

The Wide Bay Regional Growth Management Framework (RGMF) has been prepared in order to manage population growth and the economic, social and environmental needs and impacts of the region. It provides a broad long-term strategy to guide the region's future development and management of population growth using existing institutional structures and planning processes. State and local governments, and key business, industry and community groups endorsed the RGMF in 1998.

A key outcome of the RGMF was the development of the Wide Bay Integrated Transport Plan (WBITP), which provides specific detail on matters related to the Inquiry's Terms of Reference, including:

- Planning and providing for rail infrastructure for the transport of freight within Wide Bay and to the ports of Gladstone, Bundaberg and Brisbane;
- Investigating the potential of inter-modal freight facilities in the Wide Bay; and
- Planning and providing the Wide Bay region's port infrastructure, facilities and services.

An annual implementation report for the WBITP can be found at:

[http://www.transport.qld.gov.au/qt/tpSite.nsf/ReferenceLookup/WBITP%20Implementation%20Report%202004.pdf/\\$file/WBITP%20Implementation%20Report%202004.pdf](http://www.transport.qld.gov.au/qt/tpSite.nsf/ReferenceLookup/WBITP%20Implementation%20Report%202004.pdf/$file/WBITP%20Implementation%20Report%202004.pdf)

The RGMF is currently undergoing a review process overseen by the Wide Bay Regional Planning Advisory Committee (RPAC). Whilst still in a draft form, it is proposed that the reviewed strategy will include specific objectives and policy principles relating to the Inquiry's Terms of Reference, particularly in a section on 'Transport System Efficiency'. It is proposed that the associated Wide Bay Integrated Transport Plan will be reviewed following this process, with detailed implementation actions developed to achieve the RGMF's objectives and principles.

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