Utilise the Aboriginal Lands Trust estate
The Aboriginal Lands Trust estate provides significant economic and investment opportunities for Aboriginal people.

Administer State lands
The value of State land assets and heritage places is optimised through secure land tenure and streamlined approval and title processes.

Provide land supply for population and economic growth
Strategic planning policy and the planning system enables property and commercial development to meet State objectives.

Manage cultural heritage, assets and resources
Disused and neglected publicly-owned heritage places are revitalised and prepared for sustainable new use and development.

Fremantle Prison and Whiteman Park are conserved, appropriately managed and their full potential for compatible use and tourism is realised.

Manage grant programs
Planning, land and heritage grants are distributed to maximise community benefit.

Sustainable use of land and heritage
Contemporary policies and practices on land, planning and heritage deliver a planning system that supports long term State growth.

Coordinated provision of land and infrastructure
Sufficient urban, commercial and industrial land supply facilitates commerce, investment, innovation, employment and community enrichment.

Access to information and data to facilitate sustainable development
High-quality data, research and modelling supports good planning and responds to changing demographics, technological advances and the challenge of climate change.

We understand every piece of land and site has a story.
We recognise the importance of linking our past to the present.
We strive to build prosperous places and connected communities.
We seek to maximise economic employment opportunities for Western Australia.
We share our stories and history with current and future generations.
We understand a good plan is the foundation for success.
Statement of Strategic Intent 2018

Our Vision
To respect our past
To create opportunities today
To plan our future

Our Purpose
Planning and managing land and heritage for all Western Australians

Our Values
#integrity
#respect
#collaboration
#professionalism
#innovation

Our Services
Aboriginal heritage and lands management
Cultural heritage conservation services
Integrated land and infrastructure policy development
Land use planning and policy development
State land administration

Our Ministers and Boards

Minister for Planning and Lands
Hon. Rita Saffioti

Western Australian Planning Commission
The WAPC has statewide responsibility for urban, rural and regional integrated strategic and statutory land use planning and land development.

Pastoral Lands Board
The Pastoral Lands Board has joint responsibility with the Minister for Lands for administering Western Australia’s pastoral leases. The board has responsibility to ensure pastoral leases are managed in an ecologically sustainable way and to develop policies to prevent degradation of the state’s rangelands.

Heritage Council of Western Australia
The Heritage Council is the State Government’s advisory body on heritage matters and is vested with functions and powers under the Heritage of Western Australia Act 1990.

Heritage Council
Hon. David A Templeman

Aboriginal Lands Trust
The Aboriginal Lands Trust is the statutory board convened under the Aboriginal Affairs Planning Authority Act 1972, with the primary function of holding and managing land held in trust for the Aboriginal people of Western Australia.

Aboriginal Cultural Materials Committee
The Aboriginal Cultural Materials Committee is established under sections 28 to 32 of the Aboriginal Heritage Act 1972 as the specialist heritage advisory body to the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs.

Minister for Aboriginal Affairs
Hon. Ben Wyatt

Our Integrated Solutions
2018 will be a year of consolidation for the department as we aim to provide a coordinated and integrated approach to planning, lands and heritage.

To deliver on this, we are:
• changing and improving how we serve our stakeholders
• adapting and enhancing our business processes to provide a seamless and integrated approach to planning, lands and heritage management
• building a consistent and joined-up digital experience for our stakeholders
• enriching our capability and building a high performing, diverse and engaged workforce
• focusing outwardly and engaging collaboratively
• fostering an effective organisation where people want to work.

Our Priorities
• Metronet
• Legislative reform
• Divestment of Aboriginal Lands Trust estate
• Pastoral land
• Optimise property and asset management

• Design WA
• Swan Valley Development Framework
• Supporting native title processes
• Fremantle Prison master plan
• Digital access and experience

About Us
The Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage provides services to three State Government ministers, as well as statutory authorities, boards and committees.