

WAFarmers does not support the privatisation of any state owned monopoly asset(s), including Fremantle Port unless there is a clear benefit for agriculture and the wider Western Australian economy.

As part of the due diligence to our members and the wider agricultural community, WAFarmers has considered the long-term lease of Fremantle Port. WAFarmers has the following position after consideration of all available information and given the possibility of the privatisation happening under the current State Government;

WAFarmers recognises that this issue is ongoing; as a result this policy will be amended to reflect the most up to date information available for consideration.

- WAFarmers welcomes the inclusion of pricing and access in the legislation to ensure maximum transparency and accountability.
 - o WAFarmers is concerned that the proposed provisions for oversight and regulation of access and pricing have not been tested in WA infrastructure privatisation.
 - o WAFarmers encourages the State Government to evaluate the access and pricing policies in conjunction with the ACCC.
- WAFarmers encourages the State Government to develop a long-term infrastructure plan that includes the following;
 - o The outer harbour, including the livestock facility, existing bulk and private facilities, and private infrastructure.
 - o Transport routes throughout the metropolitan areas, including consideration of the requirements for efficient and economical linkages to regional and rural infrastructure.
 - o Transport linkages that accommodate future growth plans for both industry and residential requirements.
 - o In the event of an outer harbour being constructed, the Fremantle Port Precinct is retained for tourism, commercial and residential use.
- WAFarmers supports the development of a dedicated outer harbour facility for livestock. However we ask for the following in developing the facility;
 - o The dedicated livestock facility must be developed as stage one of the wider development of the Kwinana Industrial area and the containerised outer harbour, to ensure it does not impede on meeting the long-term economic requirements of the state.
 - o A business case is developed in conjunction and consultation with industry.
- The current State Government has indicated that they will use funds from the privatisation to develop the outer harbour livestock facility, WAFarmers requests that the funds be quarantined for that purpose only, and be legislated to protect funds from misuse.
- Government must conduct an updated environmental assessment of the proposed outer harbour site.
- WAFarmers has significant concerns about the outer harbour environmental approvals not being undertaken until after privatisation of the port has occurred.
- WAFarmers welcomes that existing State Agreement rights and obligations will not be affected by the privatisation.
- WAFarmers supports the measures and restrictions on bidders, to ensure there will be no vertical integration of businesses that could be to the detriment of competition or lead to issues with misuse of market power.

Outer harbour development

- WAFarmers does not consider the proposed 25 year deadline for a containerised outer harbour to be realistic;
 - o Fremantle port currently has 750,000 TEU.
 - o Government consider the port capacity to be two million TEU.
 - o WAFarmers does not dispute that the capacity of TEU's into Fremantle of two million is realistic; however, WAFarmers does not consider the existing transport linkages adequate to support an estimated tripled through-put.