



Department of Regional Development and Lands

Investing now for 2037 and beyond





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What does regional development mean to you?





Our role in transforming regional WA

- Administering the State Government's \$6.1 billion Royalties for Regions program
- Administering 93% of the State's lands
- Building human capacity, not just infrastructure
- Working with our independent partners



Live, work, play and invest





Live

- Affordable housing
- Quality education
- Access to health and social services
- Lifestyle and amenity



Affordable housing

- Government Regional Officers' Housing - \$200 million
- Roebourne Housing Initiatives - \$5 million
- Karratha Service Workers' Accommodation - \$28.4million disbursed in 2010-11





Quality education

- Better Beginnings Early Literacy Program
 - \$2.8 million over four years
- Expansion of Clontarf Foundation Programs and Services
 - \$5 million over three years
- Regional Schools Plan
 - \$100.5 million over four years





Access to health and social services



- Albany Hospital redevelopment
 - \$60.9 million allocated
- Nickol Bay Hospital
 - \$10 million provided in 2010-11
- Responsible Parenting Services program
 - \$27.9 million over four years



Lifestyle and amenity



Sport and Recreation



Cafes and restaurants



Culture and the Arts



Work

- Job opportunities
- Rangelands Reform Program
- Regional Workers Incentive





Play

- Keeping people connected with the Community Resource Network
- Regional Events Scheme
- Making the most of the regions' natural resources





Invest



- Opportunities exist for local and international investment
- Crown land is an important tool in attracting this investment



Bringing it all together

Pilbara Cities Initiative
\$1b

SuperTowns
\$85.5m



**Ord-East Kimberley
Expansion Project**
\$220m





SuperTowns

- \$85.5 million Royalties for Regions initiative
 - \$5.5million made available in 2011-12 to assist with strategic planning
 - \$80million will be allocated to kick-start transformational projects
- Encourage regional towns to plan and prepare for the future
- Offer an attractive alternative to living in the metropolitan area
- Critical role in absorbing Western Australia's predicted population growth
- Whole of Government approach



SuperTowns selection

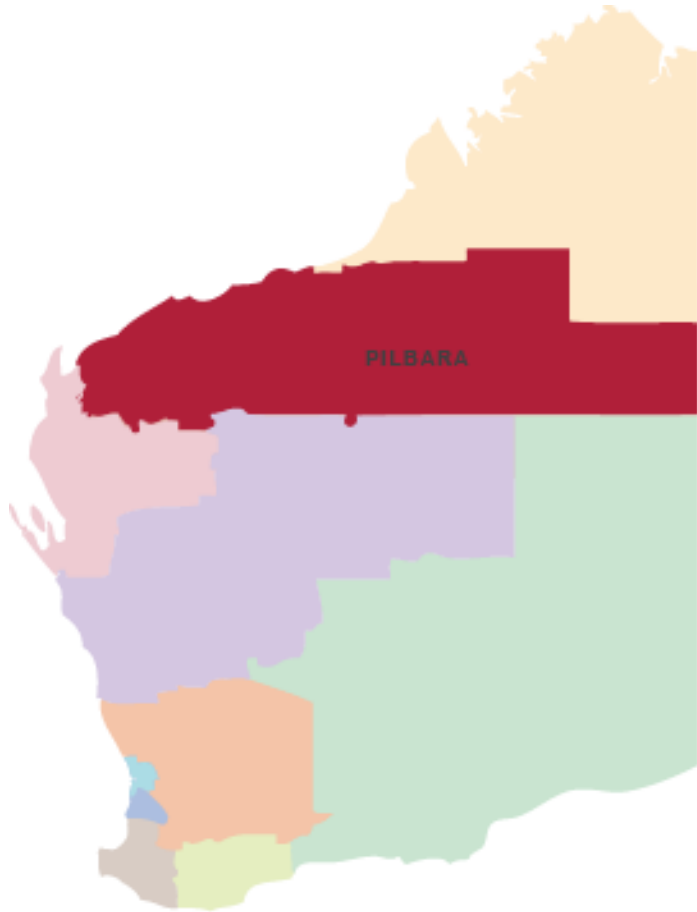
- Potential for population expansion
- Potential for economic expansion and diversification
- Strong local governance capabilities
- Generation of net benefits to Western Australia



