

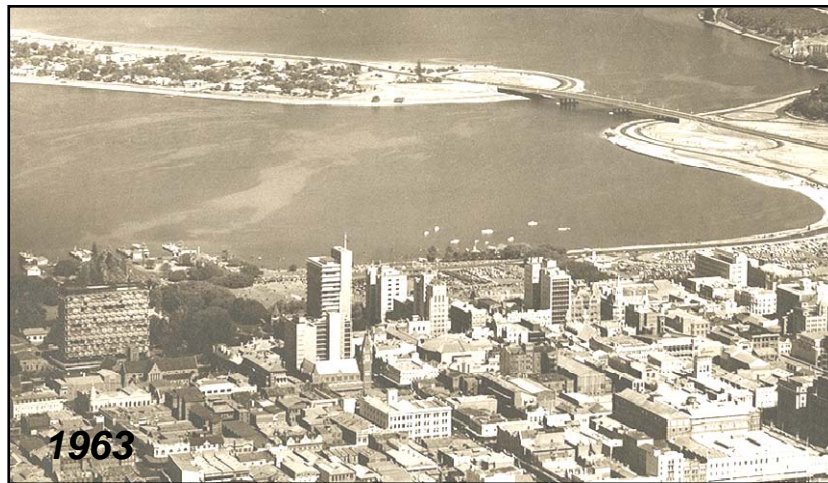


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A Blueprint for Planning Reform

