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### **BBI Project State Agreement bill introduced into WA Parliament**

BBI Group Pty Ltd (BBIG) welcomes the introduction of the bill into the Western Australian Parliament today to ratify the State Rail Agreement for its Balla Balla infrastructure project (BBI Project).

The *Railway (BBI Rail Aus Pty Ltd) Agreement 2017* bill was introduced into State Parliament by Premier and Minister for State Development, Jobs and Trade Mark McGowan, to ratify the State Agreement signed between the State Government and BBIG earlier this year.

BBIG Chair Jon Young said BBIG welcomed the support the BBI Project and its State Agreement had received in Western Australia.

“The BBI Project will be a substantial job creator in both the construction and production phases,” Mr Young said.

“The introduction of the State Agreement bill into Parliament by Premier Mark McGowan is a key milestone for the BBI Project. It formalises BBIG’s commitment to provide employment, economic and social opportunities for Pilbara residents, including skills development and training opportunities to promote work readiness and employment, as well as WA local industry participation.”

The BBI Project has full agreement and support from the traditional owners who hold Native Title over the BBI Project land.

The proposed port facility involves no dredging and has a low environmental footprint. All primary BBI Project environmental approvals are in place.

#### **Background**

The BBI Project is a multi-billion dollar development linking iron ore deposits in the Central Pilbara region with a new iron ore export facility at the Balla Balla port, via a 162 kilometre purpose built railway. This represents a new life for the historic Balla Balla port which was originally established in 1898.

When constructed, it will comprise an integrated port and rail infrastructure system that will provide a new gateway to the iron ore rich Pilbara region in Western Australia.

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