

Managing Director's Message

This week's release of the Marine and Port Infrastructure Technical Advisor tender represents a considerable milestone for Westport.

The Marine and Port Infrastructure Technical Advisor will embed a team of specialists within Westport to progress the marine and port infrastructure design including the channel, breakwater, quay line, port precinct, interfaces with the road and rail network, and the new Kwinana Bulk Terminal.

Commencement of this procurement marks the next major wave of creating capability within Westport, building on the award of an Integrated Project Team (IPT) in late 2024 to progress definition for the Westport Roads Program.

The Technical Advisor is expected to be onboarded by the end of 2025 and will be embedded in the Westport Program Office to work alongside Westport staff for an initial 3-year contract, with options to extend to the delivery phase pending regulatory approvals.

Detailed engagement with stakeholders around their needs for the Port Precinct is expected to begin in 2026.

Westport is one of the largest and most complex infrastructure programs ever planned in WA, and we are building capability now to ensure can successfully deliver this critical infrastructure over the next 15 years. The TA will play a substantial role during the definition phase, resolving risks and uncertainties, collaborating with partners to address dynamic interfaces around Westport, and improving the design for reliable cost and construction planning.

While this progresses, work is well underway with our Westport Roads IPT focusing immediately on Kwinana Freeway upgrades, refining the planning for Anketell Road needed for the construction of the new port and for local industry, and exploring how to best implement the Westport goals and sustainability ambitions in these major road projects.

The Request for Proposal for the Westport Marine and Port Infrastructure Technical Advisor is available at [Tenders WA](#).

Patrick Seares

Managing Director, Westport

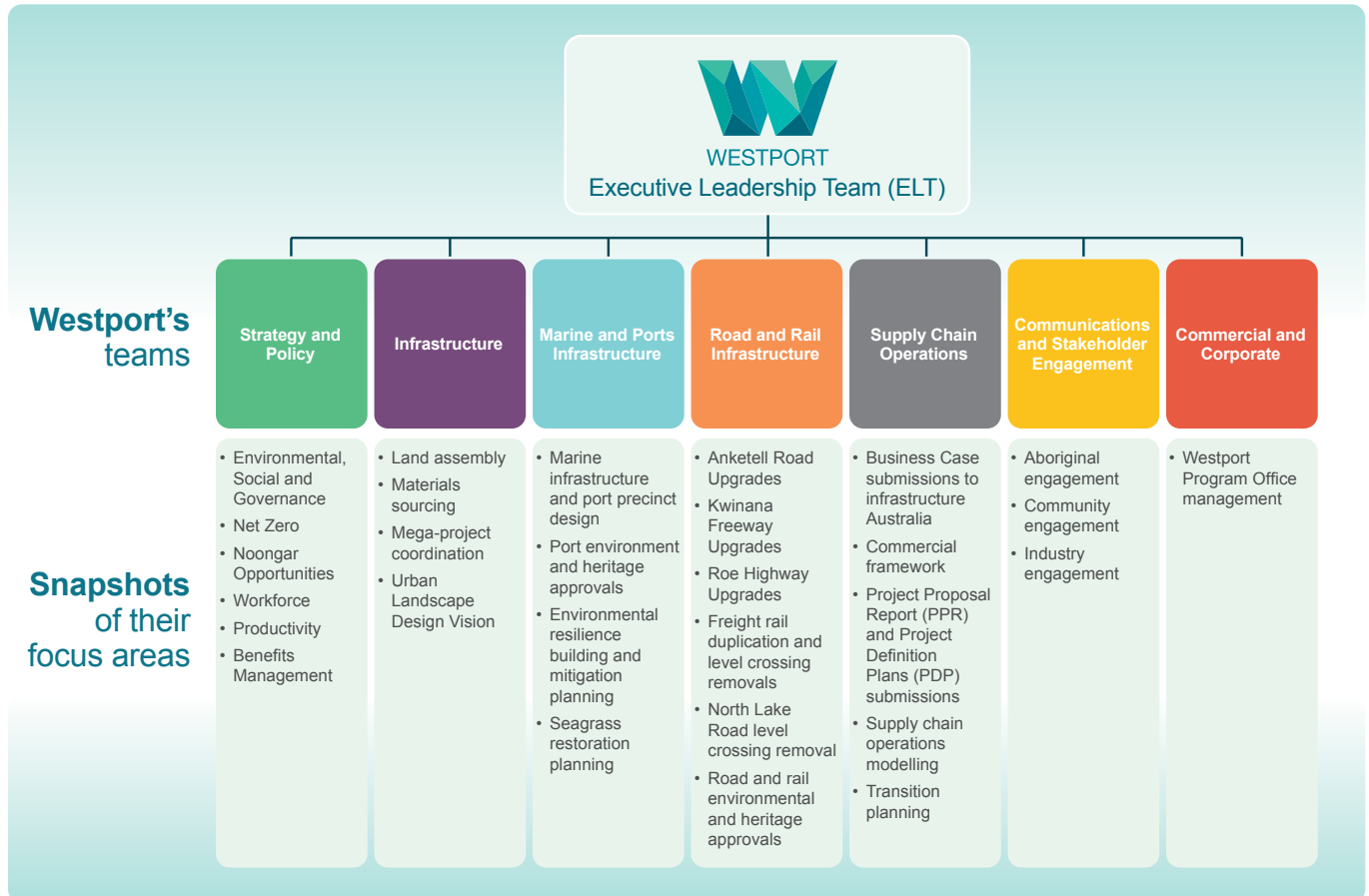




Westport's Stage 4 team

As part of the transition to Stage 4: **Definition and Delivery**, Westport has been restructured into various functional workstreams. These are representative of key Program responsibilities, projects and sub-program scopes.

