



Government of **Western Australia**  
Department of **the Premier and Cabinet**

## **Premier; Minister for State Development**

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### **Media Statement**

Attention: News Editor/Chief of Staff

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#### **Oakajee finalisation date extended.**

The State Government and Oakajee Port and Rail would wait for an indication of Federal funding through Building Australia before finalising an agreement on the development of Oakajee Port.

The finalisation date has been extended from November 30, 2008 to February 28, 2009.

Oakajee Port and Rail will continue as the Preferred Respondent to the Request for Proposal for the rights to develop a deep water port at Oakajee.

Premier Colin Barnett said that while the Government was pleased with the progress both sides had made in negotiating the terms of the development agreement, awaiting a Federal decision on its potential level of involvement through Infrastructure Australia was a prudent move.

"The development of Oakajee Port is a priority for the Liberal-National Government and I am hopeful the Federal Government will see it as a crucial nation-building project and provide some funding through Building Australia," Mr Barnett said.

Oakajee Port was one of five priority projects submitted for Building Australia funding consideration in the Liberal-National Government's submission in October.

An interim list of Building Australia projects is expected on December 31 this year.

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