



PILBARA AREA CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE INC



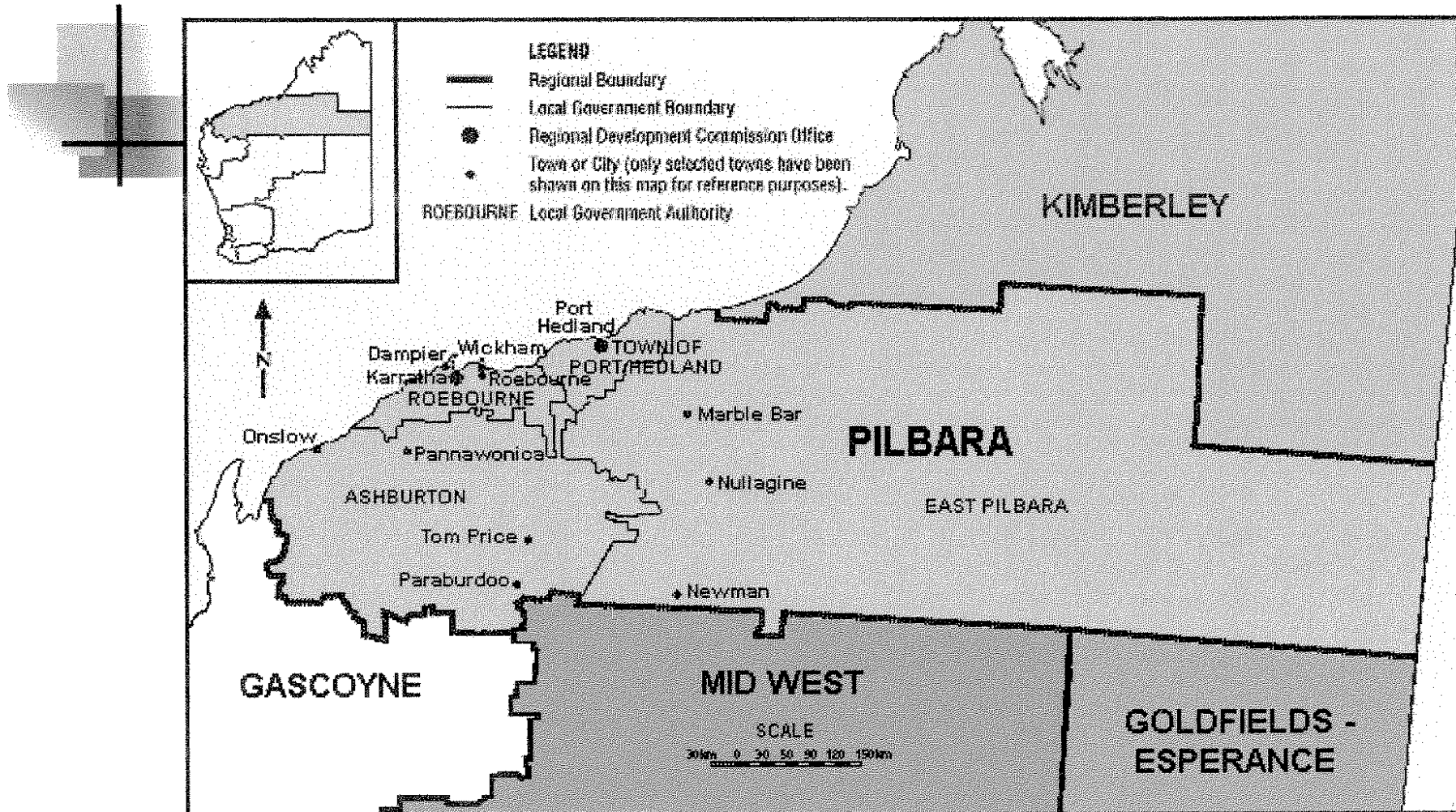
Senate Inquiry into the Regional Partnerships Program

