



# Mid West Development Commission Priorities

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# PRESENTATION OUTLINE



- **Mid West Development Commission [MWDC] – role outline**
- **Mid West Development Commission Priorities for 2021**
- **Regional Economic Development Grants [REDS]**

# Mid West Development Commission



## **OBJECTS of the MWDC:**

- **Job creation and improvement of opportunities for careers,**
- **Develop, promote, facilitate and broaden economic base,**
- **Identify infrastructure services to promote economic and social development,**
- **Provide advice to promote business development,**
- **Seek to ensure that the general standard of government services are comparable to Perth,**
- **Coordinate statutory and State Government agencies and cooperate with Commonwealth and Local Government,**
- **Identify infrastructure needs.**

# MWDC Priorities – what MWDC is doing in 2021



## **Support Oakajee Industrial Estate development.**

- **EOI for Developers interested in renewables to hydrogen closed 24 December – 65 formal applications and another 17 informal,**
- **Unprecedented interest from very large multinational companies from Europe, Asia, North America, Middle East and Australia.**
- **Next step – define the best configuration of the Estate and determine appropriate common-use infrastructure.**
- **Anticipated that the next State Government will be well positioned to commit to developing this Estate.**

# MWDC Priorities - continued



## **Support Agricultural Developments:**

- Aqua-culture,
- Carbon farming initiatives,
- Natural sequence Farming
- Opportunities

## **Support Tourism Industry Developments –**

- Abrolhos,
- Geotourism e.g. project in the Murchison
- Astro-tourism
- Support Events development - Shore Leave Event,

## **Support to Indigenous Land Use Agreements [ILUA]**

- Yamaji ILUA
  - Aboriginal cultural tourism @ Pink Lake
  - Lucky Bay camp ground and cultural tourism development.

## **Other Industrial Developments**

- Strike Energy and Urea plant development.
- A range of mining developments

# MWDC - REDS

## Regional Economic Development Grants



**In 2021 \$1m is to be distributed in round 3 of the REDS program with grants up to \$250 000 per applicant. A further REDS round expected after the election.**

**The break down of this years grants to all to local small businesses and agencies:**

- 47% for tourism infrastructure,
- 34% for agricultural developments,
- 7% for mechanic services,
- 2% communication infrastructure.



# Thankyou

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