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Cockburn, East Fremantle, Fremantle, Kwinana, Melville & Rockingham

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Dear Steve

**PUBLIC TRANSPORT FOR PERTH IN 2031
SUBMISSION FROM THE SOUTH WEST GROUP**

The South West Group welcomes the work being undertaken by your agency to map out the future for Perth's Public Transport Network. This is a crucial issue for the rapidly growing South West Corridor as outlined in the attached submission.

The South West Group has also been involved with developing the WA Local Government Association Submission and supports the 37 recommendations contained in the submission.

The South West Group has concerns about the growth assumptions in the 2031 plan and believes that planning for 2031 should be based on a Perth population of at least 3 million persons.

This additional growth combined with higher targets for public transport patronage will require much greater investment in public transport, particularly in the South Metropolitan area. The South West Group recommends that the capital investment plan be increased to \$5 billion with \$1 billion identified for light rail in the South West Corridor. Around half of the \$5 billion capital investment plan should be spent in the South West Corridor and area covered by the Rivers Regional Council to match the expected urban and employment growth south of Perth.

The South West Group Board has adopted a target of having 30 per cent of journeys to work and school within the South West Corridor being on Public Transport by 2031. We support this target being formalised in your plan.

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Public transport has played a major role in shaping urban development in other parts of the world. The South West Group supports a program similar to the 1990's Better Cities Program to assist plan and shape Transit Oriented Development.

The Southern Suburbs Rail Line has been a driver of urban and commercial development in the region, however this could be further enhanced by having a clear plan of the development of all future rail stations. The South West Group supports an additional four rail stations south of Cockburn Central.

An important element of being able to rapidly grow the use of public transport is a sophisticated fare regime. The South West Group supports the introduction of a premium for travel during the morning peak.

Increasing congestion on roads will make ferry transport more competitive, particularly if high speed travel (incorporating necessary wake minimisation features) is permitted. The South West Group supports the early establishment of a high speed ferry link between Canning Bridge and the University of Western Australia.

The 2031 Transport Plan touches lightly on community behaviour change and engagement. The South West Group believes that a stronger emphasis on this aspect is required to get broad acceptance of the direction of the plan and to facilitate implementation.

The WALGA submission is attached at Appendix 1 with information about our region provided in Appendix 2.

We look forward to further involvement with you as the 2031 Transport Plan is finalised and the Moving People and Moving Freight initiatives are progressed.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'BPettitt', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Dr Brad Pettitt, Mayor of Fremantle
Chair South West Group

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