

A photograph of a wind farm at sunset. Several wind turbines are silhouetted against a bright orange and yellow sky. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a lens flare effect. The foreground is a field of grain.

Mid West Development Commission

Presentation to Community Builders Cluster Muster – Perenjori

19 July 2023



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Acknowledgement of Country

We acknowledge the traditional owners of the land on which we meet today, the Southern Yamatji people, and pay our respects to their elders past, present and emerging.

We extend that respect to any Aboriginal people here with us today.



What is the MWDC?

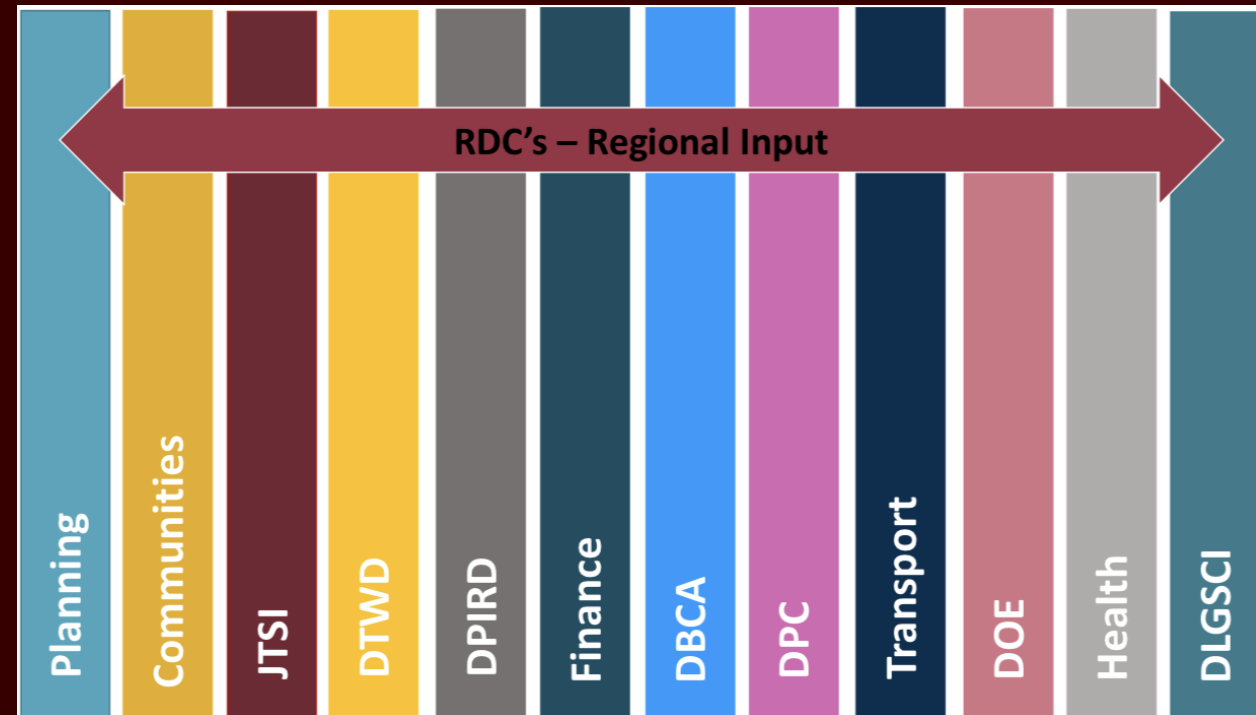
- Independent Statutory Authority governed by the *Regional Development Commissions Act 1993*
- One of 9 Regional Development Commissions across WA
- Reports directly to Minister for Regional Development (Hon. Don Punch)
- Legislated role:
 - Maximise job creation
 - Broaden economic base of WA's regions
 - Identify infrastructure services to promote economic and social development
 - Push standard of, and access to, Gov't services to be comparable to the metro
 - Encourage, promote, facilitate and monitor economic development in the region

How We Work

In the Mid West

- With Local Governments
 - Collectively and individually
- With Industry
 - Oakajee IRG, MWCCI, Arrowsmith
- With Community
 - Events, Advisory Groups
- Regional intelligence gathering
- Funding
 - RED Grants, Leverage Fund

