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Transport hub talks extended

The State Government decision to extend the consultation period for transport infrastructure in the Kwinana Industrial Area has been welcomed by Kwinana Industries Council (KIC).

"It is important that anyone with an interest has the opportunity to participate, so an extension is a good thing," said KIC director Chris Oughton.

"The construction of a major Intermodal transport hub is one of the most significant infrastructure developments within the Kwinana Industrial Area (KIA) in recent times.

"It is important that the planners get it right and maximising the opportunity for consultation is an important element in the planning process."

KIC supports proposals to site the Intermodal hub within the Latitude 32 industrial area at the northern end of the KIA, and on the western side of the buffer zone.

"This is an ideal location given that it has proximity to industry, ports, rail and road infrastructure." said Mr Oughton.

"There is enough land available for the site, the rail infrastructure is in place and is correctly configured, road links are readily accessible and the KIA is already a heavy generator of container traffic, much of which has to go by road.

"It is also anticipated there would be less impact on residences than other sites in the KIA which have been mooted in the past, such as the old marshalling yards at the southern end of the KIA.

"KIC congratulates the state government on continuing with this project and will be making a submission supporting the findings that Latitude 32 would be the best location."