Development Commissions

- Nine Commissions across the State, including Great Southern DC and South West DC.

- Established as a Statutory Authority under the Regional Development Commissions Act in 1993.

- Western Australian Government agency, under the Minister for Regional Development – Hon Terry Redman MLA.

- Role to coordinate and promote the economic development of the Great Southern region of Western Australia.
GSDDC Strategic Goals

• To support initiatives that build the capacity of regional and rural communities to respond to needs and opportunities for sustainable development

• Developing and attracting industry which diversifies and strengthens the regional economy

• Coordinated approach to the development of capital infrastructure and services for the region

• Promote and support the management and enhancement of our natural and cultural assets

Great Southern Region

• Population concentrated along coast – Albany the regional centre

• Steady overall population growth but static in some inland areas

• ‘Lifestyle’ a key driver in high growth areas

• Strong agricultural sector

• Industry diversification occurring

• Infrastructure investment occurring
Great Southern Population

Average Annual Growth Rate
Great Southern: 0.6%
Western Australia: 2.2%

Population Distribution

2013 Estimated Resident Population: 59,234

- Hinterland: (12.9%) 7,635
- Katanning: 4,407 (7.4%)
- Plantagenet: 5,182 (8.7%)
- Denmark: 5,748 (9.7%)
- City of Albany: 36,262 (61%)

Source: ABS via Regional Development and Lands
Population by Age Group

Source: ABS Estimated Resident Population - 2011

Industry Activity

Sources: Department of Regional Development and Lands, Albany Port Authority
### Health care

**Albany Regional Hospital**
- A new $170m facility at Albany
- Completed and opened in 2013

**Southern Inland Health Initiative**
- $565m Royalties for Regions initiative towards improving regional health care
- Katanning to benefit from $35m investment in capital works and in health workforce and services
- As a district hub, Katanning is scheduled for an upgrade and a primary health care unit with work to commence 2016/17.

### Major Projects: Health

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### Major Projects: Agriculture

**Katanning regional saleyards**
- Capital cost $21.6m
- State Government allocation of $17m in December 2010
- Commonwealth allocation approx $7m in September 2011
- To serve farmers from Williams to Esperance with an estimated throughput of 1m sheep per year
- Completed and opened in 2014.
Major Projects: Inland Development

**Katanning Early Childhood Hub**

- Project concept in 2011 driven by Mrs Davina Davies and Tania Edwards.
- Completed feasibility planning in 2012.
- Business planning undertaken in 2013-14.
- $5.75 million allocated in February 2015 through the Growing our South Initiative.
- Construction to commence 2015/16.

Major Projects: Education

**UWA Albany Sciences Building**

- Total project value: $7.4 million
- GSDC’s Regional Grants Scheme: $1.5m over three years
- Opened: 29 October 2012
Major Projects: Tourism

**Torndirrup Upgrade**

- $1.2 million under Growing our South to upgrade visitor amenity and facilities at the Gap and Natural Bridge.
- Work underway.
- Key partner: Department of Parks & Wildlife.

Planning for the future

- Great Southern Regional Blueprint (draft)
- Great Southern Planning and Infrastructure Framework (draft)
- Regional Water Supply Plan (2014)
- Great Southern Workforce Development Plan (2014)
- Katanning Workforce Development Plan (draft)
- SuperTown Katanning Growth and Implementation Plan (2012)
Regional Blueprint

• Strategic framework to inform investment and development priorities.
• Aspirational plan out to 2040 setting short, medium and long-term ambitions for periodic review.
• Justify and inform future investment business cases
• Deliver actions supported by sound analysis in the context of a plausible and well argued strategy
• The Great Southern Regional Blueprint is the result of an intensive research and consultative process over 18 months.
• Public comment has been incorporated into a final draft for Ministerial consideration.