Across State Government



Mid West Snapshot



\$8.2 Billion

Gross Regional Product FY21/22



57,096

Estimated Resident Population



26,361

Total jobs



21,124

Live & work in the region



9.3%

Aboriginal people



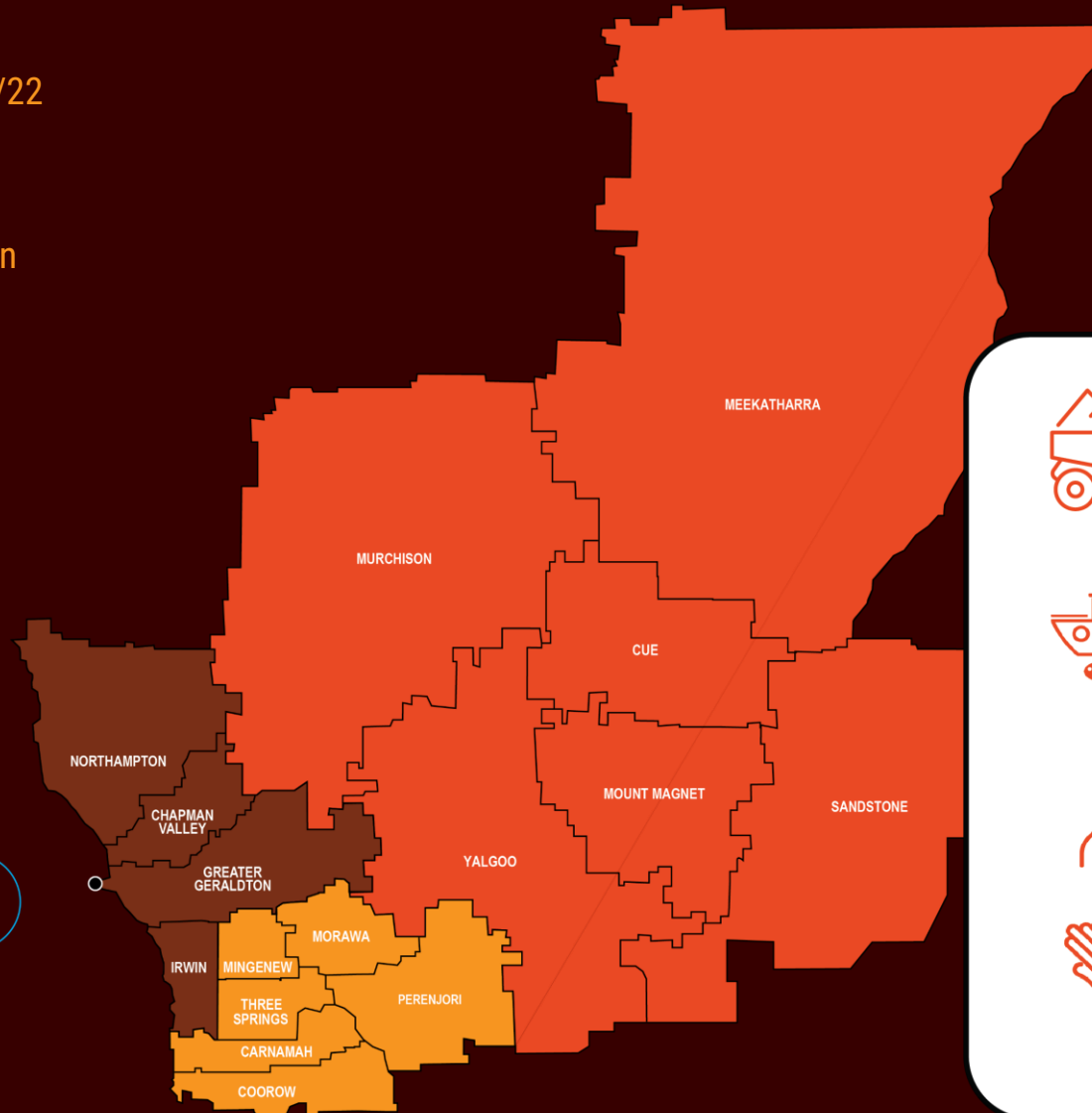
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Local governments



~294,000km²

Total landmass



Mining

\$4.97 billion (output)

9,341 jobs



Agriculture & fishing

\$1.01 billion (output)

2,201 jobs



Construction

\$1.36 billion (output)

2,233 jobs



Healthcare & social assistance

\$590 million (output)

3,416 jobs

Region on the rise....



