BRIEFING NOTE

PORTFOLIO: Regional Development


BACKGROUND:

Election Promise. Albany – A Renewable Energy City & Wave Power for Albany. Total allocation: $19.5M. This would include allocation to the Wave Energy Centre of Excellence, UWA Albany.

- To build common user infrastructure to provide the opportunity for energy companies to develop their technology and facilitate the establishment of wave technology and farms.
- To also work with the University of Western Australia (UWA), Carnegie Clean Energy and other stakeholders to develop a Wave Energy Centre of Excellence in Albany.

CURRENT SITUATION:

- Carnegie has been working on a business case for the last 2 years with GSDC.
- The projects is referred to as “WIRED” or “Albany Wave Hub”.
- The most up-to-date business case is November 2016. This differs to the original model.
- Carnegie Clean Energy proposes a partnership with Western Power, Denmark Community Windfarm Inc. and the University of Western Australia.
- Costing: $22,375,749
- Department of Regional Development support a private/public partnership approach to make up funds.
- Benefits to Albany, Denmark and Walpole. Independent energy would be generated “off-grid”.
- The Government has a meeting planned with UWA to expedite plans for a centre of excellence in Albany.

SUGGESTED SPEAKING POINTS:

The Government is seeking to establish a new common user facility in Albany and will progress on this project as a priority in regional development.

The Government will be talking with stakeholders to progress with plan for Albany including the research and supply of services.

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