

COMMUNITY URGED TO PROTECT WESTERN TRADE COAST

- **Legislation to define the boundary protecting the Western Trade Coast currently out for public comment until Friday 4 December.**

Future jobs and business opportunities for people living in Cockburn, Kwinana and Rockingham may be at risk if legislation to protect the Western Trade Coast is watered down, according to the Kwinana Industries Council.

There are more than 500 small and medium enterprises operating within the Western Trade Coast, supporting large scale industries within the Kwinana and Henderson industrial estates.

Legislation to define the boundary protecting the industrial zone is out for public comment. Kwinana Industries Council director Chris Oughton said the Western Trade Coast creates more than 30,000 direct and indirect jobs and hundreds of business opportunities.

"With the population of Perth's southern corridor expected to hit almost one million in 15 years' time the need for secure jobs and business opportunities in the region is critical to the sustainability of our communities," Mr Oughton said.

"Jobs for future generations should be a priority, as this is fundamental to the well-being of our residential areas long-term.

"The long-term outlook for industry within the Western Trade Coast is extremely positive but it is important the boundary protecting the area is secure against poor planning decisions that allow residential developments inside the boundary."

Mr Oughton said any watering down of the legislation to protect the Western Trade Coast would be an unnecessary threat to the integrity of the industrial zone.

"Defining the protection area will ensure sensitive land uses such as residential housing, schools, aged care facilities and child care centres cannot be located inside the boundary. It will protect the area for light industry and provide clear direction for local governments considering residential developments applications," Mr Oughton added.

Mr Oughton highlighted the case of Cockburn Cement which had been operating in Munster since 1953. Residential encroachment on Cockburn Cement's operations led to community claims of health problems and amenity issues from dust and odour and a Parliamentary inquiry in 2011.

"Residential development should never have been approved so close to an existing industrial facility," Mr Oughton said.

The Western Trade Coast includes the Kwinana Industrial Area, Rockingham Industrial Zone, Latitude 32 and the Australian Marine Complex.

The legislative amendments are expected to be introduced into State Parliament in early 2016.

For more information and the draft legislation please visit the Department of State Development website: www.dsd.wa.gov.au/western-trade-coast

How to make a submission

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

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