



Yilgarn iron ore producers visit

ESPERANCE Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ECCI) chief executive officer, Grant Shipp, has maximised a visit by Yilgarn Iron Producers' Association (YIPA) chairman, Gregory Bromley and secretary, David Utting to organise a meeting with the Esperance Shire Council, Goldfields Esperance Development Commission (GEDC) and ECCI.

Mr Bromley and Mr Utting were in Esperance to hold discussions with Esperance Ports Sea and Land and look at some of the other infrastructure in the town.

"YIPA is a newly-established association of iron ore producers and explorers from WA's Yilgarn iron province," Mr Shipp said.

"Yilgarn iron is already being exported through the Esperance Port and over time this will only grow with the number of mining companies and exploration occurring in the Yilgarn region.

"The co-operative development of rail and other infrastructure could turn the central Yilgarn into Australia's next big iron ore powerhouse," Mr Bromley said.

"This would have a significant economic benefit to the Yilgarn-Goldfields-

Esperance area."

Esperance Ports Sea and Land general manager commercial, Devinder Grewal said, "From the port's perspective, this is a wonderful development that puts us in contact with all the miners, big and small in the Yilgarn region.

"The port is very keen to develop this relationship through YIPA with each of the miners and export their product whenever they are ready.

"In the interim, discussions are progressing with some of their members."

"It is great to see the formation of YIPA," Mr Shipp said.

"It will allow for a co-ordinated assessment of the infrastructure required.

"There are about 150 kilometres of rail required, all other infrastructure is more or less in place for shipment out of Esperance.

"It will be a while before Esperance sees the benefits but if the forward estimates are correct and the ore begins to be shipped through the Esperance Port there will be significant benefits to Esperance, including employment and further infrastructure development."