The Pilbara Snapshot

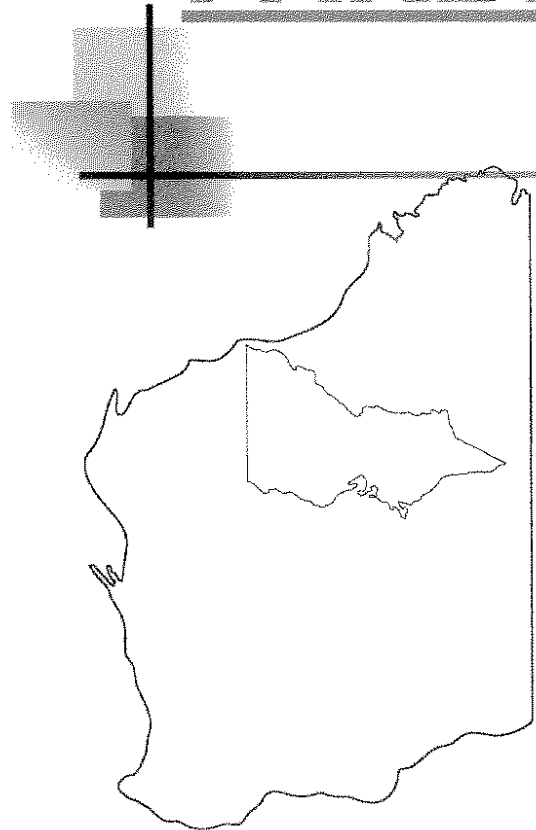
Focus on four areas -

- **Geography:** The Pilbara is one sixth of the continental landmass. Primarily a series of deserts bordered by the Indian Ocean and the NT
- **Financial:** 24% of the National export income comes from the region through iron ore, gas, gold, copper, tantalite etc
- **Environment:** recognised as one of the last great wilderness regions on the planet; is only 0.8% developed
- **Demographics:** 40, 000 people live in the region; more than half live in the towns of Port/South Hedland
Karratha, 18% of population is indigenous.





PARETO PRINCIPLE



Region	Square KM	Population	Percent of National Export \$	Number of ACC's
Pilbara	511,221	47,176	24%	1
Victoria	227,600	4,934,300	16.17%	13
Ratio	2.25	0.0096	1.48	.07

Source ABS



PDC/PACC Comparison

Agency	No of Staff	Offices	Operational Funding
PACC (Aust Govt NGO)	3	1 (Karratha)	\$309,000
PDC (WA Govt Agency)	15	3 (Port Hedland, Karratha, Newman)	\$1,540,000



What do we look for?

1. Promote the role and services of the PACC to Business, Govt and the Community
2. Improving Local community facilities, services, or living amenity;
3. Form ongoing alliances to create Regional Partnership initiatives;
4. Fostering or developing economic diversity within the region;
5. Effectively Promote Aust Govt funded initiatives to the region and their outcomes;
6. Adding value to existing economic activity and industry;
7. Identify, support and endorse those projects seeking assistance that best reflect the PACC Vision
8. Increasing local and/or indigenous employment opportunities; and
Providing or improving tourism infrastructure and servicing

Meeting the Needs (AG Programmes)

