



WATER FOR FOOD

Gascoyne Master Plan



The \$2.6 million Gascoyne Master Plan project will develop a long term Master Plan, led by the Department of Water and Department of Agriculture and Food WA. The Master Plan builds on existing development models and strategic assessments to create a long-term framework for growth and investment in the region.

The Carnarvon agricultural district is situated on the Gascoyne River delta and supplies approximately 60 per cent of Perth's winter fruit and vegetables with a current value of \$80 million annual production. The district also has an important pastoral sector with a gross value of \$25 to \$35 million a year.

The Master Plan process will focus on lifting productivity in the existing irrigation footprint and consider local challenges and opportunities for irrigation, infrastructure, water security, land release, local food processing and value adding.

The Gascoyne Master Plan will be developed by a Community Reference Group, and will build on the work and recommendations of the Carnarvon Ministerial Advisory Committee and the Government's response to these recommendations. It will align with the Gascoyne Foodbowl Initiative and Gascoyne Development Commission's Gascoyne Regional Development Blueprint.

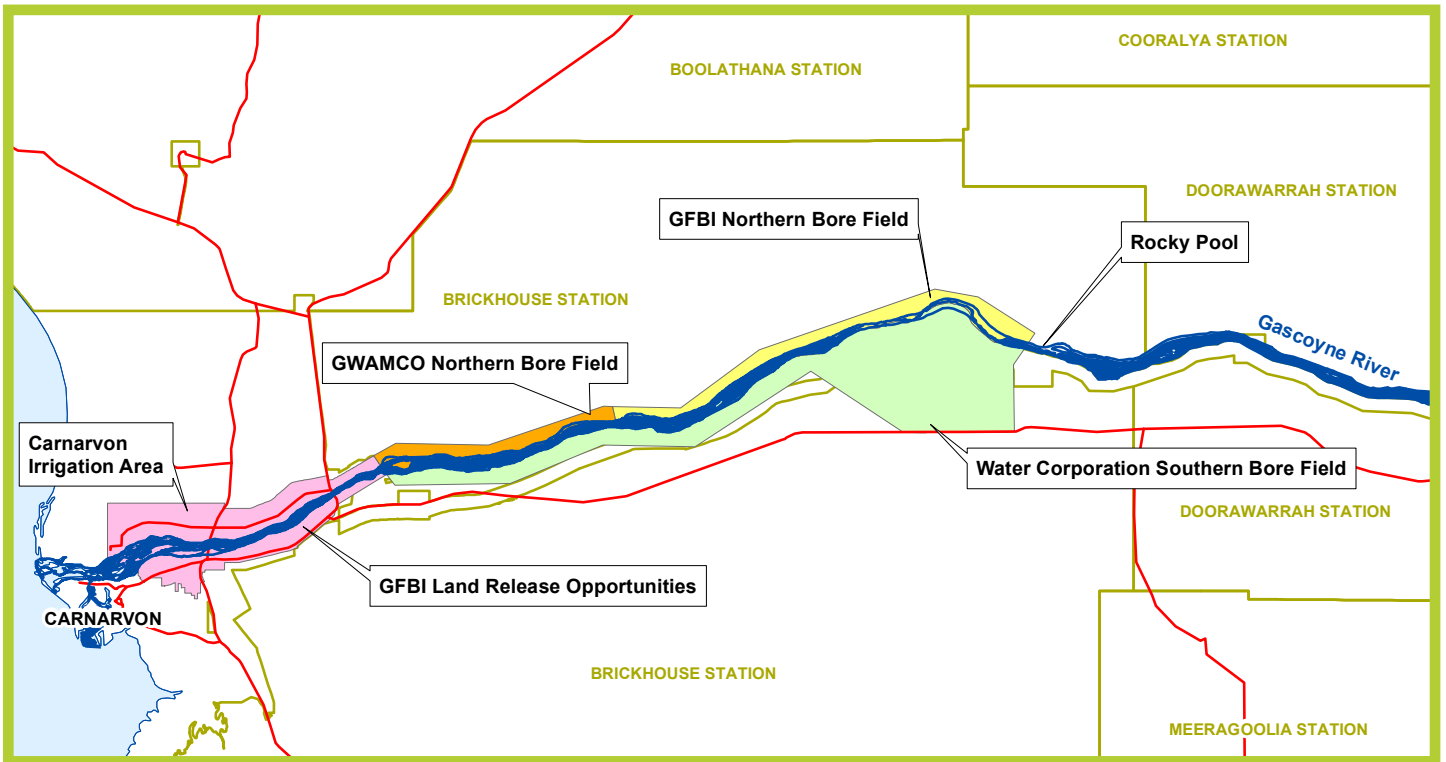
- Accelerate food production
- Land release opportunities
- Stimulate new investment
- Market development
- Community Reference Group formed

Middle Gascoyne water investigations

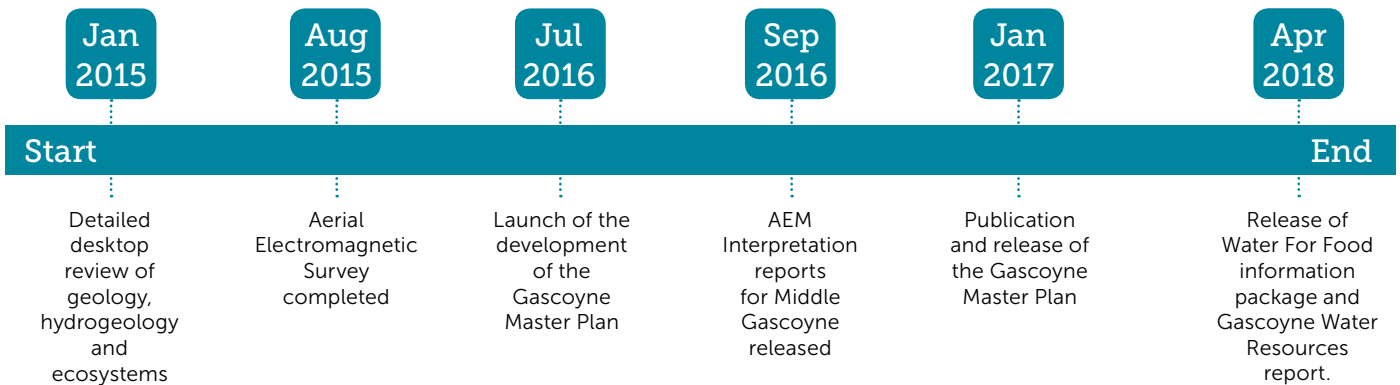
The Middle Gascoyne Groundwater Investigation project initially focused on identifying potential water sources in a study area along the Gascoyne River upstream of Rocky Pool, principally to underpin the development of the pastoral sector.

The results of the airborne electromagnetic survey and on-ground monitoring in the survey area, east and south west of Rocky Pool, has revealed there is limited groundwater potential across the middle Gascoyne River and associated palaeochannels to support large scale irrigated agriculture.

Given these results, focusing the Gascoyne Water for Food project on the Gascoyne Master Plan will provide a better opportunity for the State to grow this important local industry.



Proposed Gascoyne timeline:



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