



# Freight, Ports, Aviation and Reform Directorate Fact Sheet 2026



The Department of Transport and Major Infrastructure (DTMI) plans and delivers transport solutions for the prosperity of Western Australians. We work closely with our portfolio partners, Main Roads Western Australia and the Public Transport Authority, to move people and freight as safely and as efficiently as possible.

As the transport landscape continues to evolve, so do we. We maintain an ongoing awareness of trends and issues that need to be considered in the context of policy development and implementation. Responding to decarbonisation requirements, climate change including severe weather events, is featuring more in our work.

DTMI's business model is flexible, adaptive and forward thinking to meet the challenges of the rapidly evolving and changing needs of our community, our economy, our environment and our customers. DTMI will also need to respond to the challenges and opportunities created by advances in technology, while harnessing new technologies to improve transport outcomes.

DTMI has several policy-based directorates that work closely together and across government to deliver improved outcomes for industry and empower a thriving community. We have grown specialised teams of policy and planning professionals with the skills and expertise to optimise our transport networks now and into the future.

As policy makers, we provide contemporary strategy, policy and regulatory frameworks to deliver coordinated, resilient and strategic transport infrastructure and systems.

The Freight, Ports, Aviation and Reform (FPAR) directorate has a flexible and collaborative team that takes pride in making timely and responsible decisions and providing strategic advice to the Minister for Transport, the Minister Assisting the Minister for Transport and the Minister for Ports, to deliver sustainable transport solutions and community centric services for the State.

FPAR is made up of four teams that represent its core functions: Freight, Ports, Aviation and Transport Reform, each responsible for developing and implementing integrated transport strategy, policy, planning and program delivery to achieve effective, resilient and sustainable supply chains through WA ports and on the State's road and freight rail systems, and ensuring air accessibility and affordability for regional residents.

FPAR also provides contemporary policy, regulation, programs and advice to support sustainable intrastate aviation and develops, influences and delivers transport strategy and reform at State and national level.

## Our teams

**The Freight Team** works with DTMI's portfolio partners and industry to undertake strategic freight transport planning for the State and to facilitate, develop and implement policy solutions to enhance the efficiency of freight supply chains. They:

- Lead freight strategy, policy and network planning for the State and provide advice to Government on freight and supply chain matters;
- Work closely with our Transport Portfolio partners;
- Analyse and advise on the complex and dynamic relationship between land use and freight movement;
- Develop and implement evidence-based policy to ensure WA has efficient multi-modal freight supply chains, including rail, road and intermodal terminals;
- Administer the Fremantle Container Rail Subsidy; and
- Oversee the delivery of the Agricultural Supply Chain Improvement (ASCI) program, a suite of projects to upgrade freight rail.

**The Ports Team** contributes to the development and diversification of WA's economy by providing strategic direction and policy for ports and assists the Minister for Ports in their oversight of WA's five port authorities. They:

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- Support compliance with the *Port Authorities Act 1999* and the *Government Trading Enterprises Act 2023*, by advising the Minister for Ports on port authority strategic plans, board appointments, budget submissions, capital investment proposals, leases, and annual and half-yearly reports; and
- Advise on significant port development proposals and trade opportunities.

**The Aviation Team** facilitates efficient and effective aviation services and infrastructure for the State. They

- Develop State-level aviation strategy, policy and programs and provide advice to Government on all state aviation matters;
- Administer grant programs supporting regional airports including the Regional Airports Development Scheme (RADS) and the Aboriginal Community Airstrips Renewal Program (ACARP);
- Provide greater access to Perth for regional residents through affordable airfares under the Regional Airfare Zone Cap (RAZC) scheme;
- Regulate airlines operating within WA to ensure adequate regular public transport flights to communities across regional WA; and
- Advocate, influence and provide support where necessary for improved aviation access in regional WA.

**The Transport Reform Team** is responsible for influencing and delivering national and State transport policy and reform, particularly where there is a cross-Portfolio interest in the outcome. They:

- Influence and deliver national and State transport policy and reform, particularly where there is a cross-Transport Portfolio interest in the outcome.
- Coordinate and produce policy advice for WA on matters considered by national councils and committees such as the Infrastructure and Transport Ministers Meeting, the Infrastructure and Transport Senior Officials Committee and the National Transport Commission Strategic Planning Liaison Group.
- Implement the Government's Tranche 2 Port Governance Reforms, which will see the transfer of regulatory responsibility for a number of ports from DTMI to the relevant regional port authorities.
- Maintain legislation and regulations, including the *Rail Safety National Law Application Act 2024 (WA)*, *Owner-Drivers (Contracts and Disputes) Act 2007* and annual heavy vehicle licence fee adjustments.