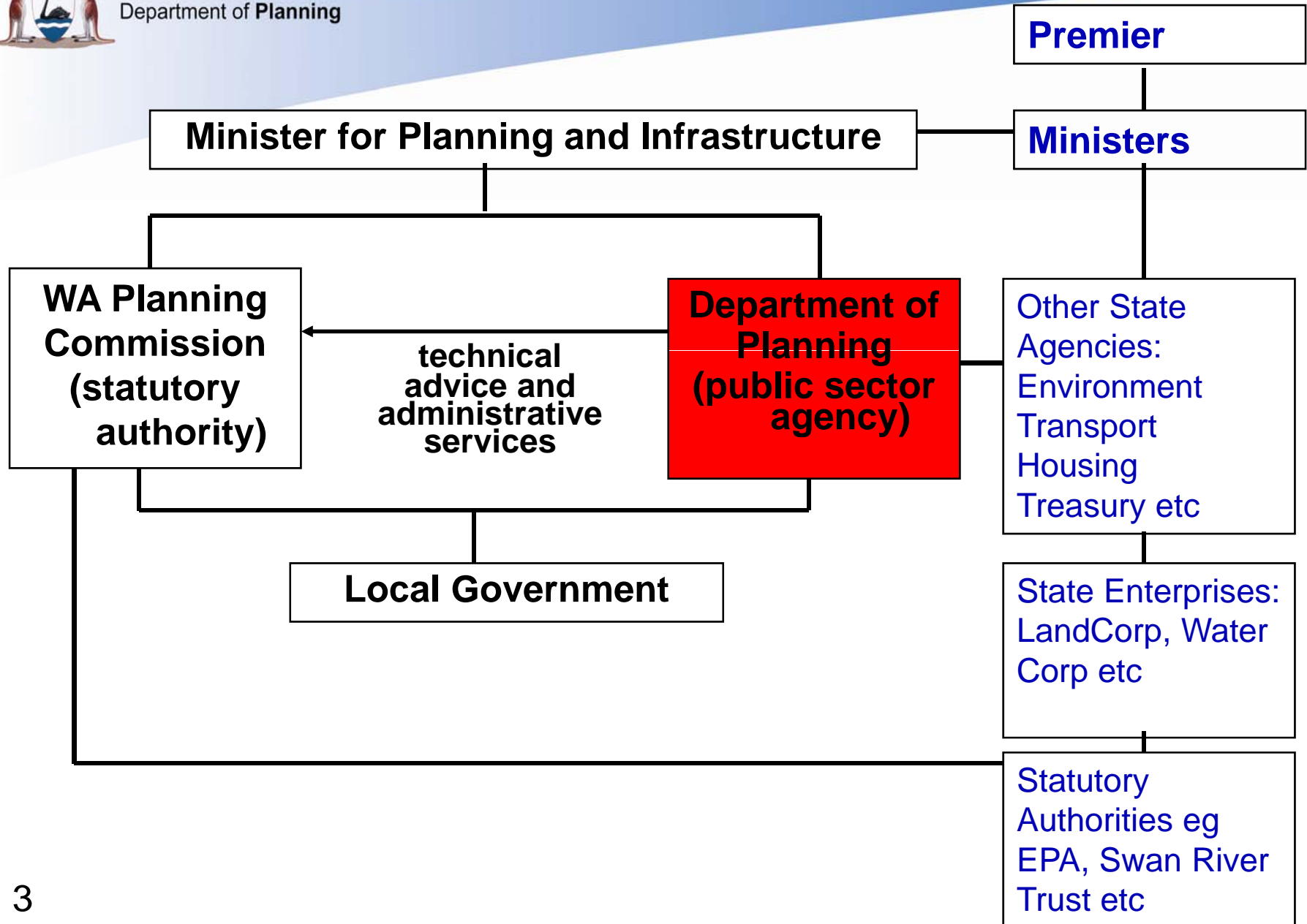
CEDA/Committee for Perth

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Drivers of change:

Economic: Long term population & economic growth pressures

Attention to resource rich remote regions

Environmental: Environmental protection and climate change

Reducing water and energy usage

Social: Maintain lifestyle choice, urban quality and keep WA internationally attractive

Housing affordability, diversity, choice

Community expectations for input into planning decisions





The planning system is seen to be:

- slow and inefficient; delays result in costs to consumers
- overly complex even for simple applications
- opaque: system is not clear, open or accessible
- not always appropriate to need
- inconsistent: the requirements to achieve an approval change

Challenges in balancing economic, social and environmental outcomes:

- Stakeholder view of the importance of priorities varies
- Public benefit vs private cost
- General community resistance to change



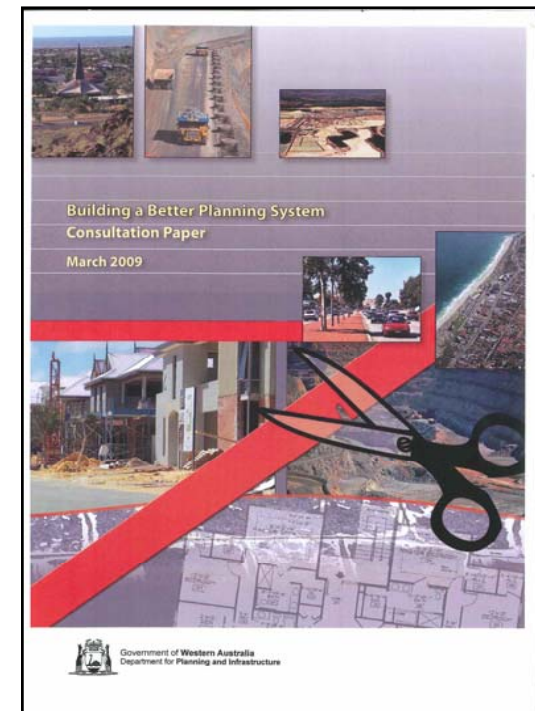
State initiatives

In late 2008 the State government announced a focus on approvals reform: targeting mining/resources, planning, environment.

The commonwealth Government is also prioritising approvals via COAG.

Delivery of Federal stimulus packages is an immediate priority: schools, public housing, major infrastructure.