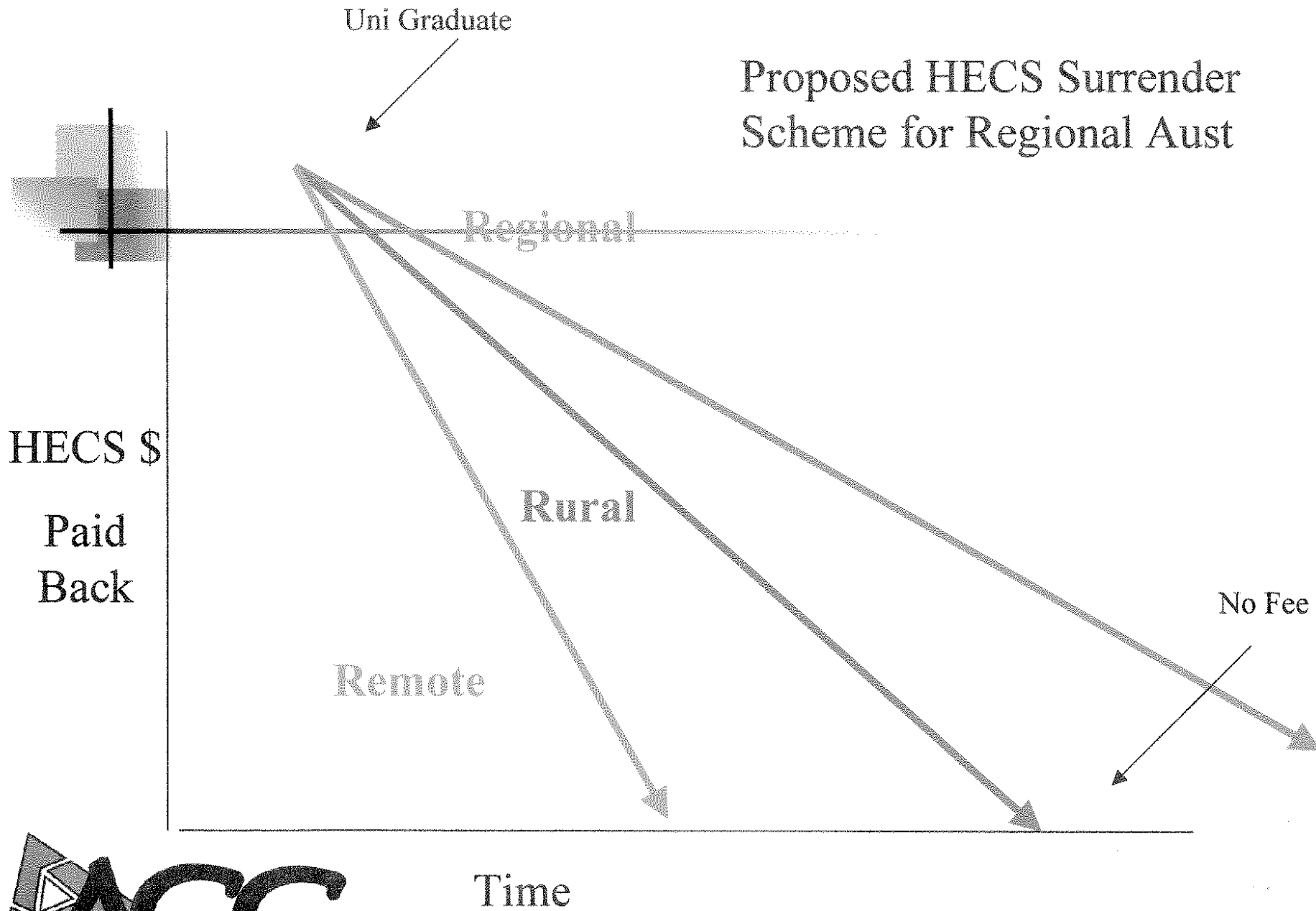
- Work as the footprint for many agencies that are not represented in the Pilbara.
- Ausindustry, Austrade, DIMIA, DEST, FACS etc.
- As programmes or initiatives are created, we disseminate information to relevant agencies or organisations.

Meeting the Needs (Representing the Region)

- Act as lobbyist for the region.
- Examples include:
 - Newman Airport
 - Patrol Boat Base (announced Tues 5th July)
 - HECS surrender Scheme
 - Dialysis needs for indigenous people
 - TAX zone changes
 - Fire Break/Land Clearance laws
 - Watching brief on industry



Proposed HECS Surrender Scheme for Regional Aust



Meeting the Needs (Funding Programmes)

- Act as a recommending authority for funding programmes:
 - Regional Partnerships
 - Australian Tourism Development Programme
 - Rural Medical Infrastructure Fund
 - Ausindustry funding.

What have we done for the Region?

- In the last 12 months the Pilbara ACC has delivered \$2.1 Million for 12 projects in the region.
- Co-contribution funding for the projects totalled \$10M.
- Results include jobs, daycare places, increase in tourists to region, better infrastructure...

