



## NEWS RELEASE

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### **Chamber initiates Maitland Industrial Estate Task Force.**

The Karratha & Districts Chamber of Commerce & Industry (Inc) today announced the establishment of a Maitland Development Task Force to begin planning to attract future developments to our region.

Chamber President Leann Cooper said it was the Chamber's understanding that once the current Projects are built at Hearsons Cove, there are no further developmental options available on the Burrup Peninsula.

"It is imperative that the region offers a longer term view and the Chamber believes that the ideal place for future development to occur is the Maitland Heavy Industry Estate.

"Maitland has large areas of land available that satisfies all current and future demand of industrial developers," she said.

"The planning and infrastructure needs to take place now to encourage long term, sustainable industrial development which in turn benefits our entire community.

"The Chamber is keen for the industrial development on the Burrup Peninsula to proceed as the catalyst for future development on Maitland, as it is the Chamber's understanding that particular proposals have reached a stage which prevents their relocation to Maitland"

"To prevent the success of the current projects on the Burrup would be of detriment to our community and the state as a whole.

With this in mind, it is the Chamber's intention to initiate talks with the state & federal governments and if necessary the proponents, to promote the Maitland Industrial Estate and ensure it is developed now for the long-term growth of our community.

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