Consultation paper released by (former) DPI for public comment with a range of initiatives. Sought key stakeholder comment on priorities





Six priority areas targeted for improvement

1. Simplifying planning approvals
2. More effective planning instruments
3. Prioritising major projects
4. A comprehensive regional planning framework
5. Integrated infrastructure planning & co-ordination
6. Improving governance & institutional arrangements



PRIORITY AREA 1. SIMPLIFYING PLANNING APPROVALS

Underway:

- Simplify approvals for multi unit housing
- Fast track public housing works on zoned land



Proposed:

- Consider the use of development assessment panels
- Ensure majority of single houses are planning approval exempt



Developer appeals Lot 123 decision

Green light for Smiths

New town a goer

'No further correspondence' on Guilderton South

By LUCY RICKARD

Residents to have their say on
controversial townsite plan

Plan for bigger mall

By JESSICA WILLOUGHBY

Regional centres like Joondalup were prevented from ex-

ther expansion for a number of re-
tail centres" he said

East End plan delayed

by JENNY D'ANGER

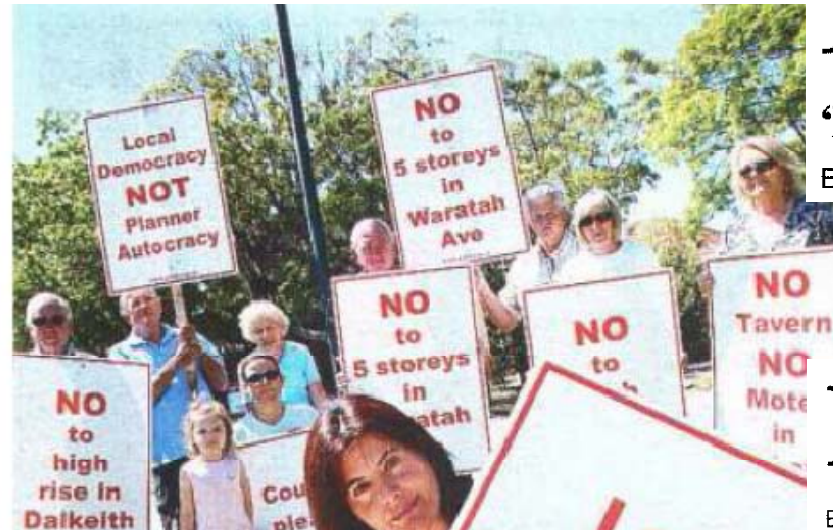
A step too far

by JENNY D'ANGER

FREMANTLE'S planning
future may be decided by
unelected bureaucrats sitting
in central Perth instead of
locally elected councillors
under sweeping changes
flagged by the Barnett
government.



• Many in Hilton want the suburbs older style homes protected. Photo
by Jeremy Dixon



Approval process ties up builders

CUT THE RED TAPE

Councils are hampering a
simple system for new homes,
as **Ben Spencer** reports





PRIORITY AREA 2. MORE EFFECTIVE PLANNING INSTRUMENTS

Underway:

