



Mid West Major Projects 2026

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29 – 30 APRIL 2026 | NOVOTEL LANGLEY PERTH

PROJECT DEVELOPMENT, INVESTMENT & OPPORTUNITIES FOR GROWTH ACROSS THE REGION

SPEAKERS INCLUDE:



Hon Jackie Jarvis MLC, **Minister for Agriculture and Food; Fisheries; Forestry; Small Business; Mid West**



Nils Hay, *Chief Executive Officer, Mid West Development Commission*



Joe Ariyaratnam, *Vice President Business Management and Growth, Mitsui E&P Australia (MEPAU)*



Leon Taylor, *Director, FI Joint Venture Pty Ltd*



Tim Bray, *Deputy Director General, PoweringWA, Department of Energy and Economic Diversification*



Angela Kelly, *Deputy Director General - State Development and Project Facilitation, Department of Energy and Economic Diversification*



Laurie Barlow, *General Manager Strategic Projects, Yamatji Water*



Damian Tully, *CEO, Mid West Ports Authority*



Joanne Fabling, *Chief Executive Officer, Mid West Chamber of Commerce & Industry*



Abdul Ekram, *Director - Asia Investment Desk & Lead for Hydrogen and Green Metal strategy, Austrade*



John Welborn, *Executive Chairman, Fenix Resources*



Justin Brown, *Managing Director, Element 25*



Graham Arvidson, *CEO, Australian Vanadium Limited*



Rohan Warr, *Managing Director, Dongara Marine*



David Parker, *Commercial Manager, Empire Metals*



Luke Barber, *Development Manager, Vestas*



Stephen Archer, *CEO, Warradarge Energy*



Alex Passmore, *Chief Executive Officer, New Murchison Gold*

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Mid West Major Projects 2026

Wednesday 29 April 2026

DAY 1

8:00 Registration & Morning Coffee

9:00 EVENT OPENING

Alexandra Bennet, *Conference Director, Informa*

9:05 Opening remarks from the Chair

9:10 Boundless Opportunity of the Mid West

Nils Hay, *Chief Executive Officer, Mid West Development Commission*

9:45 Western Australia's Energy Transition: Large-scale projects in the Mid West

Tim Bray, *Deputy Director General, PoweringWA, Department of Energy and Economic Diversification*

10:10 Mitsui: An Integrated Energy Solutions Business

Joe Ariyaratnam, *Vice President Business Management and Growth, Mitsui E&P Australia (MEPAU)*

10:35 FIJV's Yogi Magnetite Project

Leon Taylor, *Director, FI Joint Venture Pty Ltd*

11:00 Networking & Refreshment Break

11:30 Growth Starts Here: How Mid West Ports is Enabling the Region's Next Chapter

Damian Tully, *CEO, Mid West Ports Authority*

11:55 How Fenix is unlocking value in the Mid-West

John Welborn, *Executive Chairman, Fenix Resources*

12:20 Essential energy powering Australian industries, business and manufacturing

1:20 Networking & Lunch Break

2:15 PANEL DISCUSSION

Energy utilization and its impact

- Long-term energy strategies – Fossil fuels & renewable energy development
- The potential of hydrogen and its derivatives in shaping the energy landscape
- Opportunities and innovations in manufacturing driven by energy advancements and policies
- The critical role of affordable energy in fostering manufacturing, trade and investment opportunities
- Opportunities for data centres in the region - Can data centres strengthen the region's future?

2:45 Session to be advised

3:15 PANEL DISCUSSION

Empowering First Nation Communities: Pathways to Inclusive Growth and Development

- Bringing meaningful benefits to first nation people
- Indigenous-led development, decision-making
- Opportunities for inclusive growth
- Pathways for investment, partnerships and regenerative business models

Laurie Barlow, *General Manager Strategic Projects, Yamatji Water*

3:45 Networking & Refreshment Break

4:15 Mid West Wind Farm Project - Vestas

Luke Barber, *Development Manager, Vestas*

4:40 Session to be advised

5:05 Renewable Developments in the Mid-West

Stephen Archer, *CEO, Warradarge Energy*

5:30 CLOSING | End of Day One

5:30-6:30 Networking Drinks 



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Thursday 30 April 2026

DAY 2

8:15 Registration & Morning Coffee

8:50 Opening remarks

9:00 MINISTERIAL ADDRESS

Driving nationally significant industries from the Mid West

Hon Jackie Jarvis MLC, Minister for Agriculture and Food; Fisheries; Forestry; Small Business; Mid West

9:10 PANEL DISCUSSION

Developing Trade opportunities for the Region

- Region's current trade performance and key industries
- Role of technology, innovation, infrastructure and connectivity
- Collaboration and partnerships
- Future opportunities and emerging markets
- Success stories - Thriving in regional and global trade

Angela Kelly, Deputy Director General - State Development and Project Facilitation, Department of Energy and Economic Diversification

Abdul Ekram, Director - Asia Investment Desk & Lead for Hydrogen and Green Metal Strategy, Austrade

9:40 Session to be advised

10:05 Pitfield Project – Advancing a Globally Significant Titanium Discovery in the Mid West

David Parker, Commercial Manager, Empire Metals

10:30 AVL – From Pit to Battery

Graham Arvidson, CEO, Australian Vanadium Limited

10:55 Element 25, Butcherbird Manganese Mine

Justin Brown, Managing Director, Element 25

11:20 Networking & Refreshment Break

11:50 PANEL DISCUSSION

Opportunities for manufacturing and industrial growth

- Addressing the most significant challenges - infrastructure, workforce availability, supply chain dynamics, and global competition
- Industry support programs to help businesses build capacity and capability in manufacturing
- How can partnerships and investments help to scale production and enhance efficiency?

Joanne Fabling, Chief Executive Officer, Mid West Chamber of Commerce & Industry

Rohan Warr, Managing Director, Dongara Marine

12:20 New Murchison Gold - Crown Prince

Alex Passmore, Chief Executive Officer, New Murchison Gold

12:45 Session to be advised

1:10 PANEL DISCUSSION

Positioning the Mid west as a leader in space science and technology

- Strategic Geographic Advantage
- Existing Infrastructure and Investments
- Economic and Employment Opportunities
- Collaboration to foster innovation
- Attracting investment and innovation - Incentives, grants, regulatory frameworks

1:35 Closing Remarks

1:40 Networking & Lunch Break

2:10 Close of Conference



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