# Examples of what we work on

## Current and ongoing projects

- Lead and coordinate initiatives to strengthen the resilience of the State's freight supply chain and its sovereign shipping capacity.
- Support port authorities and Government in planning for the logistical requirements of the energy transition and hydrogen industry, the decarbonisation of the WA economy, and in investigating port opportunities and requirements for the decommissioning of the State's oil and gas infrastructure.
- Developing a 10-year strategy to address evolving freight needs across regional WA, guiding investment, policy and regulation across all modes of transport
- Administer the Fremantle Container Rail Subsidy which makes containerised freight on rail more cost competitive.
- Work with container freight stakeholders to manage freight movements during the Fremantle Traffic Bridge closure, monitoring supply chain performance, and advising Government on emerging risks.
- Support negotiations to bring the State's freight rail network back into Government ownership.
- Continue upgrading freight rail sidings in the Wheatbelt, Mid-West, Great Southern and Goldfields-Esperance regions under ASCI Package 1 to optimise grain freight on rail.
- Implement and manage the multi-million-dollar Regional Airport Development Scheme (RADS) grant program, improving airport safety, accessibility, security and development planning for remote and regional communities.
- Developed and implement the Strategic Airport Asset Management Frameworks to assist in assessing airport infrastructure funding proposals for regional WA airports.
- Influence and deliver national and State transport policy and reform, particularly where there is a shared Transport Portfolio interest in the outcome.

- Coordinate policy advice for WA on matters considered by the Infrastructure and Transport Ministers Meeting and the Infrastructure and Transport Senior Officials Committee.
- Continued administration of Regional Airfare Zone Cap scheme which has been extended to 30 June 2031. As of 30 September 2025, more than 677,000 capped have airfares have been flown since the scheme began, demonstrating its significant impact on regional communities.
- Publish quarterly summaries tracking low and zero emission vehicle trends and enhance the information provided to better inform policy development and infrastructure planning for the electricity grid over time.
- Progress amendments to the *Road Traffic (Administration) Amendment Regulations 2026*, to allow the release of electric vehicle licence information to electricity GTE's for their electricity forecasting, infrastructure investment and strategic and operational planning.
- Modernise resources for Owner Drivers, improving their usability, supporting fairer and more sustainable decision making across the industry.

## Completed projects

- Progressed strategic advice and a business case for the relocation of non-container trades (i.e. the car trade) from Fremantle Inner Harbour, aligning with the Westport planning process.
- Boosted regional flight connectivity by extending the Inter-Regional Flight Network through the addition of new routes, with more than 38,000 fares flown since the network was expanded in 2023.
- Progressed the *Rail Safety National Law Application Act 2024* which become operational on 1 October 2024.
- Published *Rail Safety National Law (WA) (Alcohol and Drug Testing) Regulations 2024* to support the operation of the Rail Safety National Law.

# Our stakeholders

FPAR deals on an ongoing basis with many internal and external stakeholders, including our Portfolio agencies Main Roads WA, the Public Transport Authority, project offices such as Westport and other government agencies.

## Key government stakeholders

- Office of the Hon Rita Saffioti MLA
- Office of the Hon Jessica Stojkovski MLA
- Office of the Hon Stephen Dawson MLC
- Department of Planning, Lands, and Heritage
- Department of Energy and Economic Diversification
- Department of Fire and Emergency Services
- Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development
- Department of Treasury and Finance
- State Solicitor's Office
- Fremantle Ports Authority
- Kimberley Ports Authority
- Mid West Ports Authority
- Pilbara Ports Authority
- Southern Ports Authority
- Infrastructure and Transport Senior Officials Committee (ITSOC)
- Infrastructure and Transport Ministers Meeting (ITMM)
- Various Commonwealth agencies

## Key external stakeholders

- Arc Infrastructure
- CBH Group
- Freight and Logistics Council WA
- Intermodal Group
- Nexus Airlines
- Qantas Airways Limited
- Virgin Australia
- Road Freight Transport Industry Council
- National Transport Research Organisation
- Local shires, development commissions and community groups

## Examples of projects completed with our Transport Portfolio partners and stakeholders

- Supported the successful extension of the Port of Broome and Port of Wyndham's first point of entry determinations.
- Upgraded rail sidings at Broomehill, Konnongorring and Brookton, and commenced construction at Cranbrook and Moora rail sidings under ASCI Package 1.
- Sealed the Warmun Aerodrome runway to enable all-weather air service operations for the Warmun community.
- Upgraded the Bidyadanga Airstrip through the Aboriginal Community Airstrips Renewal Program (ACARP)

# DTMI - Transport Organisational Structure