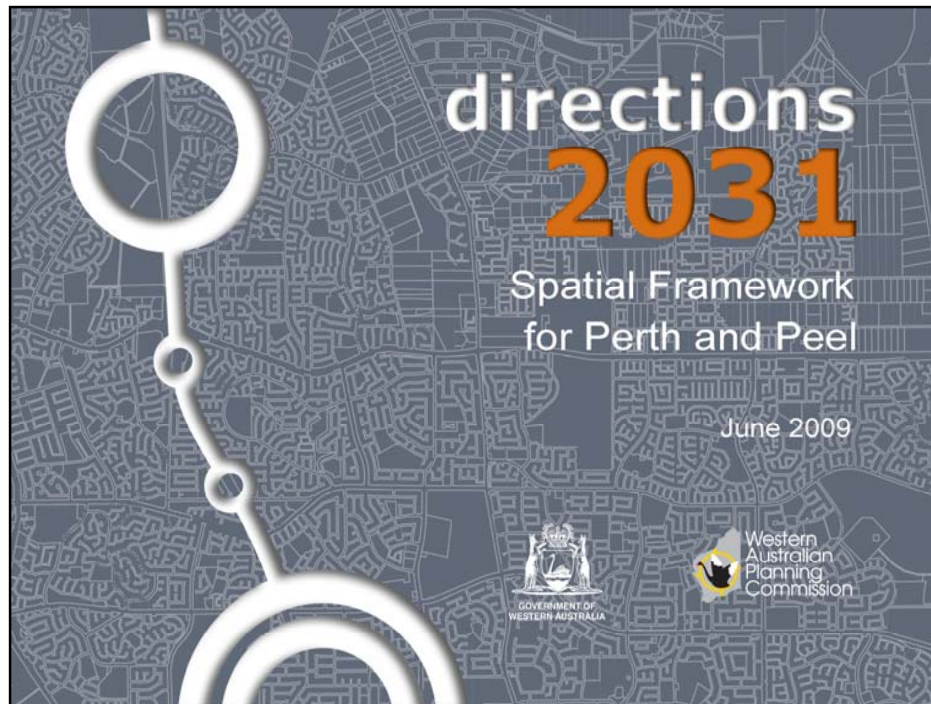
- Rewrite the Model Scheme text and implement standard administrative processes across Local Governments

Proposed:

- Integrate state planning & environmental approvals and appeals processes
- Reduce policy complexity
- Provide for the statutory implementation of strategic policies



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Planning Activity Centres for Communities and Economic Growth

Discussion Paper
June 2009



PRIORITY AREA 3. PRIORITISING MAJOR PROJECTS

Proposed:

- DP to lead major land and housing approvals
- Ministerial 'call in' powers over Local Government Schemes for major land & housing projects and matters of state and regional significance





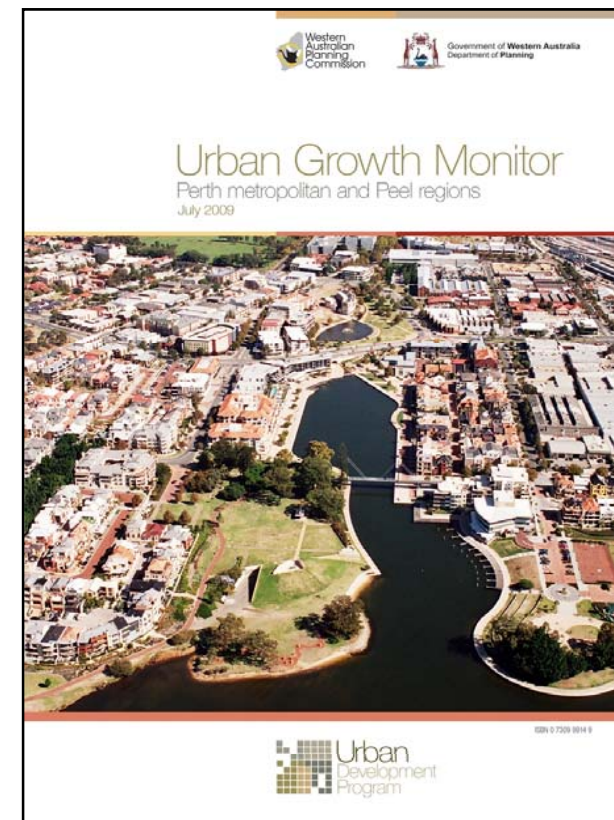
PRIORITY AREA 4: INTEGRATED INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING & COORDINATION

Underway:

- Urban Development Program for comprehensive urban land management information: Perth and regional centres

Proposed:

- Preparation of a State Development Plan to prioritise regional planning needs.
- Funding sources for strategic regional land acquisitions in region schemes to allow future infrastructure development





