



**Cockburn Sound
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Joint Media Statement

Partnership strengthens environmental monitoring for Cockburn Sound

The Cockburn Sound Management Council (CSMC) and Kwinana Industries Council (KIC) today signed a new partnership agreement that will help strengthen and improve environmental monitoring undertaken in Cockburn Sound.

Speaking at a signing ceremony held today in Kwinana, CSMC Chair Professor Kateryna Longley said KIC would provide \$90,000 over the next three years to the CSMC's annual water quality monitoring program.

"Monitoring and reporting on the health of the Sound is a key role of the CSMC. KIC's contribution will strengthen the Council's current water quality monitoring program and assist the CSMC to expand its scope of monitoring in other areas," Professor Longley said.

"KIC has been a long term supporter of the CSMC's monitoring and I am very pleased it has agreed to continue its support for the next three years."

KIC Director Chris Oughton said Cockburn Sound was a vital part of the Kwinana Industrial Area.

"The CSMC's independent monitoring can help track improvements made by industry and the benefits these are having on the Sound, as well as highlight areas where improvements may need to be made," Mr Oughton said.

"Preserving a healthy marine ecosystem in Cockburn Sound demands careful environmental management and planning by all users and KIC is fully supportive of the role undertaken by the CSMC."

Mr Oughton said sponsorship of this program was part of KIC's commitment to transparency and honesty in reporting, and the provision of consistently accurate and impartial information to the community and industry about the environment.

Professor Longley said the agreement was a great example of how such collaboration can support independent monitoring programs that can have the full confidence of the community.

Further information on the CSMC's monitoring and reporting can be found at csmc.environment.wa.gov.au

Information on KIC can be found at www.kic.org.au

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