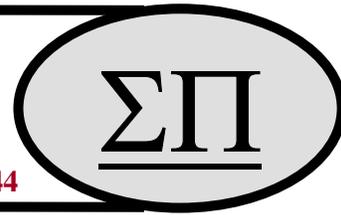


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The RAINBOW 2000[©] PROJECT.

SUBMISSION TO INFRASTRUCTURE AUSTRALIA

Copies to State & Federal Politics – Cabinet & Shadow Cabinet

Infrastructure Australia – Coordinator

From: Smithson [mailto:smithson@smithsonplanning.com.au]

Sent: Monday, 8 September 2008 3:42 PM

To: mail@infrastructureaustralia.gov.au

Subject: Submission - Rainbow 2000[©] Project - a Regional Planning Strategy for Albany & The Great Southern, Western Australia

The Infrastructure Coordinator
Infrastructure Australia
Canberra ACT Australia

I refer to your advertisement in the West Australian (Page 40) of 4 September 2008 calling for submissions. Please find attached copy of our submission dated 6 January 2006 to the WA State Infrastructure Strategy.

Rainbow 2000[©] is a copyright private planning strategy, which no government (local, regional, state or federal) has either endorsed or been able to dismiss over the past decade.

Rainbow 2000[©] encompasses components of our various 36 submissions over the past 12 years to :

1. WA Local Government Advisory Board – Albany Local Government Amalgamations 1997
2. WA Dept Main Roads – Albany Ring Road Strategy 1997
3. Telstra Privatisation 1998
4. Commonwealth Senate Inquiry – Regional Employment & Unemployment 1998
5. WA Retail Trading Hours Review 1998
6. Commonwealth Office of National Tourism : Regional Tourism Strategy 1998
7. WA Water & Rivers Commission – Albany Harbours Planning Strategy 1998
8. WA Fisheries – Albany Aquaculture Leases 1998
9. Commonwealth MHR Inquiry – Infrastructure & Regional Development 1999
10. Albany Aboriginal Accord Group – Waterfront Design Considerations 1999
11. City of Albany – Civic Administration Centre 2000
12. Albany Chamber of Commerce & Industry – Albany Commercial 2000
13. Commonwealth Defence Review 2000
14. City of Albany – Draft Local Planning Strategy 2001

15. South Australia ERDC Inquiry – Urban Development 2001
16. WA Dept Planning & Infrastructure – Albany Heavy Freight Strategy 2002
17. Commonwealth Dept Transport & Regional Services : Auslink Green Paper 2003
18. WA SCPAF Inquiry – Water Services 2003
19. Commonwealth MHR Inquiry – Sustainable Cities 2003
20. PIA National Inquiry – Planning Education & Employment 2003
21. Commonwealth Senate Inquiry – Transport Rural and Regional Affairs 2003
22. Commonwealth Senate Inquiry – Antarctic Territories 2004
23. City of Albany – Draft Local Planning Strategy 2004
24. Commonwealth Dept Treasury & Finance – Australia’s Demographic Challenges 2004
25. Commonwealth – National Tourism Investment Strategy 2005
26. WA Planning Commission – Draft Lower Great Southern Regional Planning Strategy 2005
27. WA Dept Local Govt & Regional Development – Structural & Electoral Reform 2005
28. ICOMOS – National Convention 2006
29. WA Dept Planning & Infrastructure – Development Assessment Panels 2006
30. WA State Infrastructure Strategy 2006
31. Commonwealth MHR JSC TRS Inquiry – Transport Networks 2006 (SP absent from Albany on assignment in Indonesia)
32. City of Albany – Draft Local Planning Strategy 2006
33. Commonwealth – Garnaut Climate Change Review 2008
34. South Australia LCSC Inquiry – Peak Oil & Gas 2008
35. Commonwealth – Australia 2020 Summit 2008
36. Commonwealth Senate Inquiry – Fuel & Energy 2008
37. Commonwealth Defence Review 2008.

