



CRC TiME Forum Speaker Biography – Michael Heap

Michael Heap is the Director Regional Development (Economic Development, Land & Infrastructure) at the Pilbara Development Commission – a State Government authority with a focus on development and growth in the Pilbara. He first joined the Commission in 2019 as Manager of Strategy. Michael has a background in research and analytics and is an advocate for evidence-based decision making and the use of data and analytics to deliver innovative outcomes. In his current role, Michael leads a team of staff, based in the Pilbara, who work to ensure the region grows a diverse and sustainable economy. He works closely with other State Government agencies, as well as local and federal government bodies, through a series of cross-agency projects and working groups, on a number of projects and reforms. An example of this being the partnership Michael and his team had with the WA Department of Jobs, Tourism, Science and Innovation in developing the Commonwealth funding bid for a Clean Hydrogen Industrial Hub in the Pilbara. Michael is passionate about contributing to the success of regional Western Australia, in particular the economic powerhouse of the Pilbara.