



Media release

OPR delivers port bid

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Oakajee Port and Rail (OPR) has today lodged a robust and compelling bid to build a new bulk commodity port at Oakajee, 22km north of Geraldton.

CEO Christopher Eves said OPR's response to the State Government's Request for Proposal (RFP) was backed by a multi-national consortium committed to building a world-class port facility.

"We have submitted a bid which is commercially responsible and which will deliver jobs and economic growth to the mid-west region," Mr Eves said.

"This bid represents the culmination of many years of hard work. We have completed comprehensive social, environmental and engineering studies and are confident that this project will benefit the entire State by unlocking the potential of the mid-west region.

"We are proud of the quality of our proposal and believe we have made a compelling case to the State Government as to why OPR should be named the preferred bidder for this exciting project."

Mr Eves said OPR's bid demonstrated its commitment to ensuring Australian workers and companies were involved in the construction and operation of the new port and rail facilities.

"While we are confident of the strength of our bid we acknowledge the efforts of our worthy opponent Yilgarn and its backers, the Chinese Government," Mr Eves said.

"The RFP process has attracted a great deal of interest from within the community and we remain confident that our proposal will deliver the best results for the State of Western Australia."

The State Government is expected to announce the preferred tender by the end of next month.

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