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In May last year, Council adopted a policy which set out steps it saw as necessary to enable the

proposed East Wanneroo urban area to be properly planned and for the smooth roll out of any new urban development. Importantly these steps recognised the need for community consultation.

To allow this to happen, a change to urban zoning was necessary to offer an incentive for the development industry to start preparing district structure plans for the whole area and to initiate a community consultation process.

District structure planning is when infrastructure agencies, such as the Water Corporation, do detailed plans to ensure the area can be serviced at the right time.

Soon after Council adopted policy on East Wanneroo, the State Government rezoned several small pockets of land in the area to Urban Deferred.

The government also said it will not lift deferment until there is a district structure plan for the whole area. Both the rezoning and preparation of district structure plans involve community consultation.

To remove ambiguity and to enable this planning, it is important that the State Government rezones the whole potential urban area to Urban Deferred to give residents certainty.

The State Government will need to make sure that all infrastructure agencies do thorough services planning, and the Western Australian Planning Commission's Infrastructure Coordinating Committee must play a key role in making this happen.

Water use is one example of where coordination is needed. It is critical that groundwater which is currently used for agriculture is able to be transferred for use to irrigate future sports areas in our growing new communities.

The development for future urban use is important for the region because it will provide new housing areas close to existing centres like the Wanneroo Town Centre. It will however, affect existing agricultural businesses.

Many of the agricultural operations provide fresh produce for local markets and it is crucial that the State Government ensures new, suitably located sites are found to compensate for the displacement of food producers.

The East Wanneroo area is important and we need to find the right balance between urbanisation while preserving our Aboriginal heritage sites, environmental assets and lifestyle choices. Rural and special rural zoning also help create much needed buffers, protect wetlands and provide a gradual link to an urban front.

The most important thing the government needs to do for this area is to finally provide certainty for residents about their future. Current designation of the area as 'potential urban' under the East Wanneroo Structure Plan does not offer that certainty. It will only be provided once the area is rezoned under the Metropolitan Region Scheme.



Premier and Cabinet at Wanneroo.

## CITY STRENGTHENS STATE PARTNERSHIP

THE CITY OF WANNEROO HAS TAKEN FULL ADVANTAGE OF A VISIT BY THE WESTERN AUSTRALIAN PREMIER AND HIS CABINET MINISTERS TO ADVOCATE FOR IMPORTANT INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS FOR THE REGION.

The enormous growth and potential of the region, was shown to the Premier and his Cabinet team and Mayor Tracey Roberts spoke about the City's growth and future needs.

"The City understands the importance of effective working relationships between all tiers of government and continues to strengthen these ties and collaborations to provide the best outcomes for residents and businesses. These working partnerships can unlock the huge economic potential of our region," Mayor Roberts said.

Wanneroo is expected to host three quarters of the population growth in the north-west

sub region and our population is currently 187,000 however, that figure is predicted to almost double in the next 20 years.

To accommodate that growth, it is crucial the City continues to develop partnerships to achieve goals of job creation, transport infrastructure and community open space.

The City will also maintain campaigns for the extension of the freeway to Romeo Road, the extension of the northern rail line to Yanchep as soon as possible and the development of the Yanchep Strategic Metropolitan Centre - in addition to the need for more regional sporting fields for residents.

The recoding of areas in Wanneroo, Girrawheen and Koondoola which could eventually lead to residents being able to subdivide their properties, subject to approvals, also featured as a discussion point.