Going forward, we will be sharing information about the workstreams and what they are delivering. This will include a range of opportunities for engagement with the Program across a multitude of projects.



Setting up Westport for success

The immediate focus for Westport Stage 4 is to rapidly build the capability and capacity within the Program to support successful delivery.

Here is a snapshot of some of the key infrastructure components we're looking to establish over the coming years to support definition and delivery. These details are subject to change, and through early contractor engagement, we will seek industry and operator input to further develop and refine scopes.

Integrated Project Teams – Road and Rail

Westport's road and rail projects are being designed and defined by integrated project teams (IPT), run out of the Office of Major Transport Infrastructure Delivery (OMTID) on behalf of Westport.

The Westport Roads IPT was formed in late 2024 and has commenced project definition for upgrades to Anketell Road and Kwinana Freeway with arrangements for Roe Highway project definition to be confirmed.

OMTID will procure a rail IPT to undertake project definition for upgrades to the existing freight rail network between Kwinana and Cockburn.

Technical Advisor – Marine and Port Infrastructure

The Marine and Port Infrastructure Technical Advisor will provide Westport with specialist engineering expertise to ensure the marine and ports infrastructure design progresses in alignment with our Program Goals and industry best practice to:

- **Inform an accurate and de-risked investment decision** through developing value managed Reference Designs and associated deliverables that enable Westport to submit:
 - State Strategic Asset Management Framework compliant project definition plans.
 - Updated Business Cases and project proposal reports at the Commonwealth level.
- **Inform procurement of the capital program** through design and associated deliverables to allow the construction market to effectively respond to procurement.

The Technical Advisor's objectives include:

- Delivering services to achieve the new Kwinana Bulk Terminal by 2031 and operations of the new container terminal by the late 2030s.
- Ensuring all design activities are consistent with the Westport Program Goals and strategies and/or are done to allow informed decisions.
- Implementing innovative processes in planning and design to maximise sustainability and productivity outcomes.
- Developing an environmentally acceptable marine and port Reference Design.
- Designing solutions that provide value for money outcomes and minimise whole of life cycle cost risks, including delivery, operation and maintenance.
- Providing effective project management.

To see the RFP, visit [Tenders WA](#).

Westport Market Update

On 18 March 2025, Westport held an online market update ahead of the RFP for the Marine and Port Infrastructure Technical Advisor. Westport Managing Director Patrick Seares provided an overview of the TA procurement timeline, key elements, and interfaces.

You can [watch a recording](#) of Westport's Procurement Update – Technical Advisor (TA) or [view the presentation](#) to learn more.

Integrated Delivery Partner – Marine and Port

The Integrated Delivery Partner (IDP) will provide Westport with specialist professional services that relate to the delivery of a large marine and port infrastructure construction program. During the definition phase the IDP's responsibilities may include construction input and planning, interface management, quality assurance and project management.

Into delivery, the IDP will be responsible for the management of construction, quality, interface and integration, health and safety, and project controls.

Next steps

Procurements and early contractor engagement opportunities will be advertised via [TendersWA](#). Westport also provides updates via this newsletter, the Westport [website](#) and [LinkedIn](#).





Westport's Managing Director, Patrick Seares, presenting to industry and sustainability experts on net zero targets



Engagement snapshot

Westport and Industry's net zero journey

The scale of Westport presents an opportunity to help catalyse the State's construction, manufacturing and supply chain sectors on their journey towards net zero.

Over the past year, we've engaged with material suppliers and industry groups including Green Steel of WA and Cement Concrete and Aggregates Australia to discuss potential opportunities for decarbonisation in the definition and delivery stage of Westport.

We've discussed potential initiatives such as the use of low carbon asphalt, concrete and steel, barriers to the decarbonisation of construction machinery, and opportunities to increase the circular use of materials.

Here's a snapshot of what we've heard so far:

- There is a need for coordinated collaboration across the supply chain to overcome barriers limiting the use of more sustainable materials and align efforts in the marketplace.
- Industry supports early trials of priority innovations with involvement from asset owners, highlighting the importance of equitable risk-sharing, particularly regarding new or unproven materials, quality assurance, and asset lifespan.
- There are existing, ongoing and upcoming programs attempting to achieve similar goals that Westport could reference or leverage from.

Going forward, we will be seeking further industry input to gain a deeper insight of the current market for low emission sustainable materials in WA, and how best we can support the industry to innovate further.

To learn more about our Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) Strategy, which outlines our net zero and circular economy objectives visit:

[Environmental, Social and Governance | Westport.](#)

Join the Conversation on more sustainable materials!



Are you an innovator, business or supplier interested in low carbon, more circular materials?

We want to hear from you! Reach out to us via enquiries@westport.wa.gov.au to register your interest for future engagements.