

Town of
Port Hedland



Pilbara's Port City Growth Plan

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STAKEHOLDER REFERENCE GROUP

SECOND MEETING

MEETING OUTCOME NOTES

Council Chamber, Town of Port Hedland Civic Centre

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Introduction

The Pilbara's Port City Growth Plan Stakeholder Reference Group (SRG) was designed to bring together key government agencies, the private sector and community organisations to review the working concepts developed by the Town of Port Hedland and its Pilbara's Port City Growth Plan (Growth Plan) consultant team. The SRG met for the second time on 8 August 2011. It took place a month after the Growth Plan Forum, in which most SRG members participated.

The SRG meetings were designed to bring together key government agencies, the private sector and community organisations to review the working concepts developed by the Town of Port Hedland and its Pilbara's Port City Growth Plan consultant team.

The focus of the second meeting was the following:

- Confirmation of the first meeting's minutes including the Terms of Reference under which the SRG is operating;
- Provision of an update on spatial planning work;
- Summary and validation of stakeholder input during the Growth Plan Forum;
- Provision of an update on infrastructure and community (non-spatial) strategies; and
- Obtaining of advice on further SRG meeting or alternative forms of input

The agenda forms Appendix A of this report.

Participants

In addition to SRG members who attended the first SRG meeting, this session was open for the wider public to attend. Invitations were placed in the North-West Telegraph. An invitation was also posted on the ToPH weekly email news bulletin. The following stakeholders attended the second SRG meeting.

SRG Second Meeting Attendees

Organisation	Attendee
Care for Hedland	Mayor Kelly Howlett
Chamber of Commerce	Cr Bill Dziombak
Child Protection (Dept.)	Ricky Bester
Many Rivers	Leeuwin Beeck
Pilbara Dev Comm	Trish Barron
Pilbara Cities	Paul Trotman
Planning (Dept.)	Wanda Kaucz
	Jim Kaucz
Port Authority	Daphne Gollogly
Small Business Centre	Denis Bevins
Transport	Ray Patterson
Water Corporation	Sarah MacNish

Apologies: Glen Chidlow (Australia's North West Tourism) and Vicky James (FMG)

Confirmation of Report of SRG First Meeting

A report of the outcomes of the first SRG meeting was provided to participants ahead of the second meeting. The report was reviewed and accepted.

Update on Spatial Strategies: 'Precinct Plans'

Rod Dixon and Filipe Vieira of RPS presented the draft precinct plans and provided commentary on the outcomes of the Growth Forum workshop. Participants were invited to comment on subsequent thinking and the following points were raised:

West End:

- The Richardson Street boat ramp will need replacing or substantial upgrading in the medium term. Alternatively, another access point needs to be created in the Inner Harbour which would help reduce the issue of boating in the shipping channels. Any Spoilbank Marina may not have sufficient capacity to meet small boat demand.
- It was accepted that the use of existing industrial premises in the West End will continue in the medium term. However, the types of industrial uses that will be permissible in the Service Commercial zones of the West End in the long-term should be investigated.
- Several stakeholders were surprised that the Spoilbank zone does not include residential zones.

Airport:

- Stakeholders supported the idea that Transient Worker Accommodation should not affect aircraft operations and that noise performance measures should be in place prior to granting approval to a development application.

South Hedland:

- Urgent consultation was suggested with the Department of Housing to agree on the most suitable location for regional playing fields.
- The meeting attendees were briefed on the status of Native Title negotiations. It was noted that potential future residential landbank areas to the south of South Hedland are not covered by recent Native Title agreements. Advice was received that the staging of the Implementation Plan should identify the triggers for the start of negotiations for additional Native Title agreements.

Boodarie

- The need to provide certainty to current opportunities to attract industry prior to finalisation of the Boodarie Strategic Industrial Area was raised as the primary reason why the proposed explosives and ammonia nitrate production sites could not be located within Boodarie.

Summary of Stakeholder Input to Growth Forum

The Growth Plan consultant team presented their findings of the Growth Plan Forum and the key issues that were raised during a special briefing of Council on 27 July.

The slide set of this presentation forms Appendix B of this report.

Attendees were invited to comment on the latest thinking on non-spatial strategies and the following points were raised:

- Consideration should be given to incorporate artists' working spaces with the Aboriginal cultural centre. There is evidence of them working well together elsewhere.
- It was suggested that a regional cinema operation (similar to the Reading Cinemas style) should be constructed adjacent to the South Hedland Shopping Centre with more art-house offerings at either the Matt Dann, Picture Garden or a new performing arts centre/gallery space in the West End.
- Advice was received that consultation should be undertaken with the Shire of Broome and the Department of Housing and Works (Will Carrol in Roebourne to identify lessons learnt in affordable and culturally appropriate housing models.
- Concerns existed about the lack of full government direction on the division of government services offices between the two Pilbara cities.
- There was considerable support for the development of a small business incubator strategy. Stakeholders did not differentiate between the two sustainable models discussed at the Growth Plan Forum, i.e. (a) the real estate model – providing cost effective office space; and (b) venture capital and or commercialisation support services. A physical presence (potentially in the form of a shop) was viewed as an important component to consider in the Growth Plan.
- There was hope that a university campus can be attracted to Port Hedland and out of State universities such as James Cook should be targeted to have a campus in the city. There was a view that Pilbara Technological and Future Education TAFE had a greater role to play than a university in the short term and that mining company executives should do more lecturing at TAFE.
- Linking tourism to Indigenous cultural experiences was support and it was noted that the WA Indigenous Tourism Strategy has very recently been released.

Next Meeting

- The attendees agreed for the third SRG meeting should take place around late October 2011. The key objective of this meeting will be to review the collated submissions received during the statutory public advertising period.
- It was suggested that the Regional Planning Committee be briefed at its meeting in Karratha on 1 September 2011.



Annexures:

1. Agenda
2. Session Powerpoint Slides