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Industry welcomes certainty on the future of Port Hedland

The Port Hedland Industries Council (PHIC) welcomes the WA Government's response to the Port Hedland Dust and Noise Management Task Force recommendations and the Spoilbank Marina proposal.

PHIC CEO Peter Pierre said the Government's announcements provided much-needed certainty for the town's residents, investors and users of the Port.

"The proposal to implement an improvement plan for the West End of Port Hedland addresses one of the key recommendations of the Port Hedland Dust and Noise Management Task Force, and once implemented should ensure that Port Hedland's residents and investors can move forward in the knowledge that there is a cohesive plan in place for the future development of the town," Mr Pierre said.

"PHIC supports commercial development in the West End and its use as a commercial, historical and cultural and community centre," Mr Pierre said.

"PHIC members have and continue to make substantial investments in the West End to support this objective."

Mr Pierre said PHIC would work with the State Government to ensure an orderly transition of the Dust Monitoring Network that PHIC has managed since 2010 and would continue to work with regulators and the community to minimise the impact of noise and dust from export activities.

Mr Pierre said the Port, which generated about half of the jobs in the town, is one of Australia's most important infrastructure assets and is critical to the future of Port Hedland.

"In dollar terms, the Port's activities generated \$418.4 million in direct economic output and \$585.9 million in indirect economic output for the Town of Port Hedland in 2015-16. This is real money that flows through the community – supporting businesses who employ thousands of people in Port Hedland and providing for the town's long-term growth and sustainability," he said.

"Port Hedland needs a sustainable approach to its future, so that we can leverage the opportunity to diversify Port Hedland's economy, maintain the operation of the Port - which is a significant driver of the WA and Australian economies – and ensure ongoing growth and vibrancy of both the Port and the Town of Port Hedland," Mr Pierre said.

Mr Pierre said the Spoilbank Marina proposal acknowledged the community's aspirations to upgrade facilities, while addressing Industry's concerns for safety and the potential impact of recreational vessels on industrial shipping channel activities.

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About the Port Hedland Industries Council (PHIC)

The [Port Hedland Industries Council](http://www.phic-hedland.com.au) (PHIC) works to address industry issues in relation to the use of the Port Hedland Port.

PHIC provides a single industry-wide point of contact and coordinates inter-industry responses to issues such as air quality and noise. The Council is the lead representative body on issues where two or more operators are involved. Our members bring substantial expertise, a coordinated approach and work together sharing information, knowledge and innovations.

PHIC is committed to maintaining a strong and open relationship between industry and the Port Hedland community in which its members operate.

The organisation provides a forum for information sharing and knowledge transfer, assists member companies manage and minimise the impacts of industry on the community and seeks to facilitate community and stakeholder engagement.

Established by industry in 2009, PHIC implemented and maintains the Port Hedland Ambient Air Quality Monitoring Network (the Network). The Network provides an environmental monitoring and reporting system for Port Hedland, including access to real-time monitoring data for the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation (DWER) and the community and public via a monitoring website.

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