



Department of
**Local Government, Sport
and Cultural Industries**

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Dear Ms Shaw,

**INQUIRY INTO WESTERN AUSTRALIA'S ECONOMIC RELATIONSHIP WITH INDIA
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

Thank you for the opportunity to provide a submission to the Inquiry into Western Australia's economic relationship with India.

The Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries (DLGSC) is pleased to provide further comments on this matter and welcomes the potential for future work fostering economic activity between Western Australia and the Republic of India.

Attachment 1 provides our response to the request for additional information.

I am interested in further conversations with the Economic and Industry Standing Committee and for DLGSC to continue contributing towards Western Australia's economic relationship with the Republic of India.

Yours sincerely

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Attachment 1

- 1. Your submission (at p.7) states that Western Australian service exports have grown by 1.7 per cent over the past five years. What service exports are included in this data and what is the source of this data?**

The source of this data is from the following:

- ABS International Trade: Supplementary Information, calendar year, 2018.
- ABS International Trade in Goods and Services, Australia, May 2019.

The service exports included in this data are the following industries:

- Licenses to reproduce and/or distribute computer services;
- Intellectual property charges – music;
- Computer and information services;
- Advertising, marketing research and public opinion polling;
- Architecture services; and
- Audio visual and related services.

- 2. Which local government areas have a substantial number of the Indian diaspora residing in their area?**

At the 2016 Census the following local government areas had the highest number of the Indian diaspora residing there:

- Stirling;
- Gosnells; and
- Canning.

Further information, on the population statistics of the Indian diaspora in local government areas can be found here:

<https://geografia.com.au/dlgsc/#/Ancestry/Indian/2016/Key%20Statistics/LGA%20distribution>

- 3. To the best of your knowledge, does any local government have a sister-city relationship with an Indian local or city government? Are there any plans to engage in sister-city arrangements with India? What countries are the focus of current sister-city arrangements?**

There is a current Sister State relationship between the State Government of Western Australia and the State Government of Andhra Pradesh. The State Government of Western Australia also has current State relationships with East Java, China and Japan.

The Sister State arrangements are managed by the Department of Jobs, Tourism, Science and Industry (JTSI). There are no current plans to engage in further Sister–State arrangements with India.

Currently in Western Australia, there is no existing Sister city relationship with India.

4. To the best of your knowledge, what support or funding do local governments provide to stage Indian cultural events? What events are staged by local governments?

A number of local governments support Indian community cultural events across WA through community grants and in-kind support.

In the past years LGAs as diverse as City of Greater Geraldton, City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder, Bunbury, Wanneroo and Fremantle have supported events.

Most notably the Town of Claremont supports the Indian Society of WA's Diwali Mela event at the Showgrounds. This has been carried out on an annual basis.

The City of Mandurah hosted in 2019 an outreach program from the renowned Jaipur International Writers Festival with funding support from the Indian Government Confluence Festival. This is intended to become an annual event.