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Responses to Sound Telegraph questions on James Point

The following quotes can be directly attributed to KIC director Chris Oughton.

1. Does the KIC have a preference for either a private or public port in Kwinana? If it has a preference why?

KIC does not have a preference.

2. Is the KIC for or against live exports from the port?

Against. This is because of the potential for possible quarantine issues associated with the trade and Cockburn Sound pollution.

3. If the KIC is against live export trade from the port why is that?

In short, we have a strong view about land use in the KIA, relating to what we call "highest and best use". There is only a finite amount of heavy industrial land remaining within the KIA core.

We do not want it taken up by "lower order" land uses.

4. If KIC approves of live export trade from the port why?
5. If State Cabinet makes a decision on Monday about giving the go ahead for the James Point port what will it mean for the Kwinana Rockingham area in relation to jobs and the current economic environment?

James Point Pty Ltd is one of KIC's members and so we are pleased for them that their project appears to be getting underway after a lengthy wait. In the current climate the announcement of a major, long term infrastructure project is good in both the short and long term.

In the short term there will be jobs for the construction project and that will have flow on benefits for the entire local community.

Hopefully contracts for fabrication will be let to local companies, thus multiplying the benefits to the local and State economy.

In the long term, increased port facilities are good for the entire State and adds to the viability of our economy.