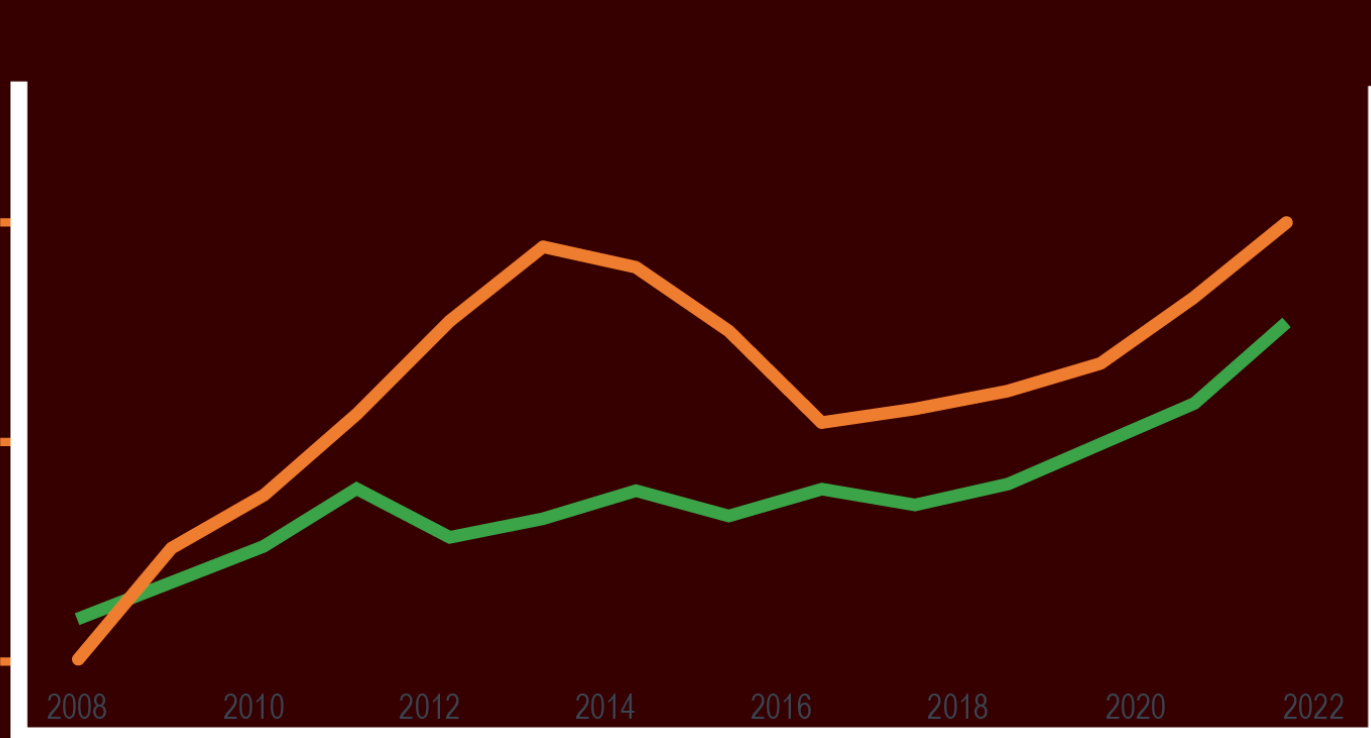
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ESTIMATED
RESIDENT
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57,096



52,779



GROSS
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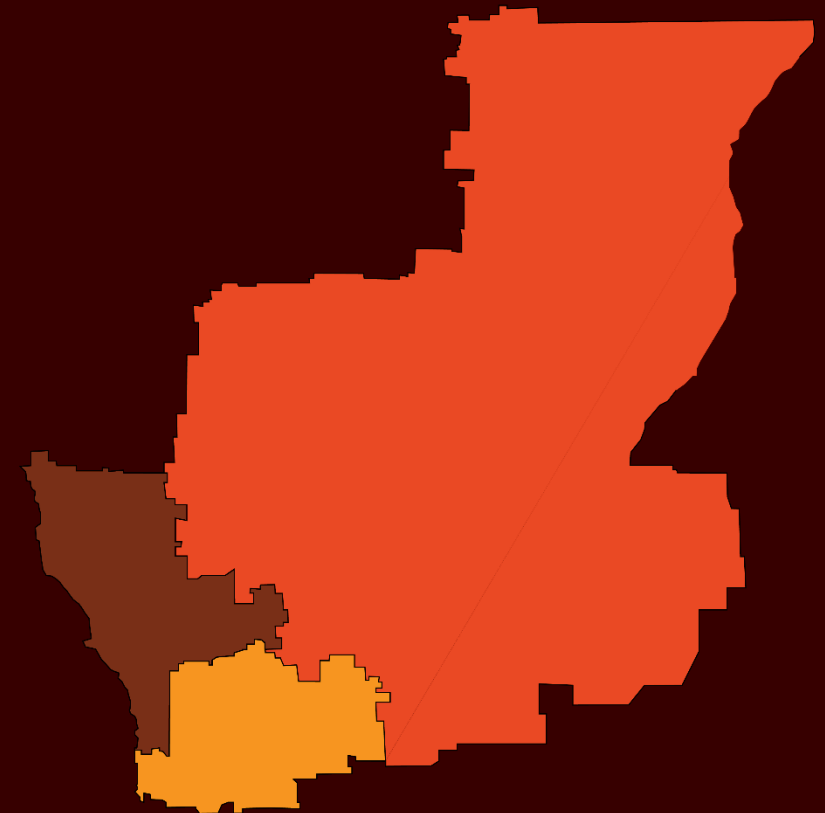
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\$3.5
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Mid West subregions

