



10 September 2015

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Committee Secretary  
Senate Standing Committees on Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport  
PO Box 6100  
Parliament House  
Canberra ACT 2600

Dear Sir/Madam

## **DECISION TO COMMIT FUNDING TO THE PERTH FREIGHT LINK PROJECT**

The City of Kwinana Council at the 9 September 2015 Ordinary Council Meeting resolved to make a submission to the Senate Committee inquiry and the following is an extract of the Minutes:

***3. Submit the Indian Ocean Gateway proposal to the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee and recommend that it be evaluated as an option for managing growth in the Perth freight task.***

Please find enclosed the Indian Ocean Gateway proposal by the City of Kwinana. The City brought together an extensive body of research and consulted with technical experts and local, state and national industry stakeholders on a 50 year vision for the State's Premier Industrial Area. The Indian Ocean Gateway proposal aims to provide solutions to job creation, industry certainty, productivity, traffic congestion and freight movements.

The City of Kwinana has long supported the construction of the Outer Harbour and the proposal emphasises that the planning and construction of the Outer Harbour must commence immediately as the key catalyst for realisation of the 50 year vision. After the State Government announced the proposed sale of Fremantle Ports, the City was concerned that the Outer Harbour would not be included in the tender specifications and the construction could be deferred for decades.

The major components of the proposal include:

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- Industrial growth eastward into Latitude 32 and beyond. There is 6000 hectares of industrial land available in the Indian Ocean Gateway area of which only 2,000 hectares are currently developed.
- Legislated Indian Ocean Gateway Protection Zone to provide assurance to both the community and industry regarding the industrial and urban interface.
- Staged Port development with Stage 1 incorporating an Intermodal Freight Terminal, extension of road and rail that will all be adjacent to the Port to improve efficiencies.
- Existing and planned road and rail infrastructure to be transformed into a fully integrated freight network, providing efficient linkages from the Outer Harbour to the State.

The benefits of the proposal include:

- Annual Revenue of \$42.4 billion directly. \$28 billion indirect annual revenue
- Direct Employment of 37,000 employees and indirect employment for another 49,000
- Freight Transport links already exist to accommodate volume
- IOG Protection Zone will be legislated
- Improved efficiency of port operations with the intermodal rail facilities adjacent to the port
- New residential and commercial development opportunities in Fremantle
- Overall prosperity for WA
- New industries can enter the Industrial Area and provide new employment opportunities
- Improved competitiveness
- Increased return on Government land holdings
- Increased profit and lower unit costs
- Business development
- Improved efficiency and safety around heavy truck movements

If you have any questions in relation to the City of Kwinana's submission please do not hesitate to contact me on

Yours sincerely

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Attachment: Indian Ocean Gateway Proposal Consultative Draft

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