

Bigger, Better, BOC

It's another positive step forward for the Kwinana Industrial Area with recent upgrades to Kwinana's BOC plant expected to increase existing production and further future investment.

Kwinana Industries Council (KIC) director Chris Oughton says the KIC has happily welcomed BOC's new Kwinana air gas liquefaction plant.

Mr Oughton said not only was the upgrade a significant investment for BOC, but the construction of a state-of-the-art air gas liquefaction plant had replaced an existing air separation unit and nitrogen liquefaction unit at the Kwinana site.

BOC Executive Director of Operations Ross Huggett, said the upgrade demonstrated positive development for the Kwinana Industrial Area (KIA) and provides an energy-efficient solution for industry.

"The expected increase in output capability distributed from the Kwinana plant will eliminate the need to import product into Perth from BOC's plants in the eastern states," Mr Huggett said.

"The upgrade to the Kwinana plant and by



replacing the previous air separation unit and nitrogen liquefaction unit, has meant that the infrastructure will ensure efficient and cost-effective supply of industrial gases."

The innovative design of the facility will not only increase the previous production capacity by more than double, but also demonstrates BOC's efficient cryogenic technology and reduces the plant's environmental footprint.

The upgrade was made possible with official funding of \$10 million over two years, under the Government's Clean Energy Innovation Program and was announced in 2013 by former Prime Minister Julia Gillard, who took a tour of the Kwinana facility with Brand MHR Gary Gray.

Buffer Legislation on Track

The Kwinana Industries Council welcomes the State Government's proposed legislation to formalise protection of the existing Kwinana industrial buffer boundary.

The draft of the Planning and Development Legislation Amendment (Western Trade Coast Protection Area) Bill 2015 was released last week by Premier and State Development Minister Colin Barnett for a six week period, with the final legislation anticipated to be introduced into State Parliament in early 2016.

Kwinana Industries Council (KIC) Director Chris Oughton said that the legislation was an important planning tool that would help protect WA's premier industrial area and future residents from future land-use conflicts.

"This legislation will not only help to secure the amenity of our local community, it will also help provide clarity and certainty for local industry which contributes around \$16 billion to the State economy each year, and provides employment for more than 30,000 West Australians, more than 60 per cent of whom live in the surrounding area," Mr Oughton said.

"The industrial buffer has been instrumental in the successful coexistence of community and industry in Kwinana since the 1950s, and is one of the critical aspects that sets the Kwinana industrial area apart from any other industrial area in Australia."

"The proposed Western Trade Coast Protection area is based on the Kwinana Industrial (including Air Quality) Buffer Boundary, which was endorsed by the Western Australian Planning Commission in 2010 following rigorous scientific investigation."

"We recognise the State Government's strong leadership on this important issue."

CBH provides long term security for WA grain

This year the CBH Group finalised Western Australia grain industry's first set of Long Term Agreements (LTAs) with grain marketers.

The new system allows marketers to obtain port capacity for five years, providing grain marketers with long term commercial certainty of port access in Western Australia.

CBH Group's General Manager of Operations, David Capper, said the LTAs offer long term certainty for both growers and customers.

"Our customers have been asking for this type of arrangement for some time. We are very pleased to announce that a constructive process of consultation and a series of successful commercial negotiations have resulted in ten marketers securing

approximately ten million tonnes of LTA capacity," he said.

"The flexibility that the LTAs provide allows us to offer a record 16 million tonnes of capacity across our four port terminals in Kwinana, Esperance, Albany and Geraldton and to service a record number of grain exporters.

"For growers the LTAs mean that there is committed competition for the first 10 million tonnes of production before the crop even goes into the ground.

"Having a long term commitment to Western Australia also offers a stronger incentive for grain marketing companies to invest in people on the ground in WA, to service their accumulation needs.

"We will see several companies re-entering the market or increasing their footprint in WA due to the long term certainty offered by LTAs.

"The LTAs offer CBH accurate commercial signals to guide long term investment in WA port infrastructure.

"This will enable CBH to most efficiently perform the grain export task for the benefit of all our customers, our cooperative members and West Australian growers.

"All existing customers were offered LTA capacity and while several marketers have decided not to pursue Long Term Agreements at this time, the remaining few have welcomed the first in first served system as a more attractive option than the shipping auction previously used.

"We would like to thank all our customers for their commitment to WA and WA Grain growers."

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