You may care to review the [Rainbow 2000[®] Project Major Statements File](#) as a holistic review of the past decade focussing on Albany.

Some of the other more interesting discussion papers surrounding our work include :

- ❖ [Peak Oil Gas & Nuclear Power](#) – everybody’s growing concern
- ❖ [Manypeaks Transitional Governance](#) – if you are interested in what scares the daylight out of the State of Western Australia
- ❖ [Anzac 2014-18 – a National Celebration Strategy](#) – there is a role for each Australian state / various cities that can’t be ignored
- ❖ [Albany International Airport](#) – achieving regional accessibility for trade
- ❖ [Albany Industrial Seaport Relocation Plan](#) – achieving regional accessibility for trade
- ❖ [Albany’s UNESCO World Heritage Nomination – Australian Convict Colonial Settlements](#) – there are lots of opportunities to build on this international tourism program
- ❖ [Global Warming & Sea Level Change](#) – potentially profound implications for insurance & property development industry.

I would be pleased to brief you on the Rainbow 2000[®] Project.

Yours faithfully
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Hon. Anthony Albanese MHR – Infrastructure Minister (Labor)
Hon. Gary Gray MHR – Regional Development Minister (Labor)

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Subject: FW: Submission - Rainbow 2000[®] Project - a Regional Planning Strategy for Albany & The Great Southern, Western Australia

The Infrastructure Coordinator
Infrastructure Australia
Canberra ACT Australia

Second copy of our submission for your records as requested.

I have included our referrals to all sides of Federal politics, and will circulate to State politics when elections are finalized, and the new government is sworn in.

Please confirm receipt of this submission.

Senator the Hon. John Hogg – President of the Senate
The Hon. Harry Jenkins MHR – Speaker of the House of Reps

Federal Political Leaders
(Labor, Liberal, Nationals, Greens, Independents)

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Subject: FW: Submission - Rainbow 2000[®] Project - a Regional Planning Strategy for Albany & The Great Southern, Western Australia

The Hon. Julia Gillard MHR – Deputy Prime Minister of Australia
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The Hon. Julie Bishop MHR – Deputy Leader of the Opposition
The Hon. Malcolm Turnbull MHR – Shadow Treasurer

The Hon. Warren Truss MHR – Parliamentary Leader of the National Party of Australia

The Hon. Harry Jenkins MHR – Speaker of the House of Representatives
Senator the Hon. John Hogg – President of the Senate

Senator the Hon. Bob Brown – Parliamentary Leader of the Greens Party of Australia
Senator the Hon. Nigel Scullion – Parliamentary Leader of the Country Liberal Party of Australia
Senator the Hon. Steve Fielding – Parliamentary Leader of the Family First Party of Australia
Senator the Hon. Nick Xenophon – Independent Member for South Australia
Senator the Hon. Ron Boswell – Leader of the National Party of Australia in the Senate

Please find following copy of our submission to Infrastructure Australia.

Western Australian Senators (Labor, Liberal & Greens)
Hon. Wilson Tuckey MHR – Federal Member (Liberal)

From: Smithson [mailto:smithson@smithsonplanning.com.au]

Sent: Tuesday, 9 September 2008 10:05 AM

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Subject: FW: Submission - Rainbow 2000[®] Project - a Regional Planning Strategy for Albany & The Great Southern, Western Australia

To the Senators for Western Australia
 The Hon. Wilson Tuckey MHR – Federal Member for O'Connor

Please find following copy of our submission to Infrastructure Australia.

Hon. Colin Barnett MLA – Premier of Western Australia (Liberal)

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Sent: Wednesday, 1 October 2008 4:19 PM

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Subject: FW: Submission - Rainbow 2000[®] Project - a Regional Planning Strategy for Albany & The Great Southern, Western Australia

The Hon. Colin Barnett MLA
Premier; Minister for State Development
State Government of Western Australia

Dear Colin – My congratulations on your recent election, and the formation of a minority alliance-based Government.

