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Yilgarn Iron Producers Association (YIPA) formed to promote sustainable development of the Yilgarn Iron Ore Province and to co-operate on rail and other infrastructure

Eleven iron ore producers and explorers from WA's Yilgarn iron province came together on Wednesday 6 October to form the Yilgarn Iron Producers' Association (YIPA).

The aims of the Association are to promote in the Yilgarn region:

- sustainable economic development and mining and community, indigenous and environmental achievement
- the interests of prospective and current iron miners and the development of infrastructure.

The Yilgarn is already an established iron producer with eight Million tonnes per annum of Direct Shipping Ore being exported and a potential aggregate iron endowment of over 10 Billion tonnes of Potentially Beneficial Magnetite and one Billion tonnes of DSO hematite ores.

The Province extends from Wiluna to Koolyanobbing near Southern Cross and 150 km west of the Leonora-Kalgoorlie-Esperance Port infrastructure corridor (see map).

Incoming YIPA Inc Chairman, Gregory Bromley said, the co-operative development of rail and other infrastructure could turn the central Yilgarn into Australia's next big iron ore powerhouse. This would have a significant economic benefit to the Yilgarn-Goldfields-Esperance area.

"Having a concentration of prospective mines in such a small area with 10 billion tonnes plus of ore earmarks the province as one of great potential. For example about half a dozen new mines could be serviced by about 160 km of new track plus spurs and we would be working towards upgrading the existing link to Esperance Port and co-operating in the planning issues at the Port. YIPA would provide a focus and a forum for co-operation and planning in these areas of common interest."

Mr Bromley also said the promotion of community, indigenous and environmental achievement in the region can be balanced with sustainable economic development and mining for the benefit of those in the region and for all West Australians and this would be a high priority area for YIPA.

These projects will benefit the local communities and the people of Western Australia. The size of these assets will make a difference not only now but for generations to come.

Mr Bromley praised the inaugural members for their foresight and said the State Government is supportive of the formation of YIPA and keen to assist. "We have already met senior State officials and expect a solid contribution to WA's future by YIPA."

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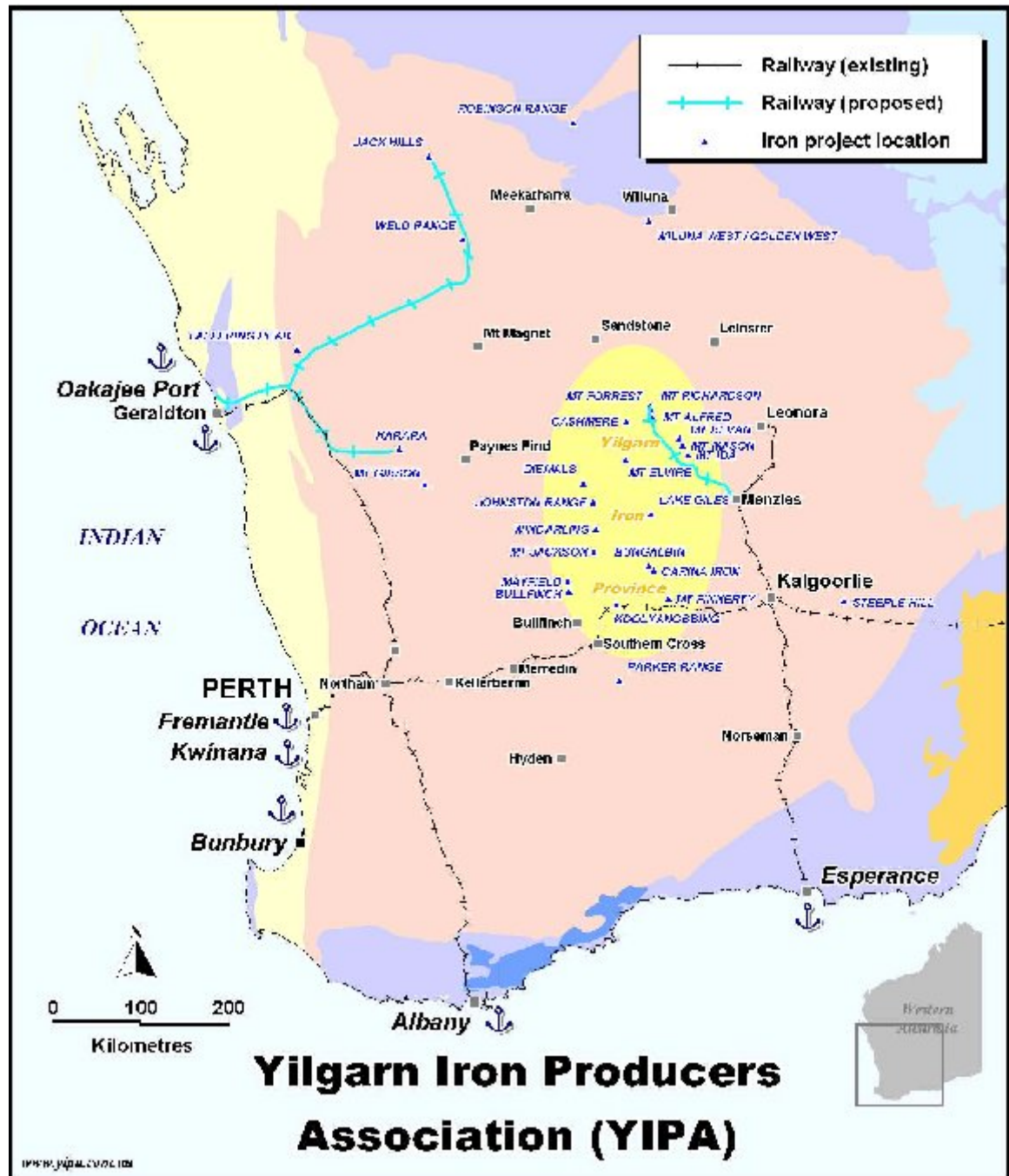


Figure 1: Yilgarn Iron Province – Mine sites and a proposed shared rail line