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Media Statement

Government considers recommendations for future regional development.

A report into the review of Western Australia's nine Regional Development Commissions has recommended changes to improve their collaboration, efficiency and effectiveness in delivering better outcomes for the regions.

The recommendations of the eight-month review into the functions and responsibilities of the development commissions have been noted by State Cabinet.

Regional Development Minister Brendon Grylls will work closely with the Premier, as Public Sector Management Minister, on the Liberal-National Government's response.

The recommendations include establishing a single statutory authority - the Western Australian Regional Development Commission (WARDC) - with the existing Regional Development Commissions (RDCs) becoming regional offices of the WARDC.

The WARDC board would comprise of an independent executive chair and the chairs of each regional board. Each regional office would retain its own board to guide the functions and priorities of the regional office.

"The Liberal-National Government has a strong commitment to regional development and this review was focused on seeking ways for better collaboration, greater efficiency and responsiveness," Mr Grylls said.

"The Regional Development Review Committee, chaired by Hon Wendy Duncan MLC, considered 207 public submissions from a diverse range of individuals and organisations."

A catalyst for the review was the Premier's Economic Audit Committee report that examined ways to streamline the operations of government.

Public comment on the implementation of the review recommendations will be open until February 1, 2011. Further information is available at <http://www.rdl.wa.gov.au/RDCreport> or <http://www.royaltiesforregions.wa.gov.au>

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