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## Responses to Weekend Courier query on Live Sheep Exports from Cockburn Sound

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

Kwinana Industries Council members do not want livestock holding yards to be located within the KIA.

KIC is concerned to protect the very finite amount of land which is designated for heavy industrial use within a protective buffer.

When there is a finite amount of land zoned for heavy industrial use, allowing it to be used for lower order purposes will block future heavy industrial projects, which in the long term will be detrimental to the state's economy.

Therefore KIC questions placing livestock handling facilities within the Kwinana Industrial Area as the best use of land in the area and would have a similar objection industrial land within the buffer being used for other purposes, such as container or roll-on-roll-off car storage.

The prospect of a quarantine lock down should an incoming livestock ship bring disease into the port is of concern to industry.

The production facilities and utilities exist in close proximity within the KIA and an agricultural quarantine lock down could be very disruptive to production.

It is expected there may be between one and three livestock ships per week utilising the port if the trade were to be moved from Fremantle.

The transport of live sheep from the Port is not supported due to the potential for contamination of Cockburn Sound.