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The spatial VISION

The PSDF builds on an informed and collaborative strategy — “a highly skilled, innovation driven, resource efficient, high opportunity and collaborative society.”

The LOGIC underpinning the PSDF’s spatial strategy is to:

- **CAPITALISE** and build on the Western Cape’s comparative strengths (e.g. gateway status, knowledge economy) to leverage the sustainable use of its unique spatial assets;
- **CONNECT** urban and rural markets and consumers, fragmented settlements and critical biodiversity areas (e.g. highways and urban transport corridors), priority climate change ecological corridors;
- **SETTLEMENT** and infrastructure development, ensuring sustainable urban and rural development, ensuring economic and community development, and building on the Western Cape’s unique regional identities;
- **SPACE-ECONOMY** and promote economic growth, job creation and diversification, as well as international competitiveness, the importance of heritage assets, unique typologies and character areas;
- **RESOURCES** and sustainably manage the natural and built environment, balancing and coordinating the delivery of socio-economic and environmental services, promoting the sustainable use of water and land for housing and other facilities;
- **SPATIAL GOVERNANCE** and foster an enabling institutional and legislative environment, supporting a transparent and accountable decision making process.

The GPS: Informant to PSDF and Implementation Tool

- Determine growth potential of settlements outside the City of Cape Town in terms of potential future economic, population and physical growth
- Analysis based on inherent preconditions for growth and innovation potential
- Decision-support tool at Provincial and Municipal level
- Improve understanding of municipal development priorities and needs
- Assist with formulation of strategies and programmes consistent with broader regional and provincial initiatives

Why a Provincial Spatial Development Framework (PSDF) is important

The PSDF is an important spatial planning and land use management tool that graphically portrays the Western Cape’s spatial agenda. It coordinates, integrates and aligns Provincial plans and development strategies with policies of National Government; the plans, policies and development strategies of Provincial Departments; and the plans, policies and development strategies of municipalities.

The PSDF, endorsed by the Minister of Local Government, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning on 31 March 2014 in terms of relevant legislation, is the common spatial reference framework for delivering on the Province’s strategic development priorities individually and collectively and therefore serves to guide the location and form of public investment in the natural and built environment, so that the returns on these investments are consistent with the WCG’s strategic goals.

In line with Provincial spatial policies, the PSDF map shows what land use activities are suitable in different landscapes and highlights where efforts should be focused to grow the Provincial economy.

The PROVINCIAL SPATIAL PLAN

Each of the three spatial themes contributes to the achievement of the WCG’s strategic goals.

- **Resources**: Sustainable use of spatial assets and the environment
- **Space-Economy**: Promoting economic growth, jobs and skills
- **Settlement**: Access to opportunities and services is a keystone to building a strong regional economy and quality of life

The PSDF will be institutionalised and implemented through various means:

- Cooperative spatial governance in the Western Cape
- Facilitating partnership development
- Managing spatial growth and development
- Giving support to Municipal Planning
- Making catalytic interventions; and
- Monitoring and evaluating spatial development.

The 2014 PSDF applies 5 PRINCIPLES

1. **ECONOMIC GROWTH**: capitalising on the Western Cape’s comparative strengths to leverage the sustainable use of its unique spatial assets
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5. **RESOURCES**: sustainable use of spatial assets and the environment

The WCG budget priorities reflect the strategic focus on inclusive economic growth, jobs and improved socio-economic outcomes:

- Promote economic growth
- Increase employment and decrease unemployment
- Reduce poverty, crime and other social ills
- Improve quality of education and health

The Provincial SPATIAL AGENDA

The Province faces the following key spatial challenges:

- **LEGACY challenges**:
  - Acedemic-geography
  - Poor vehicle oriented transport system
  - Unsound distribution of services
- **CURRENT challenges**:
  - Lacks of jobs and skills
  - Education and poverty
  - Inequality and social unrest
  - Unsustainable settlement patterns

The WCG’s vision of a highly skilled, innovation driven, resource efficient, high opportunity and collaborative society.

**WHAT is the PSDF all about?**

The PSDF public service a coherent framework for the province’s urban and rural areas that:

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