Please find following and attached the basis of Smithson Planning's copyright submission recently referred to the Federal Government under the auspices of the Infrastructure Australia Audit.

I would be pleased to brief you and State Cabinet on this major project at your earliest convenience, as the matter now requires resolution of the conflicting interests associated with the Grange Resources Iron Ore Project (Port Operations & Pipeline Easement); the Albany Anzac 2014-18 Project; the Albany Waterfront & Entertainment Centre Project (your COAG counterparts State & Federal are aware of the Anzac 2014-18 Project, and our proposal for a National Celebration Strategy).

Let me assure you that the Rainbow 2000[®] Project affects every State ministerial portfolio, and in my humble opinion, the worst case scenario for the new WA government is to just ignore me.

I look forward to your reply.

CC :

The Hon. Dr Kim Hames MLA, Deputy Premier & Minister for Health; Indigenous Affairs
The Hon. Norman Moore MLC, Minister for Mines & Petroleum; Fisheries; Electoral Affairs
The Hon. Brendon Grylls MLA, Minister for Regional Development; Lands
The Hon. Dr Liz Constable MLA, Minister for Education; Tourism; Women's Interests
The Hon. Simon O'Brien MLC, Minister for Transport; Disability Services
The Hon. Troy Buswell MLA, Treasurer; Minister for Commerce; Science & Innovation; Housing & Works
The Hon. Robert Johnson MLA, Minister for Police; Emergency Services; Road Safety
The Hon. Terry Waldron MLA, Minister for Sport & Recreation; Racing & Gaming
The Hon. John Day MLA, Minister for Planning; Culture & the Arts
The Hon. Peter Collier MLC, Minister for Energy; Training
The Hon. Christian Porter MLA, Attorney-general; Minister for Corrective Services
The Hon. Robyn McSweeney MLC, Minister for Child Protection; Community Services; Seniors & Volunteering
The Hon. Graham Jacobs MLA, Minister for Water; Mental Health
The Hon. John Castrilli MLA, Minister for Local Government; Heritage; Citizenship & Multicultural Affairs
The Hon. Terry Redman MLA, Minister for Agriculture & Food; Forestry
The Hon. Donna Faragher MLC, Minister for the Environment; Youth

The Hon. Peter Watson MLA, Member for Albany
The Hon. Matt Benson MLC, Member for Agriculture Region

Hon. Eric Ripper MLA – Leader of the State Opposition (Labor)

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Subject: FW: Submission - Rainbow 2000[®] Project - a Regional Planning Strategy for Albany & The Great Southern, Western Australia

The Hon. Eric Ripper MLA – Leader of the Opposition; Shadow Minister for Public Sector Management; Native Title

Dear Eric – Please find following and attached copy of our correspondence to the Hon. Colin Barnett MLA, Premier and State Cabinet covering our submission to Infrastructure Australia.

I note with interest you haven't nominated a Shadow Minister for Planning, and suggest that our newest discussion paper on WA Planning Instruments might be instructive.

I would be pleased to brief Shadow Cabinet and the Labor Parliamentary Team.

CC :

Mr Roger Cook MLA - Deputy Leader of the Labor Party; Shadow Minister for Health; Mental Health; Indigenous Affairs
The Hon. Sue Ellery MLC - Leader in the Legislative Council; Shadow Minister for Child Protection; Community Services; Seniors and Volunteering; Disability Services
The Hon. Kate Doust MLC - Deputy Leader in the Legislative Council; Shadow Minister for Energy; Science and Innovation
The Hon. Jim McGinty MLA - Shadow Attorney General; Shadow Minister for Electoral Affairs
The Hon. Michelle Roberts MLA - Shadow Minister for Education; Women's Interests
The Hon. Alannah MacTiernan MLA - Shadow Minister for Regional Development; Strategic Infrastructure; Climate Change
The Hon. Fran Logan MLA - Shadow Minister for Water; Consumer Protection; Industrial Relations
The Hon. Margaret Quirk MLA - Shadow Minister for Police; Emergency Services; Road Safety
The Hon. Mark McGowan MLA - Mgr Opposition Business; Shadow Min State Development; Trade; Planning; Housing & Works
The Hon. Ljiljana Ravlich MLC - Shadow Min for Commerce & Small Business; Government Accountability; Tourism; Training
The Hon. Jon Ford MLC - Shadow Minister for Mines; Petroleum; Fisheries
The Hon. Ken Travers MLC - Shadow Minister for Transport; Sport and Recreation
Mr Ben Wyatt MLA - Shadow Treasurer; Shadow Minister for Federal State Relations; Culture and the Arts
The Hon. Dr Sally Talbot MLC - Shadow Minister for Environment; Lands; Youth
Mr Mick Murray MLA - Shadow Minister for Agriculture; Forestry; Racing and Gaming
Mr Paul Papalia MLA - Shadow Minister for Local Government; Heritage; Citizenship; Multicultural Interests; Corrective Service

