

Buffer Zone to protect jobs and business opportunities



The Western Trade Coast is Western Australia's premier industrial zone employing thousands of workers from the surrounding area.

Future jobs and business opportunities for Perth's southern corridor will be secured when legislation defining the Western Trade Coast 'buffer zone' is passed in State Parliament.

The Western Trade Coast is Western Australia's premier industrial area delivering more than 11,000 direct jobs and opportunities for hundreds of local businesses. More than

60% of workers employed within the Western Trade Coast live in the surrounding areas.

The legislation to formalise the Western Trade Coast Protection Area has reached a critical stage with the public comment period currently open until Friday 4 December 2015.



Please make a submission

Submissions from land-owners, businesses and other stakeholders will help to determine the boundaries of the Protection Area and the final list of prohibited land uses under the proposed regulations.

You should submit your comments to the Department of State Development by Friday 4 December 2015. Submissions can be sent to westerntradecoast@dsd.wa.gov.au

For more information and to view the draft legislation please visit the DSD website: <http://www.dsd.wa.gov.au/western-trade-coast>

Kwinana Industries Council Director Chris Oughton said the legislation was an important planning tool that would help protect the Western Trade Coast and residents from future land-use conflicts.

"It is critical the Protection Area defining the Western Trade Coast is formalised in legislation," Mr Oughton said. The boundary was endorsed by the Western Australian Planning Commission in 2010 following extensive consultation, planning-based analysis and scientific

investigation. But increasing pressure from residential development is encroaching on this vital piece of strategic industrial infrastructure.

Formalising the boundary in legislation as the Western Trade Coast Protection Area would protect jobs and business opportunities now and into the future.

"The Western Trade Coast is one of the fastest growing trade and industry regions in Australia and has the potential to create 22,000 jobs directly when fully developed.

"We need to safeguard this region for future generations, providing certainty for industry, jobs and business opportunities, as well as the sustainability of nearby communities."

Mr Oughton said the Western Trade Coast Protection Area would assist in maintaining healthy communities.

"Sensitive land uses such as residential housing, aged care facilities, schools and child-care centres need to be protected from the potential impacts of industrial activity."

Protection area to benefit community

The legislation to define the boundaries of the Western Trade Coast will provide a number of important benefits to the community:

- Protect current and future jobs - provide certainty for direct and indirect employment of more than 30,000 Western Australians. The WTC Protection Area will protect the long-term viability of industry, and therefore jobs, in the area.
- Encourage economic growth - protect existing industrial land and future industrial development

from encroaching non-industrial land uses. This clarity and certainty to land use planning will help encourage future investment within WTC.

- Maintain healthy communities - ensure sensitive land uses such as residential housing, aged care facilities, schools, hospitals and child care centres are not built within an industrial zone.

The legislation is a fundamental tool in protecting Western Australia's premier industrial area and future residents from land-use conflicts.

What is the Western Trade Coast?

The Western Trade Coast is one of Australia's most productive industrial zones, comprising:

- Rockingham Industry Zone
- Latitude 32 Industry Area
- Australian Marine Complex

Business activities within the Western Trade Coast are a major contributor to the success of the WA economy, generating more than \$15 billion in export products each year. The region accounts for more than 2% of Gross State Product, contributing over a third of all value-added products from WA's manufacturing sector.



The Western Trade Coast Protection Area will help secure jobs for generations to come.

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