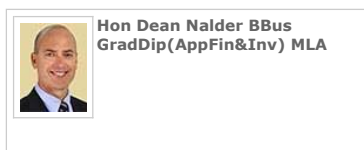




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Next step for new Esperance Port facility

Wednesday, 7 May 2014

- **Yilgarn Esperance Solution (YES) Limited chosen to design, build and operate the new Esperance Port Multi-User Iron Ore Export Facility**
- **Expansion set to result in port's iron ore export capacity almost doubling - from about 11 million to 20 million tonnes per annum**

Yilgarn Esperance Solution (YES) Limited has been named the preferred proponent to develop the Multi-User Iron Ore Export Facility proposed for Esperance Port, Transport Minister Dean Nalder said today.

Mr Nalder said YES, a consortium led by Asciano, was one of two shortlisted bidders that were requested to submit a proposal to develop the facility.

“After an extensive bid process, I am pleased to announce YES has been chosen to design, build and operate the facility as well as provide all project funding and associated costs,” he said.

“The companies which make up YES have a proven track record in developing and operating ports in Australia and internationally.”

The Minister's approval was based on a recommendation from the board of the Esperance Port Authority following an extensive procurement process undertaken by the MUIOF project team, independent expert engineering, commercial and legal advisers and an independent evaluation panel.

The consortium will now enter into contract negotiations with both the Esperance Port and potential users of the MUIOF and will be required to comply with all current environmental licences under which the port operates.

Mr Nalder said a major upgrade of the Esperance Port Access Corridor would further improve access and efficiency at the port.

The \$120million Esperance Port Access Project includes a series of road and rail upgrades south of the Harbour Road/Pink Lake Road intersection to increase access into the port and improve safety and efficiency for local commuter and tourist traffic.

Fact File

- **The new \$120million Esperance Port Access Project was officially opened by WA Transport Minister Dean Nalder and the Federal Member for O'Connor Rick Wilson on April 2, 2014**
- **Esperance is the deepest port in the southern half of Australia and is capable of handling the large ships that provide favourable shipping economics**

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