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Renewable Energy:

Challenges and opportunities for the Wheatbelt

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Acknowledgement of Country

The Government of Western Australia acknowledges the traditional custodians throughout Western Australia and their continuing connection to the land, waters and community.

We pay our respects to all members of the Aboriginal communities and their cultures; and to Elders both past and present.



Drivers behind the Energy Transition

**Powering a stronger,
more diverse State
economy**

**Meeting rapidly
growing demand for
electricity**

**State and Federal
decarbonisation
commitments**

Wheatbelt

The Wheatbelt is a critical region for the energy transition with strong wind and solar resources

Challenges

Pace and scale
of change

Ensuring
fairness and
best practice

Managing
community
impacts





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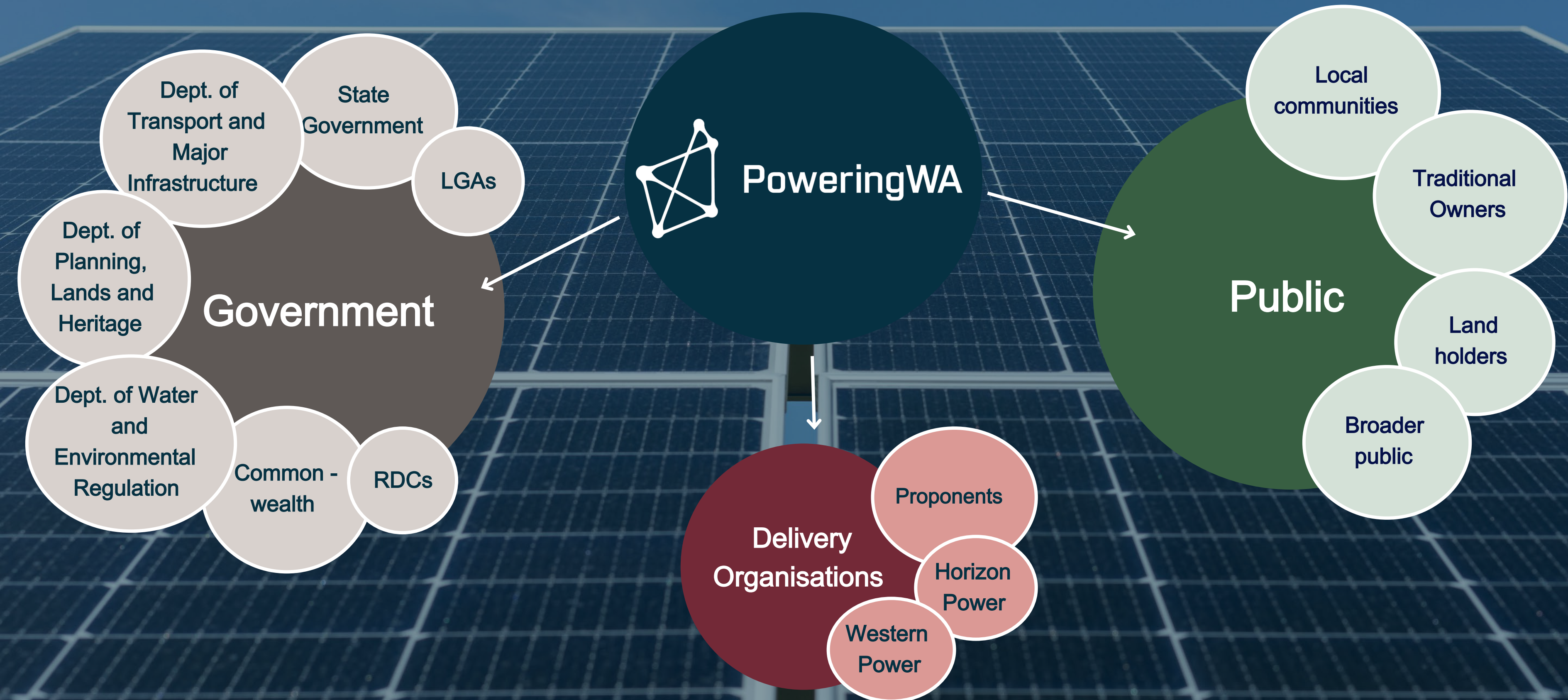
**Retirement of
State -owned
coal by 2030**

**Accelerating
decarbonisation
in WA**

**Helping industries
transition and
attracting
investment**

**Building public
understanding
and trust in the
transition**

Trust in the transition



State Development Act 2025

The State has prioritised four major Wheatbelt wind farms under the State Development Act 2025:

Kondinin Wind
Farm

Marri Wind
Farm

Narrogin Wind
Farm

Parron Maam
Marang Wind
Farm



Clean Energy Fund

\$1.4 billion fund established, in addition to \$1.6 billion invested to date, to expand transmission and accelerate clean, affordable and reliable energy