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PRIORITY AREA 5: A COMPREHENSIVE REGIONAL PLANNING FRAMEWORK

Underway:

- Regional planning frameworks / plans in high growth regional areas- mid West, Kimberley, Pilbara- also Gascoyne Coast



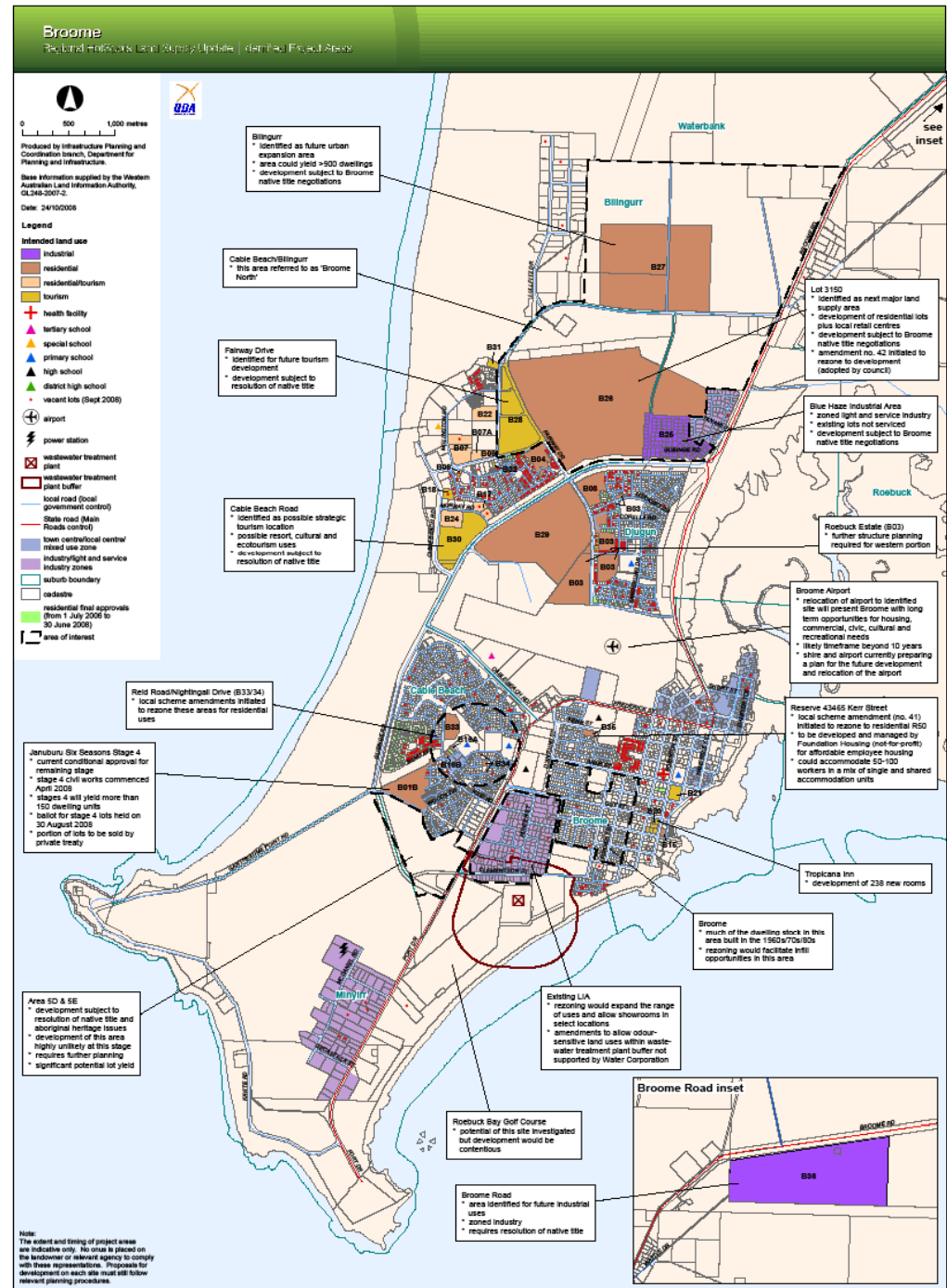
Proposed:

