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## **Successful Underground Power Project delivers cash back into resident's pockets**

Nedlands ratepayers within the area of the West Hollywood Underground Power Project are being delivered a refund in the form of a reduced bill with their 2019-20 rates notice, as a result of the project coming in well under budget.

Approximately \$250,000 is currently being returned to the West Hollywood Underground Power Project ratepayers, with another \$250,000 transferred back into the underground power reserve fund.

The savings have been realised through a combination of sound project management skills and an excellent working partnership between the City, Western Power and contractors.

Mayor Max Hipkins said he is very pleased that the project came in under budget and delivered a refund to residents. "This is a great example of excellent project management and cooperation between Western Power and the City" he said.

Normal practice with projects of this size is that an amount is withheld to manage any defects that may occur within the defects liability period of 52 weeks post-project completion date. This means, if no issues arise during the defects liability period, further refunds may be passed on in early-mid 2020.

Other underground power projects close to completion include the Claremont Triangle and Alfred Road Project (Town of Claremont) and Alderbury Street, Floreat (Town of Cambridge).

Once complete, 78.5% of the City will have underground power installed to their properties, with a remaining 1,707 properties without underground power in East Hollywood (Nedlands), Floreat and Mt Claremont.

Mayor Max Hipkins said the City is now prioritising underground power for the remainder of the City. "Council approved \$220,000 of funding in the 2019-20 budget to progress with design for the final underground power areas, so that we are shovel-ready for the next opportunity to work with Western Power" he said.

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### **About the City of Nedlands**

The City of Nedlands is situated 7km from Perth and stretches from the banks of the Swan River to the edge of the Indian Ocean. A population of more than 21,000 lives in the suburbs of Nedlands, Dalkeith, Mt Claremont, Swanbourne, Karrakatta and parts of Floreat and Shenton Park.

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