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Councils prepared for next federal election

Representatives of the region's nine Councils have agreed on a process and for identifying regional election priorities ahead of the next federal election.

The process is grounded in the Regional Investment Framework that Cradle Coast Authority (CCA) already uses to identify and advocate for Regionally Important Projects. The approach will see Councils jointly identify a subset of the Regionally Important Projects List as the regional election priorities.

Under the Framework, any individual, business, Council or other organisation can submit a project for consideration, with assistance from CCA staff. Submissions are assessed against a number of criteria, including the number and type of jobs involved, the number of training opportunities created and the extent to which the project will improve liveability and address social disadvantage.

While it is likely that Councils will have their own election priorities, they have agreed that only those identified through this process, will be promoted as regional priorities, which Chief Representative Mayor Peter Freshney, said was important.

"This is all about working together to get the best deal for our region. This process will make it very clear to political aspirants, exactly what our region wants and needs, and the end result should be election commitments that deliver lasting, positive change." he said.

CCA's Regional Economic Development Steering Group and Regional Natural Resource Management Committee will both play an important role in the process.

Information about the Regional Investment Framework, including how to make a submission, can be found on the CCA [website](#).

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