



# The Wheatbelt South A Region of Growth



Figure 1: Map of Wheatbelt South

The Wheatbelt South had a Gross Regional Product (GRP) of

# \$1.6 billion

in 2021, representing 21% of the Wheatbelt's total GRP



Agriculture

# \$1.3 billion



Mining

# \$342 million



Manufacturing

# \$281 million

Between 2018 and 2021, agricultural output increased by 29% to \$1.29 billion, while mining output grew 63% to \$342 million and manufacturing by 40% to \$281 million.

## The Wheatbelt South is transforming

Growth in niche and value-adding agricultural products is driving investment, employment, and economic growth. With increasing interest in green energy and decarbonisation, the Wheatbelt South is well positioned to benefit from investment into new and emerging industries.



# 2,800 businesses

registered in the region - 99% of those are Small to Medium Enterprises employing less than 20 staff.



# \$110 million

Proposed green energy projects include a renewable diesel biorefinery in Narrogin by FutureEnergy Australia. It's proposed to use sustainably sourced local biomass to produce 18 million litres of renewable diesel per annum.

## Narrogin: Lifestyle quality driving growth

Narrogin services a population of approximately

# 22,300 people

drawn from the wider Wheatbelt South region. It's strong and growing role in providing quality health and aged care is attracting an increasing number of young professionals to the area.



“Businesses here are looking to innovate to create opportunities. Our ability to collaborate makes the Wheatbelt a unique business environment.”

Megan Gooding, Three Farmers, Narrogin



## Comparative advantages



Proximity to the Perth, Peel, Mid West, Great Southern, Goldfields-Esperance and South West regions



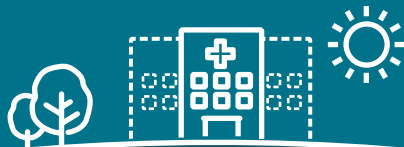
Access to key transport routes and infrastructure



Access to Perth Airport, Albany and Kwinana Ports

## Towards the Future

Economic modelling shows building on the Wheatbelt South's existing strengths will lead to positive economic outcomes. This growth is intensified if new opportunities such as niche agricultural products, value-added industries and renewable energy opportunities are developed.



### Build around existing strengths



Support for existing established industries in the region is further developed, enhancing strategic regional strengths

Creation of  
**+336 JOBS**  
across multiple sectors

**186**  
strategic jobs created

84 in agriculture support  
52 in aged care  
17 in pig farming  
8 professional services

**+150 population services jobs**

Increase in employment will generate  
**\$39.2 million**  
in GVA for the region



### Develop opportunity industries



Downstream value-adding of niche products and renewable energy opportunities is increased through targeted initiatives

Creation of  
**+756 JOBS**  
across multiple sectors

**216**  
strategic jobs created

70 in renewable energy  
61 in meat processing  
40 in tourism  
29 in grain mill & cereal production  
16 niche agricultural products & agricultural service industries

**+204 population services jobs**

Increase in employment will generate  
**\$45.1 million**  
in GVA for the region in addition to \$39.2 million from Scenario 2

<sup>1</sup>REMPAN Economy, 2021. Wheatbelt South sub-region. Release 1, <sup>2</sup>REMPAN Economy, 2021. Wheatbelt South sub-region. Release 1, <sup>3</sup>Pracsys Economics, 2021. Economic Analysis of the Wheatbelt South, Page 57, <sup>4</sup>ABS Data by Region, Narrogin Shire 2020; ABS Quickstats, Narrogin Shire 2006, <sup>5</sup>Pracsys Economics, 2021. Economic Analysis of the Wheatbelt South, Fig 16 page 27, <sup>6</sup>Pracsys Economics, 2021. Economic Analysis of the Wheatbelt South, Pages 89-92, <sup>7</sup>Pracsys Economics 2021, Economic Analysis of the Wheatbelt South, Appendix III.

