and Culture, that benefits Noongar people as well as wider Aboriginal communities.

The strategy pillars

Our initiatives will be guided by four strategic pillars: Kaartdijin Boodja, Boya and Moort. Together, these pillars reflect the strong connections between Noongar knowledge, Country community and economic participation, and the important role each plays in achieving positive social, cultural and economic outcomes.



Pillar	Kaartdijin Community collaboration	Boodja Cultural and environmental connect	Boya Economic and capacity building	Moort Meaningful pathways
Outcomes we want to see	Embed Culture through Noongar leadership and participation in planning and delivery on Country.	Ensure cultural values influence environmental decisions, offset priorities and long-term Care for Country.	Noongar and Aboriginal businesses are supported in projects.	Support Noongar and Aboriginal peoples through employment and skills development opportunities.
Key directions for implementation	- Engagement with Noongar communities that is responsive, collaborative, and continuous. - Incorporate cultural understanding through engagement and knowledge sharing. - Guiding outcomes that sustain and strengthen Noongar values.	- Map storylines, songlines and heritage places to inform planning and design. - Embed Country and cultural considerations into engineering and environmental consultancy scopes. - Ensure cultural values influence environmental decisions, offset priorities and long-term Care for Country.	- Including opportunities for Noongar and Aboriginal businesses to participate in the delivery of Westport projects. - Support Noongar and Aboriginal business development, competitiveness and growth. - Enable transition from project delivery into ongoing operations.	- Building skills, development and capacity for employment of Noongar and Aboriginal peoples. - Identify future employment opportunities and initiate community-based training programs. - Create a lasting legacy through working on Country across all stages of the Program.

Strategy context

Part of a bigger picture

Westport is a significant, long-term project, but is just one pathway to deliver outcomes for Aboriginal peoples. The strategy and partnerships complement critical existing policy including:

- WA State Government's Aboriginal Empowerment Strategy
- Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) Southwest Native Title Settlement
- *Aboriginal Heritage Act 1972 (WA)*
- *Noongar (Korah, Nitja, Boordahwan) (Past, Present, Future) Recognition Act 2016 (WA)*
- *Aboriginal Procurement Policy 2025 (WA)*
- *National Agreement on Closing the Gap (2020)*
- *Whadjuk People Indigenous Land Use Agreement*
- *Gnaala Karla Booja Indigenous Land Use Agreement*



Implementation of the Strategy

This Strategy provides the direction for Aboriginal opportunities during Westport’s delivery of Stage 4. It builds on the foundations established in Stage 3 and guides how Noongar outcomes are embedded across the definition and delivery of the Program. This Strategy will be reviewed and reported against annually as Stage 4 progresses.



Action Plan

The Action Plan outlines the specific activities and approaches that will be implemented to achieve the objectives of this Strategy across the life of the Program. The Action Plan will be updated annually as Stage 4 progresses.

Reporting

To build trust and accountability, public reporting of actions and progress will be undertaken on an annual basis over Stage 4 of the Westport Program.

Adoption into core business

The actions and approaches in the Action Plan will be embedded into the Westport Program through:

- Definition and Delivery phase (2024 onwards) – the Westport Program will adopt and deliver the actions.
- Requirements for Development Program – the Project Development Plans will include specific requirements for the development and procurement of each component of Westport.

Governance

The Westport Noongar Reference Group will guide Westport in the implementation of this Strategy. Advice from the group will shape Westport’s governance framework and stakeholder engagement processes.





Further Information

To find out more about the Westport Program, our vision, and our goals visit www.westport.wa.gov.au