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Kwinana industry nationally recognised by Prime Minister

The importance of the Western Trade Coast, including the Kwinana Industrial Area, today received the national recognition it deserves with the Prime Minister highlighting local industry as part of efforts to grow the economy.

The Kwinana Industries Council, the peak industry association representing business and industry along the Western Trade Coast, welcomes comments by the Prime Minister Anthony Albanese at a business breakfast in Perth today about the future of local heavy industry.

The Prime Minister in his speech called out the role the Kwinana Industrial Area is playing to create new industries, embracing new technologies and supporting global efforts to decarbonise.

The Kwinana Industries Council thanks the Prime Minister for recognising the important work local industry is playing to grow the economy, create jobs and build new industries.

The Kwinana Industries Council also welcomes today's funding announcement by the Prime Minister to allocate \$33.5 million, with matching funds from the State Government, for much needed planning and road widening works needed for the Westport outer harbour project.

Improving the local road network, many of which are heavily congested and constrained, is a major issue for local industry and is an impediment to growth and investment.

KIC Director, David Harrison, is calling on State and Federal Governments to use the forthcoming budgets and elections to invest in critical infrastructure across the Western Trade Coast to allow local industry to grow, thrive, invest and adapt.

"The Western Trade Coast is the perfect place for additional government support based on its long-standing global reputation as a leading heavy industrial area. The scale of investment that is currently underway in new industries such as lithium processing, hydrogen, biofuels, and defence makes Kwinana the perfect place to invest," said Mr Harrison.

"What we have before us is a once in a generation opportunity to accelerate the transformation of the Western Trade Coast and the Kwinana Industrial Area into a technically advanced and globally significant industrial hub. All of this is on Perth's doorstep, supported by a strong network of existing companies, infrastructure and

expertise. It's little wonder there are a large number of operators looking at Kwinana as an ideal place to invest."

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