- Develop a strategic vision and implementation plan for Perth
- Target small regional centres under pressure



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Broome Regional Hotspots Land Supply Update November 2008





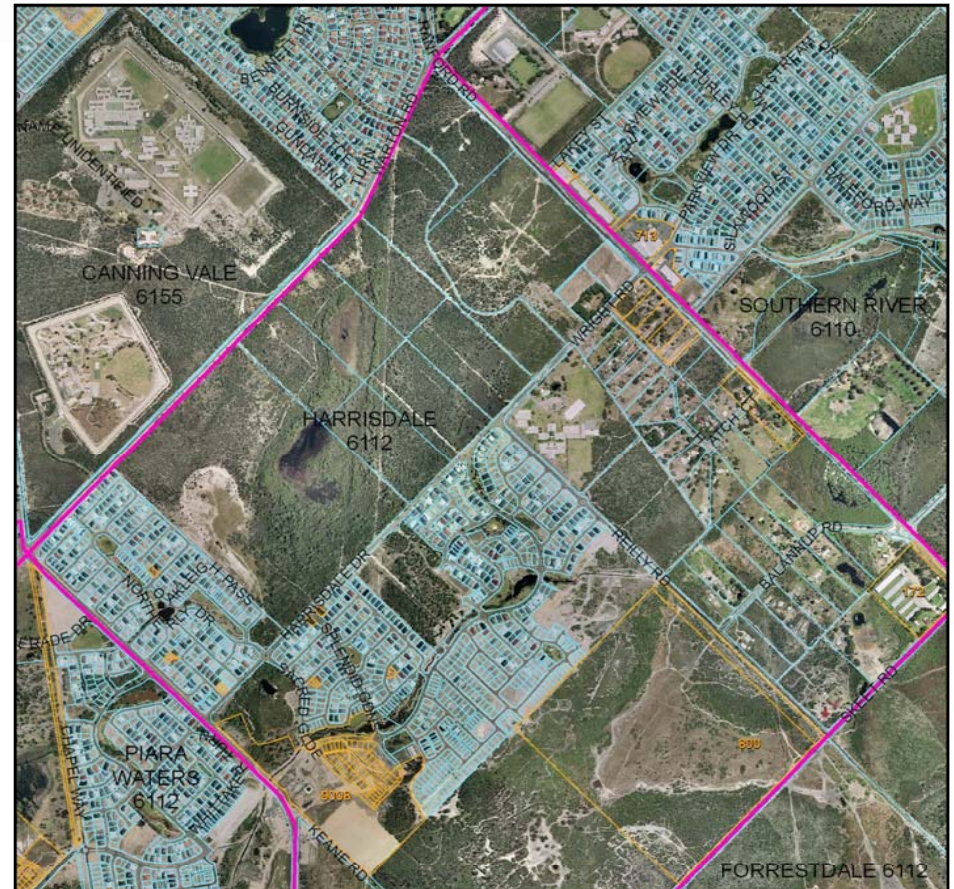
PRIORITY AREA 6: STRENGTHEN GOVERNANCE AND INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS

Underway:

- Increased transparency of WAPC decisions

Proposed:

- Undertake a formal review of WAPC Committees and their effectiveness
- Training of local Councillors on the planning system



Land development areas- Southern River



Submissions:

110 submissions received in total from a range of sources: local and state government agencies, private individuals and companies, industry associations.

Next steps

- Planning Reform Implementation Group established with industry and local government representation.
- Release of final reform 'blueprint' anticipated July/August 2009 for Ministers endorsement
- Priorities will assist in focussing new Department of Planning and aligning with Commission.