	Mid West	Batavia Coast Chapman Valley Greater Geraldton Irwin Northampton	Murchison Cue Meekatharra Mount Magnet Murchison Sandstone Yalgoo	North Midlands Carnamah Coorow Mingenew Morawa Perenjori Three Springs
ERP	57,096	88%	12%	
GRP	\$7.9B	58%	42%	
Jobs	26,361	78%	22%	



New MWDC Strategic Plan



Updated vision for the Commission to better reflect our role:

To enable development of the boundless opportunities existing across the Mid West region; collaborating and aligning with our partners across all tiers of government, industry and community to create better economic, environmental and social outcomes.

ENABLING
BOUNDLESS OPPORTUNITY

Strategic Priorities



1. Grow existing, and find and develop new, non renewable resource and related industries.

- Major Project delivery
- Infrastructure support
- Advanced manufacturing



Strategic Priorities



2. Grow existing, and find and develop new, other alternative industries

- Green energy
- Sustainable tourism
- Digital economy
- Critical minerals
- Space sector
- Agriculture, aquaculture and food
- Defence

Strategic Priorities



3. Normalise regional living standards

- Housing and land
- Workforce
- Local content
- Climate resilient communities
- Regional quality of life
- Creative industries
- Health
- Education



Strategic Priorities



4. Normalise Aboriginal economic development

- Activate First Nations capital
- Aboriginal tourism
- Aboriginal business and content

Strategic Priorities



5. Organisational excellence

- Invest Mid West
- Regional collaboration
- Regional promotion
- Employer of choice