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Clean Energy Link - East supported as priority project

Reliable, affordable energy for the SWIS



Toolkit - Hosting a Wind Farm on Your Land: Benefits and Considerations

Purpose of the Toolkit

For landowners and neighbours across WA

Empowers informed hosting decisions

Supports landowners considering wind farm projects

*Released in early 2026, the Toolkit will be regularly updated



Community Benefits Guideline for Large-scale Renewable Energy Projects in the South West Interconnected System

Purpose of the Guideline

Locally led,
meaningful, and
place-based

Guided by
Community
Benefits Plans

Sharing renewable
energy revenue with
local communities

Released March 2026



Community Benefits Plans Pilot

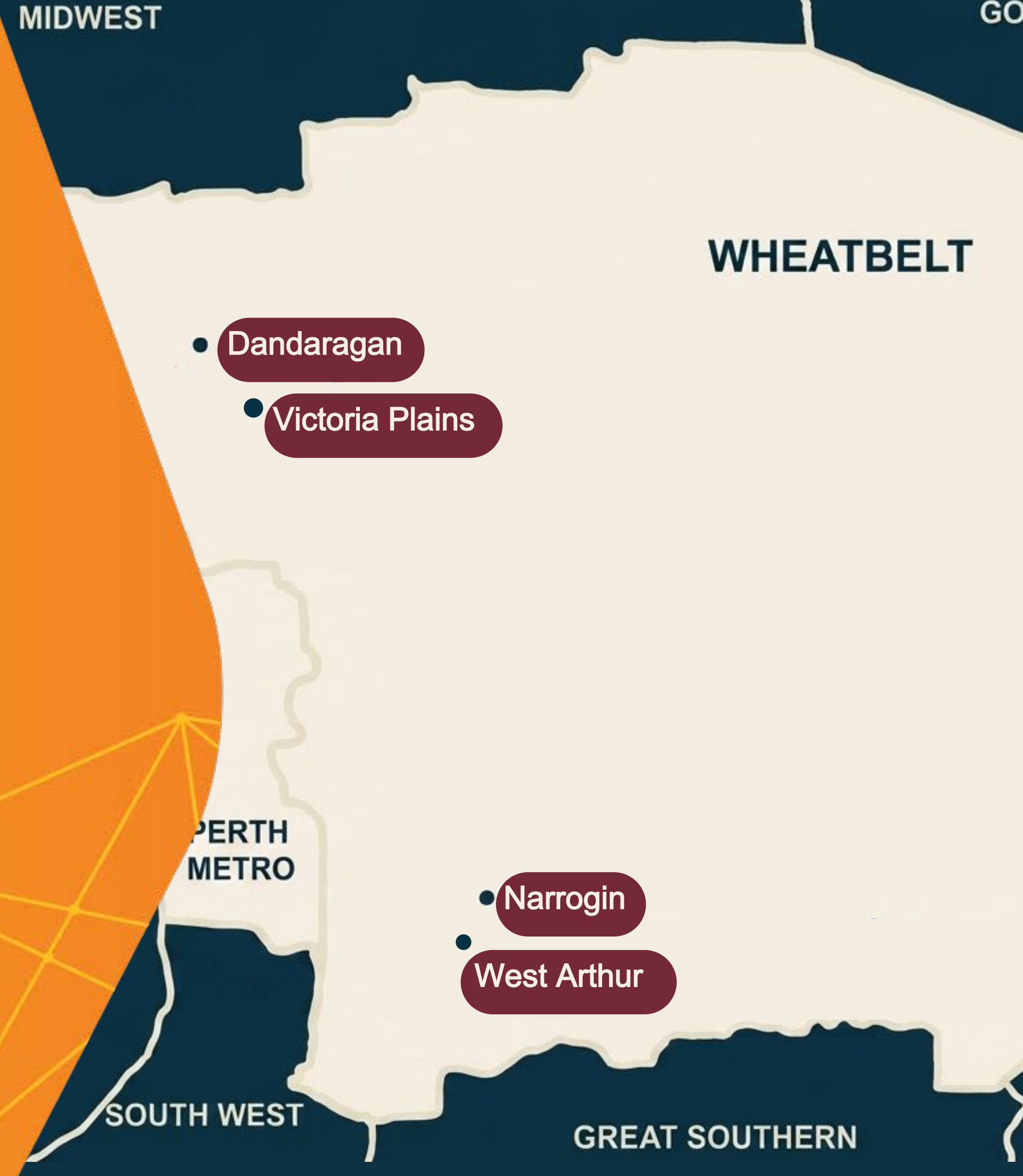
Two Pilots are currently being implemented across four Wheatbelt LGA's on the South West Interconnected System (SWIS)

Purpose of the Pilot

Applying the Guideline to real world conditions

Designing to scale

Opportunity for the Wheatbelt





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Thank You

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