

# Swan Region



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## Newsletter

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### Message from Alan Sands, Regional Manager Swan Region

One of the benefits of a newsletter such as this is to inform staff of changes and developments around the Region especially since the amalgamation of the former Department of Environment and CALM (Conservation and Land Management), now jointly the Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC). Both former departments are becoming aware of the complementary role each has to offer in what is, after all, a common objective.

Earlier issues of the Swan Region Newsletter have contained predominantly 'conservation' contributions and the lead article in this issue, written by Tony Wynne, goes some way to providing an insight into the activities of the environmental regulation team.

Tony Wynne has been with the department for 11 months and his recent appointment as Manager Industry Regulation for Swan Region assists us with the direction, control and coordinated delivery of environmental regulation within the Region and throughout the department.

This will be my last newsletter for at least some months as I take up an acting Director role with the Environmental Regulation Division. Once again, Mike Meinema will take up the reins of the the Acting Regional Manager role for Swan Region initially and then Paul Brown will step in.

There are major issues for all Regions as efficiency dividends become more crucial to the way in which we run the Department.

There are many challenges ahead for conservation and environmental projects and I wish Swan Region and the other Regions - who are about to get this newsletter for the first time - all the best for

the future management of their particular areas of focus.

Alan Sands

### OUR ROLE – INDUSTRY LICENSING AND REGULATION

by Tony Wynne

The Kwinana Environmental Regulation Branch of the Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC) has responsibility under Part V of the Environmental Protection Act 1986 for the licensing and registration of prescribed premises, licensing of controlled waste transporters, and administration of a range of regulations. The branch also monitors and audits compliance with works approvals, licence conditions and regulations, takes enforcement action as appropriate, and develops and implements departmental licensing and industry regulation policy.

Our team regulates approximately 129 licensed premises with fees of almost \$4,000,000.00 annually. Within this area is the Kwinana industrial strip, located 30km South of Perth on the shores of Cockburn Sound. A large percentage of our high priority sites are located within this area, with an estimated \$2,500,000.00 of annual fees.

Tour of the Kwinana Strip identifying key industrial premises and issues:

#### BHP Billiton – Kwinana Nickel refinery



Nickel West is the world's third largest producer of nickel, it has the capacity to generate 65,000 tonnes per annum of nickel metal.

#### CSBP Kwinana



CSBP Limited is a major manufacturer and supplier of chemicals and fertilisers to the mining, industrial and agricultural sectors.

#### Tiwest



Tiwest Kwinana transforms dull black ilmenite sand into more than 115, 000 tonnes of pure white titanium dioxide pigment per year.

#### BP Refinery



The BP Refinery in Kwinana is the largest oil refinery in Australia. It is Western Australia's only refinery with a capacity of 138,000 barrels of crude oil per day. It processes crude oil to manufacture products including petrol, diesel, liquefied petroleum gas (LPG), aviation gasoline, jet fuel and bitumen.

#### Hismelt



The facility was commissioned in 2005 to produce 800,000 tonnes of pig iron with an annual value of \$250 million.