What have we done for Ashburton?

- Gumala Lore Grounds. \$96K/\$273K
- North West Dive Safari \$13K/\$40K
- Currently working on...
 - Savannah Camp Ground \$900K/\$3M
 - Onslow Evac Centre
 - Onslow Airport (Submitted and in progress)
 - Onslow Chamber of Commerce

What have we done for East Pilbara?

- Town Centre Upgrade. \$50K election promise
- Marble Bar Heritage Trail Walk \$60K/\$172K
- Jigalong RTC \$250K
- Camel man Coats into South Africa.
- Currently working on...
 - Newman Airport \$5M/16M
 - Newman Collocation centre
 - DADAA arts centres for desert communities (submitted)
 - Newman Chamber of Commerce



What have we done for Port Hedland?

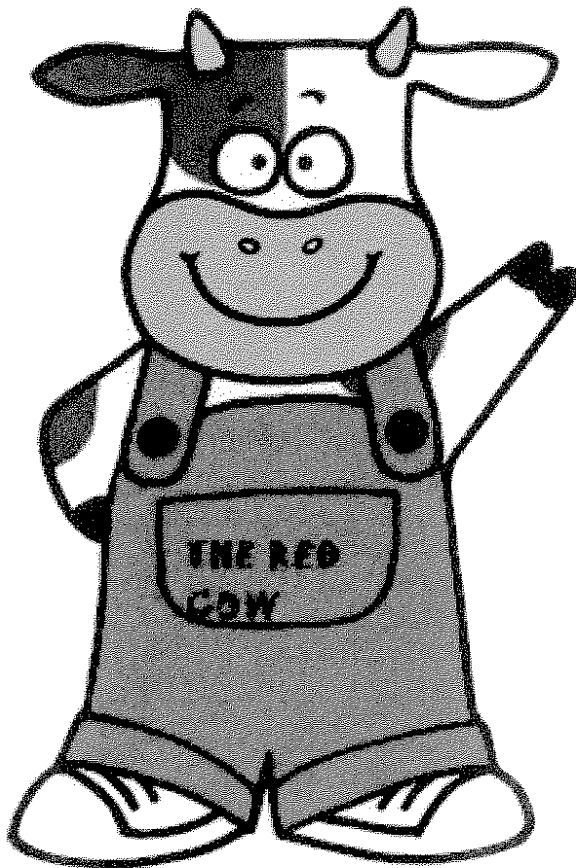
- TOPH Sustainable House \$110K/\$690K
- Wangka Maya Language Centre \$495K/\$690K
- South Hedland Playgroup \$22K/\$40K
- South Hedland Tennis & Bowling Club \$70K/\$248K
- Currently working on...
 - YIC admin building (submitted)
 - Rotary Stairway to Moon viewing platform
 - CCI training room
 - SHAC

What have we done for Roebourne?

- Tambrey Centre \$119K/3.2M.
- Roebourne Youth Precinct \$198K/\$1.5M
- Cossack Café \$32K/\$64K
- Cove Caravan Park \$250K/\$1.15M
- Bulgarra Day Care \$50K & \$70K/\$220K
- Aqua Carotene \$170K/\$450K.
- Roebourne RTC \$250K
- Currently working on...
 - Millars Well Day Care centre
 - Wickham Day Care centre
 - Dampier Archipelago Restoration
 - NYFL Cultural Centre



The Red Cow



- Consortium of SOA, SOR, PACC, LINK, PRDVC
- Services SOA & SOR only.
- FACS funding of \$2.8M over 4 years.
- Aimed at 0-5yo children.





PACC Issues

- DOTARS time to process applications
- Constraints on operational flexibility (eg vehicle/house leases over more than 1 year)
- Modest funding of PACC (compared to PDC)





What we seek.

- Recognition that RP is a great program that works for the community in the Pilbara
- Faster processing of applications
- Increase of Operational funding to match the needs of managing this region





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End of Presentation.
Questions?