Aspirational model

- The SuperTowns vision is to build on natural population growth and unique geographical and economic advantages of each town
- To pursue growth potential, SuperTowns is deliberately aspirational
- Its success rests on a future-orientated mindset
- RDL currently assessing Growth Plans prepared by towns





Pilbara Cities

- Pilbara Cities has been allocated \$1b in Royalties for Regions funding to transform cities and towns into attractive, sustainable places to live.
- Target populations:
 - 50,000 for Port Hedland
 - 50,000 for Karratha
 - 15,000 for Newman
- Creating a legacy, not a temporary solution



Pilbara Cities Focus Areas

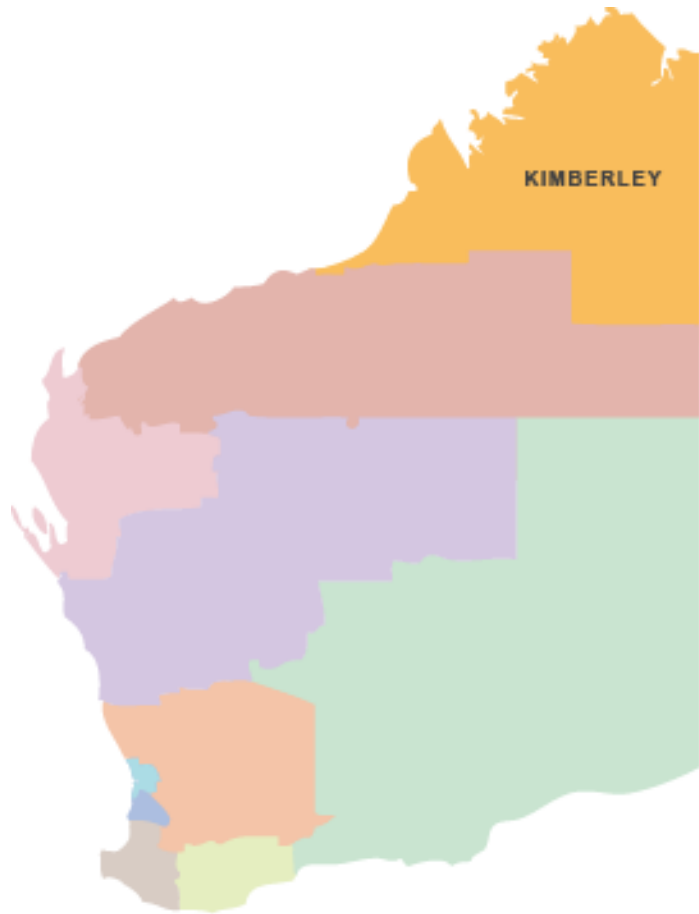
- **Infrastructure coordination**
 - Energy, water, wastewater, roads and ports
- **Land availability and development**
 - Land preparation, developer attraction and retention
- **Community projects and engagement**
 - Education, health, community facilities, Indigenous involvement
- **Economic diversification**
 - Industry development, supply chain development, 'transformational projects'



Key challenges

- Housing shortages and cost of living pressures result of inadequate planning
- Chance to remedy now for a different 2037
- Working together to change the way we do business





Ord-East Kimberley Expansion Project

\$506 million investment

Western Australian Government

Ord Irrigation Expansion Project -
\$311 million

Australian Government

East Kimberley Development Package -
\$195 million (National Partnership
Agreement)



Project Update

- Phase One 90% complete
- Phase Two to commence in April 2012
- Expressions of Interest for more than 15,000 hectares of future agricultural land currently being assessed (doubles current Ord Scheme)





Aboriginal engagement

- Project sets precedent in Aboriginal involvement and employment opportunities
- 40% weighting on tender
- Aboriginal employment between 24-35% (with a peak of 63 Aboriginal employees out of 180)



Collaborative approach

- We must plan for growth together, not in isolation
- All of our projects align with the State Planning Strategy
- RDL is here to partner with you to deliver existing and new projects



Planning now to transform the regions

- Forward planning is key to shaping the 2037 vision we want to realise for WA
- For more information please visit www.rdl.wa.gov.au