The Hon. Alan Carpenter MLA – Member for Willagee
Mr Bill Johnston MLA – Member for Cannington
The Hon. Matt Benson MLC – Member for Agriculture Region
The Hon. Peter Watson MLA – Member for Albany
Ms Lisa Baker MLA – Member for Maylands
Mr Vince Catania MLA – Member for North-West
Ms Janine Freeman MLA – Member for Nollamara
Mr John Hyde MLA – Member for Perth
The Hon. John Kobelke MLA – Member for Balcatta
Ms Carol Martin MLA – Member for Kimberley
Mr Tony O'Gorman MLA – Member for Joondalup
Mr John Quigley MLA – Member for Mindarie
Ms Rita Saffioti MLA – Member for West Swan
The Hon. Tom Stephens MLA – Member for Central Kimberley-Pilbara
Mr Chris Tallentire MLA – Member for Gosnells
The Hon. David Templeman MLA – Member for Mandurah
Mr Andrew Waddell MLA – Member for Forestfield
Mr Martin Whitely MLA – Member for Bassendean

The Hon. Adele Farina MLC – Member for South-West
The Hon. Sheila Mills MLC – Member for South Metropolitan

New Members of State Parliament (Liberal)

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Subject: FW: Submission - Rainbow 2000[®] Project - a Regional Planning Strategy for Albany & The Great Southern, Western Australia

Mr Peter Abetz MP – Member for Southern River
Mr Frank Alban MP – Member for Swan Hills
Mr Ian Blayne MP – Member for Geraldton
Mr Ian Britza MP – Member for Morley
Mr Joe Francis MP – Member for Jandakot
Mr Liza Harvey MP – Member for Scarborough
Mr Paul Jacob MP – Member for Ocean Reef
Mr Tony Krsticevic MP – Member for Carine
Mr Bill Marmion MP – Member for Nedlands
Mr Paul Miles MP – Member for Wanneroo
Mr Ruth Mitchell MP – Member for Kingsley
Mr Mike Nahan MP – Member for Riverton
Mr Tony Simpson MP – Member for Darling Range
Mr Michael Sutherland MP – Member for Mount Lawley
Hon. Brian Ellis MP – Member for Agricultural Region

Congratulations on your recent election to State Parliament.

Smithson Planning is a registered Government Lobbyist in the State of Western Australia, and the Commonwealth of Australia. Aside from that, core business is town planning & environmental assessment expressed as Regional Development, and we do prefer the entrepreneurial side of development initiatives.

In accordance with our project brief, please find following and attached information relating to the Rainbow 2000[®] Project (you will see that this email has already been referred to State Cabinet, State Shadow Cabinet, new Labor members and now new Liberal members).

The ***'UNESCO World Heritage Nomination'*** (refer to the links at the beginning of email) was the subject of an email dated 17 October 2008 to the Hon. Colin Barnett MLA – Premier and State Cabinet.

A further separate email relating to ***'Planning Instruments of Western Australia'*** was sent to the Premier & Cabinet on 14 October 2008.

If you would like a copy in particular of either of these emails, please respond to this email requesting same.

