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## **Kwinana to roll out the red carpet for Chinese Premier**

Kwinana industry looks forward to welcoming the Chinese Premier Li Qiang to the State's premier heavy industrial area next week.

Such a nationally significant state visit to the Kwinana Industrial Area underscores its importance on a global scale, especially around renewables, batteries, advanced manufacturing and critical minerals.

The Kwinana Industries Council, the State's peak industry association for the Western Trade Coast, is delighted that Premier Li will be visiting member company Tianqi Lithium Energy Australia (TLEA) and the opportunity to globally promote the significant industrial activity occurring across the Kwinana Industrial Area.

Kwinana is a major global player in the production of lithium hydroxide, a key material used in the production of batteries for electric cars.

The Western Trade Coast is a hub of economic activity generating nearly \$15 billion per annum and employing more than 40,000 workers, with around two-thirds living in the local community. The relatively small area, covering 3,900 hectares in Perth's south, contributes one per cent to the Nation's GDP.

The spotlight is rightly on the Kwinana Industrial Area and it is pleasing that our political leaders are more aware of the strategic importance of our premier heavy industrial area. We now need this interest to turn into action in the form of government investment, policy certainty and planning clarity to allow the area to fully flourish.

KIC Director, David Harrison, is wanting Premier's Li's visit and the international attention on Kwinana to result in meaningful action.

"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. It is now time for government to join in."

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