



Our Vision: A community of diverse lifestyle experiences accommodating progressive growth, sharing prosperity and valuing the unique environment.

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Dear Sir

### **BUNBURY OUTER RING ROAD - SOUTH WEST WA FREIGHT AND SUPPLY CHAIN PRIORITY**

The Shire of Capel is located on the west coast of Western Australia, adjoining the City of Bunbury, in a region recognised as Bunbury Geographe. The region encompasses the City of Bunbury and the Shires of Capel, Dardanup and Harvey.

The collective population of Bunbury Geographe is 93,000 and continues to grow at the rate of 4% per annum.

Bunbury Outer Ring Road (BORR) has been on the infrastructure agenda for state and federal governments for over 25 years. In 2013 stage one of the project was completed with the construction of the Bunbury Port Access Road.

Population growth in the South West has resulted in growth in commercial and commuter traffic that moves produce north and south and east and west, through the port and to Kwinana and the metropolitan area generally. Increased traffic has resulted in over a dozen traffic control lights being installed on all of the major transport routes around the Port of Bunbury. The mix of commercial vehicles, commuters and travellers has increased exponentially over the last 20 years.

The Shire of Capel district is in the southern corridor for access from the north and west of the City of Bunbury and the Port of Bunbury. The Bunbury Outer Ring Road is a vital infrastructure investment that will vastly improve the movement of heavy freight vehicles away from commuter and visitor traffic, resulting in a safer and more efficient transport network for all users.

The Shire of Capel is home to the magnificent Tuart Forest National Park, beautiful beaches and the popular Boyanup District Farmers Market. The BORR will enhance the safer flow of traffic to and from these special attractions in our Shire.

#### Supporting Facts:

- BORR is a priority recognised in the Bunbury Geographe Growth Plan adopted in 2017, showing an employment multiplier of 11, creating 200 jobs during construction.



- BORR is a high priority in the South West Regional Blueprint endorsed by the Bunbury Wellington Group of Councils in 2015 and supported by the South West Development Commission.
- BORR stages 2 and 3 are acknowledged by Infrastructure Australia as priority projects, December 2013.
- BORR will complement the new Busselton Margaret River Regional Airport.
- BORR will reduce congestion and reduce environmental impacts that are generated by heavy haulage trucks that are forced to stop and start throughout the existing traffic lights; this will speed up delivery of produce to the Ports and the airport and metropolitan markets.
- BORR will generate an opportunity for applying value capture to recoup construction costs over a number of years as the land adjoining the corridor is developed.
- BORR will make the South West more competitive in world markets by reducing the time produce is on trucks, getting to the Asian and Eastern States markets far quicker than is possible today, incremental improvements will pay dividends as the momentum increases.
- BORR will enable local cattle breeders in the South West to achieve faster delivery and reduced fuel costs in getting their livestock to the Boyanup Saleyards.
- BORR will provide safer journeys for locals and tourists travelling through the Bunbury Geographe region, particularly during peak holiday times.

The Bunbury Outer Ring Road is a serious investment for the future economic growth of the Bunbury Geographe area. There will be immediate jobs growth and ongoing economic growth as the road creates opportunities for more efficient and effective use of transport links to domestic and world markets.

If the opportunity arises, the Shire of Capel will be very pleased to provide a fact finding tour of the region for the Freight Logistics Committee and Infrastructure Australia to explain firsthand the Bunbury Geographe Strategy and the value of the BORR to this region.

Please contact my Executive Assistant, Mrs Alison Evans on 9727 0222 or via email [aevans@capel.wa.gov.au](mailto:aevans@capel.wa.gov.au) to arrange a meeting at your convenience.

Yours faithfully



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