

Karratha 2050

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Australia's New Northern City

A long-term vision for where Karratha wants to be by 2050 — and how partners can work together to get there.

01

Vision

A shared view of Karratha's future and its role in Northern Australia.

02

Pathway

Sets out what the city wants to be by 2050 and how partners can work together.

03

Positioning

Australia's New Northern City: strong, connected, liveable and future-ready.

A clear long-term direction for a growing regional city.

Why K2050 Matters

K2050 links major growth opportunities with the planning needed to keep Karratha liveable and resilient.

01

Opportunity

Major investment in energy, resources, manufacturing, defence and regional services can transform the city.

02

Pressure

Growth needs coordinated choices on housing, infrastructure, climate resilience, services and liveability.

03

Future

Today's decisions must support long-term population growth and the city Karratha wants by 2050.

Plan now so growth delivers lasting benefits for Karratha.

The purpose of the vision and plan

K2050 provides a shared direction for Karratha's future.

01

Guide decisions

Guide long-term planning, decision-making and the priorities shared across the city.

02

Align partners

Support advocacy for funding and align government, industry, Traditional Owners and community.

03

Create benefits

Help turn opportunities into lasting benefits for Karratha and its communities.

The plan turns a shared vision into coordinated action.

The Process

The plan has been shaped through evidence, engagement and review.

01

Evidence base

Review past plans, research future trends and analyse local, State and Commonwealth priorities.

02

Engagement

Workshops and meetings with Council, industry, government, Traditional Owners and community representatives.

03

Refinement

Input from urban futurist Stephen Yarwood, then feedback and review to refine the plan.

A structured process builds confidence in the final plan.

The Vision Statement

By 2050, Karratha is Australia's New Northern City.

01

Dynamic gateway

A strong economy, diverse community and enviable lifestyle.

02

Asia-Pacific connection

Recognised for renewable energy, advanced manufacturing, innovation, culture and recreation.

03

Enduring wellbeing

Ngarda-ngarli self-determination, community wellbeing and environmental resilience are central.

It describes the kind of city Karratha wants to become by 2050.

The Strategic Framework

Together, six goals and 41 objectives guide future advocacy, planning, investment and partnerships.

6

goals

41

objectives

01 Walking Together

02 Connected City

03 Green Future

04 Innovative Economy

05 Liveable Communities

06 Collaborative Governance

A practical structure for coordinated action.

Six goals provide the organising structure for 41 objectives.

The Next Steps

The focus is to move from a shared vision to a clear plan for action.

01

Test the draft

Seek stakeholder feedback and align the Plan with State and Commonwealth priorities.

02

Lock delivery

Confirm main projects and actions and clarify roles across delivery partners.

03

Report back

Develop a simple delivery and reporting framework, then bring the final Plan back to Council.

Next phase: translate the vision into accountable delivery.

For more information

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