



COUNCIL POLICY 2.6 MINE RESOURCING

CURRENT POLICY CONTENT CHANGE NOTES COUNCIL COMMENTS				
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SUSTAINABILITY THEME	SUSTAINABILITY THEME	No Changes		
Economy	Economy	No Changes		
OBJECTIVES	OBJECTIVE			
To position Geraldton as a Fly-In/Fly-Out (FIFO) and Drive-In/Drive-Out (DIDO) hub as appropriate for workers employed with the mining companies operating in the Pilbara, Murchison, Midwest and Gascoyne regions, as opposed to Perth dominating servicing of the region's resource sector workforce needs.	To position Geraldton as a hub for Fly-In/Fly-Out (FIFO) and/or Drive-In/Drive-Out (DIDO) workers employed with mining companies in the Pilbara, Murchison, Midwest and Gascoyne regions, reducing the reliance on Perth to serve the region's resource sector workforce needs.	Rephrased first and second paragraph for enhanced readability.		
To advocate support for hinterland Midwest region Local Government Authorities to ensure that mining operations deliver maximum economic and social benefit to the communities in direct proximity to each mining operation.	To advocate support for hinterland Midwest region Local Government Authorities to ensure that mining operations deliver maximum economic and social benefit for communities in direct proximity to each mining operation.			
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POLICY STATEMENT	POLICY STATEMENT			
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The Western Australia Planning Commission (WAPC) State Policy view on mining camps/ town locations included in their January 2018 "Position Statement on Workforce Accommodation".	 The Western Australia Planning Commission (WAPC) State Policy view on mining camps/ town locations included in their January 2018 "Position Statement on Workforce Accommodation". 	
POLICY DETAILS 1. The City will encourage existing and new regional mining ventures to use Geraldton as a workforce source and FIFO or DIDO hub as appropriate.	OLICY DETAILS The City will encourage existing and new regional mining ventures to use Geraldton as a FIFO and/or DIDO workforce resource hub.	Removed the phrase 'workforce source and' then added 'workforce resource' after FIFO and DIDO.
The City's Economic Development Unit will collaborate with mining companies to attract their workforces to live in Geraldton.	The City's Customer & Business Engagement branch will collaborate with mining companies to attract their workforces to live in Geraldton.	Removed 'as appropriate'
3. The City will encourage existing and new regional mining ventures to source products, services and staff from the local community.	The City will encourage existing and new regional mining ventures to source products, services and staff from the local community.	Updated Economic Development Unit to
4. The City will support and lobby Airline operators to include Geraldton as a stopover and/or transit point for both domestic and charter flights from Perth and other destinations.	The City will support and lobby Airline operators to include Geraldton as a stopover and/or transit point for both domestic and charter flights from Perth and other destinations.	Customer & Business Engagement branch.
N/A	EY TERM DEFINITIONS /A	No Changes
Director Corporate Services is responsible for oversight of implementation and operation of this policy. Director Infrastructure Services is responsible for delivery and maintenance of existing or new infrastructure, facilities or public amenities approved by Council consistent with this policy.	oles and responsibilities irector Development Services oversees the implementation and operation of this policy and ensures City angers enforce compliance with local laws and regulations. irector Infrastructure Services oversees the delivery and maintenance of infrastructure, facilities or public menities approved by Council consistent with this policy.	Rephrased for enhanced readability. Updated position titles to reflect the transfer of the Economic Development function from Corporate Commercial Services to Development Services with Director Development Services responsibilities consolidated.
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POLICY ADMINISTRATION	OLICY ADMINISTRATION	
Directorate Officer Review Cycle Next Due	Directorate Officer Review Cycle Next I	Due
Corporate and Commercial Services Manager Strategic Planning and Economic Development Biennial 2024	Development Services Manager Customer & Business Engagement Biennial 2026	
Version Decision Reference Synopsis	Version Decision Reference Synopsis	
3. CCS002 21/12/2022 Policy Review	4. Policy Review	