Great Southern Regional Blueprint

Aspirational population of 100,000 by 2040
Great Southern Regional Blueprint: Regional challenges

**Economy**
- Narrow base in Agriculture

**Population**
- Uneven population growth - geographically and demographically

**Community**
- Service provision and disadvantage

**Environment**
- Environmental sustainability in relation to industrial, commercial and community development

Great Southern Regional Blueprint: Comparative advantages

**Primary Production**
- Second largest food producing region in WA with beneficial production capacity assets

**Lifestyle and Natural Amenity**
- The natural environment, favourable living costs and temperate climate

**Tourism**
- High value natural, cultural and heritage based assets, established major events

**Tertiary Education**
- Strong tertiary education assets, with a significant UWA presence, existing research capacity and GSIT.
ECONOMIC GROWTH AND DIVERSIFICATION
The region is delivering:
• A range of innovative and profitable commercial enterprises within each industry sector
• Visionary companies that recognise the economic value of the region’s natural capital
• A workforce of 60,000 highly skilled contractors and employees
• Efficiency driven and business growth, with secure access to final markets

INFRASTRUCTURE AND SERVICES
The region is delivering:
• Timely, effective and efficient infrastructure and services that are meeting the needs of the region’s residents
• High quality transport, energy, water and IT infrastructure that is enabling the region to leverage its comparative advantages
• Serviced industrial hubs to support a wide range of commercial enterprises
• Systems to optimise the diversion of all regional waste to productive use

KNOWLEDGE AND INNOVATION
The region is delivering:
• Tertiary level education to over 3000 region based students from Australia and around the globe
• Access to world standard learning technologies from early childhood to tertiary level
• Specialist trade training and professional skills through institutes that are linked to the needs of local, national and international markets
• Strengthened links between education, training, industry and employment sectors

COMMUNITY AND ENVIRONMENT
The region is delivering:
• Thriving communities that appreciate the value of the region’s natural capital as an integral part of their businesses and institutions
• The physical environment and social infrastructure to support a population of 130,000 that is continuing to grow
• A mix of world class public and private sector options in healthcare, housing, recreation, sporting and cultural activities
• A community culture that values and has embraced lifelong learning

Regional Blueprint: Transformational Projects

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Central Great Southern Food Processing Precinct

- Driven by local factors of comparative advantage.
- Structure Planning currently in preparation under the SuperTown project.

Town Centre amenity and revitalisation

- Completion of the SuperTown Katanning revitalisation including the Main Street, Piesse Lake expansion and redevelopment of the Country Club.

Early Childhood Development

- Development of the Katanning Early Childhood Hub

Arts Development

- Completion of the Katanning Entertainment centre
Access to natural gas

- The provision of a stable and reliable energy source could be a major factor if regional centres such as Albany and Katanning are to attract new business and industry.

- Bunbury to Albany natural gas pipeline stage 3: construction of a lateral line to Katanning via Boyup Brook.

Waste water and water harvest and reuse

- Complementary to the Katanning District Water Management Strategy produced under the Supertown project.

Water supply

- The increase in demand will be mainly driven by a growing population, particularly in Albany, Denmark, Mount Barker and Katanning.

- Extension and upgrade to water supply infrastructure: Narrogin-Katanning extension and main line to Harris Dam.
Blueprint synergies: Upper Great Southern

Arterial Road upgrades
- For grain and freight, including heavy vehicle bypass roads in Great Southern centres.

Industrial land development
- Create and/or upgrade services and infrastructure at key industrial estates including but not limited to Mirambeena, Yerriminup and Katanning.

NBN Connection
- Katanning will be a point of interconnect for the NBN which may provide opportunities to attract data-intensive enterprises.
- Increased capacity for innovation for centres such as the Katanning Sheep Business Centre.
- Development of distributed learning in upper Great Southern including Katanning.
Blueprint Projects: Upper Great Southern

Cultural Connection and Biodiversity Trails
- Includes the development of the Katanning Piesse Park and green trails.

Aboriginal Cultural Centres
- Katanning Aboriginal Interpretive Centre and cultural education, possibly combined with the Multicultural Interpretive Centre

Blueprint synergies: Upper Great Southern

Community leadership
- Supporting the continuation and expansion of community leadership through organisations such as the Katanning Action Network.

Affordable housing
- Planning and promotion of affordable housing options to support population growth and attract workforce.

Strategic waste management
- Planning for a Regional Waste Management Facility at Katanning to service the central Great Southern.