Our Rainbow 2000[®] Participation file is a particularly relevant resource for politics, canvassing major political statements over the past decade in all areas of governance participation.

If you have any questions, please call.

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RAINBOW 2000[®] - a Regional Planning Strategy for Albany & the Great Southern

With the exception of the LGAB submission from 1997, please find attached Smithson Planning's copyright material relating to the Rainbow 2000[®] Project :

- ❖ Rainbow 2000 Sustainability Paper – an abstract explaining the overall project context
- ❖ Grow the Great Southern – extract from an Albany Advertiser feature of October 2004
- ❖ Albany Port Authority Constraints Plan – incorporating the Albany waterfront project design
- ❖ Albany Industrial Sea Port Relocation Strategy
- ❖ Albany International Airport Plan
- ❖ Lange Water Reservoir Plan
- ❖ Submission to Local Government Advisory Board 1997
- ❖ Submission to Commonwealth Dept Transport & Regional Services – Development Assessment Panel.

The Rainbow 2000[®] Project is both a significant investment opportunity and a research-based examination of the inter-relationship between planning, politics and regional development in Australia.

The file [R2000Participation.zip](#) (~524KB & ~188 A4 page MS Word Document) available from the Smithson Planning website, documents the more than 9,000 participative actions to date of various stakeholder groups in response to the Rainbow 2000 Project. It also provides valuable insight into the need for Infrastructure, Industry, State Government and Local Government reform in relation to regional development in Western Australia.

If you would care for a briefing on the project (30 minute PowerPoint Presentation), please advise.

Yours faithfully,
 SMITHSON PLANNING

NEIL R. SMITHSON

Managing Director
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CC: Hon. Dr Geoff Gallop MLA – Premier
 Mr Matt Birney MLA – Leader of the Opposition
 Mr Brendon Grylls MLA – Leader of the Nationals WA

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End of Statements : Author's notes follow.

Discussion papers available :

- ❖ [Peak Oil Gas & Nuclear Power](#) – everybody's growing concern
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- ❖ [Albany's UNESCO World Heritage – Anzac & Convict Colonial Settlement](#) – international tourism
- ❖ [Planning Instruments of Western Australia](#) – the bottom line of WA Planning Commission activities
- ❖ [Planning & the Australian Media](#) – part of the problem / part of the solution
- ❖ [Global Warming & Sea Level Change](#) – profound implications for insurance & property development.

Author's notes : The Rainbow 2000[®] Project is both a corporate investment strategy and a doctoral research program that examines the hypothesis "Is planning the antithesis of politics? – a case study of Albany & the Great Southern Region, Western Australia, focusing on the inter-relationship between regional development and Local, State & Federal politics in contemporary Australia.

In thirteen years, the *West Australian* Newspaper and the *Sunday Times* never published one article about Rainbow 2000[®] that we are aware of (one exception : West letters 30 July 2007 Page 15); the *WA Business News* published one small piece suggesting some reticence about the continuity of port access in the framework of a significant port expansion program to accommodate grain, woodchips and iron ore.

Perth television STW9, TVW7, NEW10 & SBS28 have never covered Rainbow 2000[®], and both *GWN7* and *WIN9* as regional networks have not canvassed the regional strategy – GWN's Noel Brunning stood for the federal seat of Forrest (Independent) in 2007; Reece Whitby from Channel 7 Perth stood for the state seat of Morley (Labor) in 2008; and Karen Brown from the *West Australian* and the *Weekend Australian* stood for the state seat of Mt. Lawley (Labor) in 2008 – Whitby and Brown being part of Premier Alan Carpenter's parachute dream team – all were unsuccessful for a variety of reasons.

ABC National (radio & television) maintains a largely anti-development stance in the Great Southern, although nationally they have done some great things for Anzac and via Difference of Opinion. *RadioWest* sceptically accepted a paid advertisement.

