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OPR set to deliver prosperity to Western Australia's mid-west

Exports from Western Australia's mid-west region would increase dramatically under Oakajee Port and Rail's plan to deliver a mine-to-mill transport network, the company's new Chief Executive Officer Christopher Eves announced today.

Oakajee Port and Rail (OPR), jointly owned by Murchison Metals Ltd and Mitsubishi Development Pty Ltd, would do more than provide common user infrastructure assets for iron ore and other bulk commodity users, if it won State Government endorsement to build port and rail facilities at Oakajee.

"Our approach is based on providing a competitive, efficient and technically competent service to all users to lower the barriers for new miners who are keen to start up in the region," Mr Eves said.

"Establishing a bulk commodity supply chain comprising a rail and port infrastructure business will have a dramatic and immediate effect by increasing exports from the region."

Mr Eves, OPR's recently appointed Chief Executive Officer, said the company was ready to participate in the State Government's recently announced competitive tender process to select a builder and operator of the port.

"OPR has invested a significant sum and is well advanced to bid for this important project, which is of state and national significance," he said.

"Our Geraldton team has completed port seismic surveys, bathymetry and wave climate studies, on shore geotechnical drilling, environmental baseline and heritage studies and will soon complete a comprehensive technical and financial infrastructure development proposal.

"We have a record of strong engagement with stakeholders, including the indigenous communities in the region, and we are keen to work closely with the Western Australian Government to make this exciting development a reality."

Mr Eves has more than 25 years' experience as an advisor on major infrastructure and civil engineering projects. He is a respected professional with a proven track record in delivering projects.

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