Expressions of Interest

**Future of Fremantle Planning Committee**

**Whadjuk Noongar Community Representatives**

**Information for Applicants**

**Current Vacancies**

The Western Australian Planning Commission (WAPC) is seeking expressions of interest from suitably qualified Whadjuk Noongar community members to serve on the [Future of Fremantle Planning Committee](https://www.dplh.wa.gov.au/future-fremantle) – the key body that supports the State Government’s planning for the future of Fremantle’s port precinct.

The cultural heritage of Whadjuk Noongar people provides an important link to the past, present and future of Walyalup (Fremantle). The Committee is keen to ensure that the voices, perspectives and interests of Aboriginal people are part of the early planning process, and that the Future of Fremantle project properly reflects the site’s rich Aboriginal cultural heritage in planning for the city’s future needs.

**About the Future of Fremantle Committee**

Fremantle is a major Western Australian port city. In August 2020, the State Government announced Kwinana as the preferred location for a new container port to meet Western Australia’s long-term freight needs.

With the proposed Kwinana facility expected to be operational by 2032, the Future of Fremantle Planning Committee has been set up to examine the potential redevelopment of North Quay (the current location of the State’s main cargo/container terminal) and the surrounding areas; as well as continuing to develop a new vision for a Victoria Quay Waterfront Precinct.

The Future of Fremantle Planning Committee is a sub-committee of the [Western Australian Planning Commission](https://www.wa.gov.au/organisation/western-australian-planning-commission), and is supported by a Future of Fremantle Reference Group, which provides input on key issues relating to the Inner Harbour, drawing on the local perspectives of members. The objectives of the Committee are to:

* Develop a vision for the longer-term redevelopment of Fremantle Port's Inner Harbour.
* Develop an employment strategy to help inform a vision to maintain local jobs when the container terminals are relocated.
* Explore exciting new economic opportunities and developments for Fremantle.

The Future of Fremantle Planning Committee will be operational until 31 December 2023 and will provide direction for the project as it is delivered over three phases:

1. Defining a project scope and understanding.
2. Developing a vision and future land use options through strategic engagement with the community and stakeholders.
3. Selecting a preferred option and reporting.

Community and stakeholder interest in the future of Fremantle is high and will provide valuable feedback to developing a vision for the long-term redevelopment of the Inner Harbour to shape future development in the area. A program of community and stakeholder engagement, including with Whadjuk Noongar people and members of the wider Aboriginal community, will be carried out in each project phase.

On behalf of the Western Australian Planning Commission, the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage is currently in the final stages of appointing an expert consultant team to support the Committee and complete a Land Use, Economic and Employment Strategy for the State Government.

The Committee’s work to progress land use and economic development planning for the future of Fremantle is in parallel with the State Government’s [Westport](https://westport.wa.gov.au/) program. With work on Westport’s Kwinana port facility also in its early stages, it is expected to be at least 10-12 years before any decommissioning of the Fremantle Port commences to make way for future redevelopment of the Inner Harbour.

**Meetings**

The Future of Fremantle Planning Committee meets quarterly, or more frequently as required. Meetings may be held at the Head Office of the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage, Gordon Stephenson House, 140 William Street, Perth or in Fremantle to allow location-specific assessment to occur. Committee members may also be requested to attend special meetings, site visits and workshops as required.

**Fees and Allowances**

The Public-Sector Commissioner has recommended that Committee members are eligible to be paid a sitting fee (**$366** for meetings greater than 4 hours, **$238** for meetings 4 hours or less). Members may also be entitled to reimbursement of travel expenses in accordance with the Public Sector Commission [guidelines for payment of Government Board and Committee members](https://www.wa.gov.au/organisation/public-sector-commission/remuneration-government-boards-and-committees).

**Term**

The Future of Fremantle Planning Committee is appointed until 31 December 2023, with the possibility of an extension beyond that time. Any appointment to the Committee will align with the initial term.

**Selection Criteria**

In the Expression of Interest, applicants will need to demonstrate:

* Deep connection to the Whadjuk Noongar community
* Local cultural knowledge and a passion for Walyalup (Fremantle)
* Community acknowledgement of an appropriate level of your cultural authority to speak for the community
* Experience operating in a committee structure
* Confidence in expressing views to a group.

**How to Apply**

To apply, visit <https://consultation.dplh.wa.gov.au/wapc/fof-eoi>

Applications should:

* be submitted online in the [prescribed application format](https://consultation.dplh.wa.gov.au/wapc/fof-eoi)
* address suitability against the selection criteria\*
* include a current curriculum vitae (CV) in the [prescribed CV format](https://consultation.dplh.wa.gov.au/office-of-the-director-general/fof-eoi/user_uploads/future-of-fremantle-planning-committee---curriculum-vitae-template-5.docx)
* include two references from recognised Elders of the Whadjuk Noongar community.

\*In lieu of completing the online application, a short audio or video application (max. 25MB) may be submitted to address suitability against the selection criteria. A completed CV proforma will still be required. Please contact [Sam Fagan](mailto:sam.fagan@dplh.wa.gov.au) for details about how to submit an audio or video file.

Applications close **Monday 5 September at 5pm**. Late applications may not be accepted.

**Further Information**

For more information, please contact **Ms Sam Fagan** on **6551 9741** or email [sam.fagan@dplh.wa.gov.au](mailto:sam.fagan@dplh.wa.gov.au)

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*Appointments will not necessarily be restricted to those persons who have expressed an interest, and consideration will be given to applicants with skills that will complement the composition of the Future of Fremantle Planning Committee*.