North Midlands Priority Areas

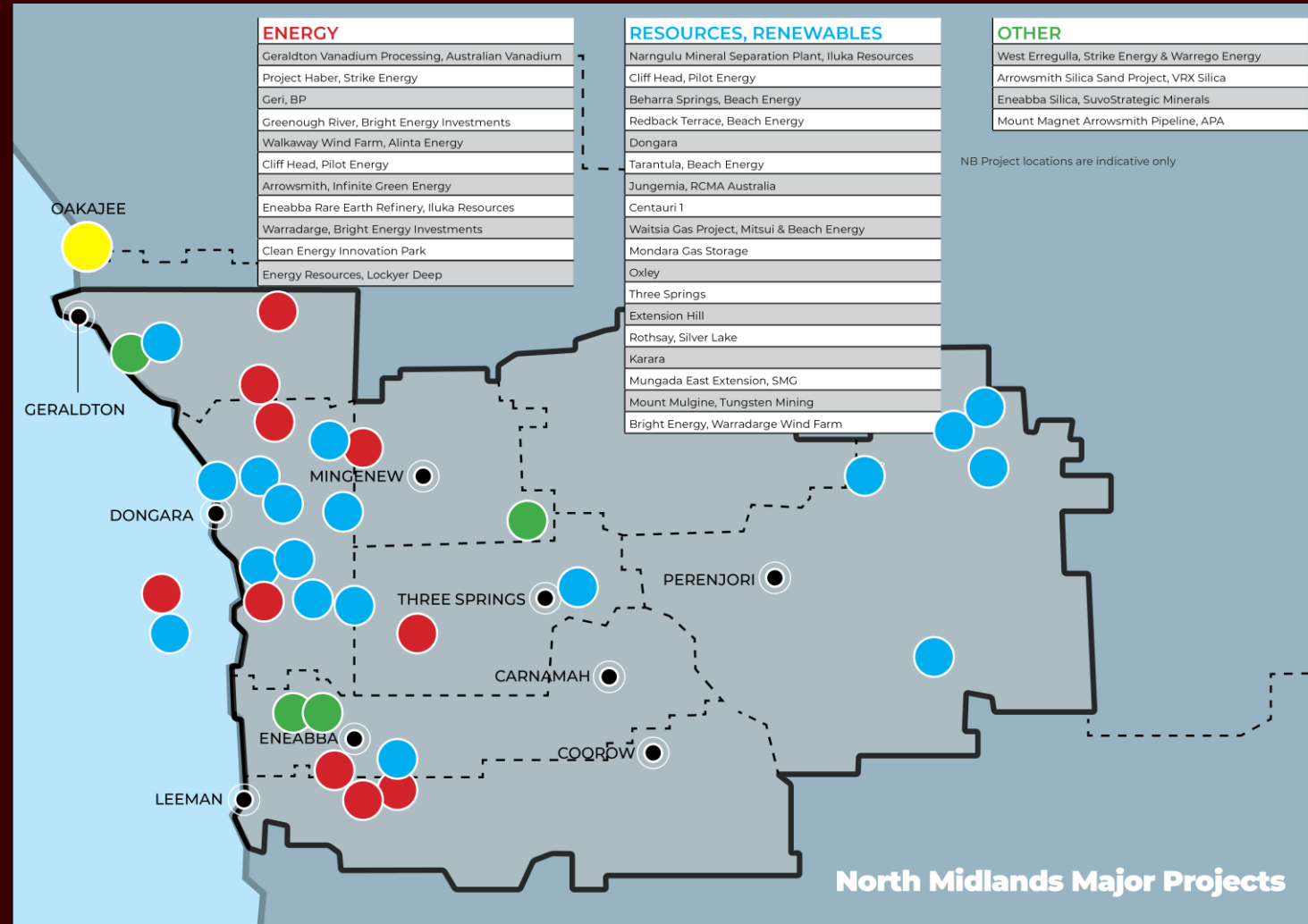


- Major Projects
 - Mid West's role in energy transition
- Infrastructure to support industry
 - Power, water, port, roads, rail
- Social infrastructure to support major project workforce
 - Worker housing
 - Government services
- Regional drought resilience planning

Major Projects



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Regional Development Principles



1. Quality of life is at the heart of regional development.

There is more that binds us than separates us. Asking the question how do we contribute to improving outcomes for people has to be at the centre of the work we do.

2. Successful regional development requires collaboration and engagement.

We have to understand the principles of collaboration and engagement where people have a genuine opportunity to be involved as opposed to principles of informing people. The best outcomes are based on agreement and shared vision.

3. Regions are complex economic and social systems.

Understanding the economic and social structure of regions and their environment is a key to planning what the future might look like and importantly executing the plan.

4. Diversifying the economic base is crucial (and is easier said than done).

This means we must invest in innovation, new industry development and emerging industries. Equally, infrastructure in all its forms, including community infrastructure, has to be fit for purpose and capable of adaptation over time.

Regional Development Principles



5. It is not all about the economy

Investment in regional development must be based on understanding the totality of the community. Public spaces, amenity, and creativity are all a basis for valuing people and building pride in the places we live.

6. It is about change

Regional Development is not about the status quo. It is about renewal, growth, and resilience. This means we need to understand change and how to generate a climate for change and action.

7. Do the Maths.

Having a strong evidence base strengthens the ability to make effective judgements, and this can be both qualitative and quantitative.

Regional Development Principles



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8. Understand the objectives of the Government of the Day.

Governments are partners in regional development. Partnerships are based on mutual benefit and shared outcomes.

9. Be Authentic.

Don't make false promises and equally don't undermine confidence in the future.

10. Have fun.

People gain enormously from being involved in developing our regions and by default playing a part in developing Australia. It touches on every aspect of community life, schools, hospitals, transport, jobs and it has a profound impact on the lives of people who live in regional Australia and those who visit.



Funding Opportunities

- Regional Economic Development (RED) Grants
 - Perenjori Accommodation; Mingenew Daycare
- Discretionary Small Grants
 - Community Builders; United in Diversity Morawa
- Letters of Support
- Assistance with Locating Funding
 - Contact with other funding sources, like Lotterywest



Thank You – any questions?

