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## Oakajee Port & Rail Economic Impact



Pracsys was commissioned by Oakajee Port and Rail (OPR) to support their submission to the West Australian Government to be the preferred developer of the Oakajee deep water port and associated port and rail infrastructure. Oakajee Port and Rail's (OPR) proposal recognises the population, employment and expenditure impacts, along with the flow-on effects for supporting industries and businesses which will occur regardless of the developer. The essential point of difference with OPR's approach however, is that the group offers a clear understanding of the linkage between high quality employment generation and increased export revenues derived from targeted facilitated land and industry development of the areas adjacent to the port infrastructure. In addition, the group also firmly appreciates the opportunities offered by the precinct for the establishment of a world class industry hub over the long term, offering significant value over and above the benefits derived from the mining and shipping of resources.

### Outcome

Pracsys' role was to research and communicate a targeted economic impact assessment of the development and explore the broader regional economic development potential of OPR's proposal to support the technical, legal, financial, planning and design components of the bid.

The Oakajee port, associated rail infrastructure and adjacent Oakajee Industrial Estate are of obvious strategic importance to the State. Given the proximity of this development to Geraldton and the access to supporting infrastructure such as power, gas, water, and transport corridors, Oakajee represents a major strategic investment in the industry servicing capability of the Midwest.

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