There were the original paid advertisements referred to by the Albany Town & Shire Councils et.al. of 13 November 1997 appearing in the *Albany Advertiser* and the *Albany & Great Southern Weekender*, with the occasional timely paid reminder advertisement in the Albany Advertiser to reflect that Rainbow 2000[®] – a Regional Planning Strategy for Albany & the Great Southern was not going away that easy.

One rather prominent (and perhaps cynical) article appeared in the *Weekend Australian* in the lead-up to Mayoral / Council elections for the City of Albany in 1999, following which the author was a 'failed' candidate. Otherwise, all communication channels have been pursued vigorously with extensive material being referred to politicians on all sides of the debate, media journalists in print, radio and television and the *National Press Club* in Canberra.

The only thing people choose to believe in is the power of authority and / or the investment dollar – media was no exception, regardless of whether the program could have been beneficial to their commercial aspirations. The alternative is that the non-Albany based media from Perth and Bunbury understood only too well the implications, and misconstrued growth and development as competitive threat (doubtful).

Local politics and commercial relationship both took their toll on local newspaper coverage and balanced representation of the issues. It is reasonable to suggest that few people understand let alone endorse long-term strategic planning that doesn't directly benefit them instantly.

In twelve years, the program of community consultation / participation has included advice in some form or other to governance :

- ❖ Australian embassies of the nations of the World, the United Nations & European Union
- ❖ Governor-Generals of Australia, and every Federal member of parliament (House / Speakers & Senate / Presidents)
- ❖ Prime Ministers & Federal Cabinet Members, and the Leaders of the Opposition & Shadow Cabinet Members & Minority Parties
- ❖ Governors of Western Australia, and every State member of parliament (Legislative Assembly & Council)
- ❖ Western Australian Premiers & Cabinets, and the Leaders of the Opposition & Shadow Cabinets & Minority Parties
- ❖ Premiers / Ministers of New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland, South Australia, Tasmania
- ❖ Leaders of the Opposition / Shadow Ministers of New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland, South Australia, Tasmania
- ❖ Chief Ministers / Ministers of the Australian Capital Territory and Northern Territory
- ❖ Lord Mayors & Councils of the Cities of Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne, Hobart, Adelaide and Perth
- ❖ Advisory Council of Infrastructure Australia & the Convenors of the Australia 2020 Forum
- ❖ Relevant Federal and State agencies / regulatory authorities
- ❖ Great Southern, and other Regional Development Commissions of Western Australia
- ❖ Fremantle Ports, Westralia Airports Corporation, and the Albany Port Authority
- ❖ Australian Local Government Association and each State / Territory Association
- ❖ Local Government Authorities of Western Australia & the Great Southern Region
- ❖ Mayors / Presidents / Commissioners & Councillors of the Town, Shire and City of Albany
- ❖ Presidents & Executive Councillors of the Returned & Services League of Australia (National & State Divisions)
- ❖ Presidents & Executive Councillors of the Planning Institute of Australia
- ❖ Presidents & Executive Councillors of the Environment Institute of Australia & New Zealand
- ❖ Presidents & Executive Committees of the Australian, Western Australian and Albany Chambers of Commerce & Industry
- ❖ Presidents & Executive Committees of the Australian & Western Australian National Trusts & the Albany Historical Society.

For a comprehensive (and interactive) list of community participation / consultation, refer to :

- ❖ www.smithsonplanning.com.au/R2000Participation1997-2006.zip (270 A4 pages : ~ 14,000+ entries : 0.77Mb zipped : 3.92Mb)
- ❖ www.smithsonplanning.com.au/R2000Participation2007-2008.zip (375 A4 pages : ~ 19,500+ entries : 1.56Mb zipped : 7.46Mb)
- ❖ www.smithsonplanning.com.au/R2000Participation2009-2018.zip (237 A4 pages : ~ 11,500+ entries : 1.47Mb zipped : 6.34Mb).

It is not our place to judge the politics – that will be for the electorate, and the Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions. All in all – things are looking very good. A [general disclaimer](#) applies to this material – don't assume, please ask.

Date : Saturday, 3 April 2010

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