



# Community Development Plan (CDP) Summary

## 1. Project Details

**Designated project proponent:** BBI Group Pty Ltd (BBIG) and its subsidiary BBI Rail Aus Pty Ltd (BBI Rail)

**Project name:** Balla Balla Infrastructure Project (BBIP)

**Description of the project:** BBIG is proposing the Balla Balla Infrastructure Project (BBIP), a rail and port development. When constructed, it will comprise an integrated port and rail infrastructure system that will provide a new gateway to the iron ore miners in the Pilbara region of Western Australia. Initial planned annual capacity of the rail and port is 50 million tonnes per annum (Mtpa) (wet) with the potential to increase throughput. The proposed port is located approximately halfway between Dampier and Port Hedland in close proximity to road, gas and electrical infrastructure. Proposed infrastructure for the BBIP will move iron ore from stranded central Pilbara mines via train loading, a 165 km single-track standard gauge railway and a multi-user port facility capable of handling and loading transshipment shuttle vessels. BBIG has formed an incorporated joint venture (PIOP Mine Co NL) with Flinders Mines Limited in relation to the Pilbara Iron Ore Project (PIOP), the potential foundation customer for the BBIP. BBIH Pty Ltd, a subsidiary of BBIG, has been appointed as manager on behalf of PIOP Mine Co NL to conduct feasibility studies on the PIOP.

**Estimated project value:** >\$4B AUS

**Project location:** Central Pilbara Region, Western Australia

**Link to project information:** <https://gateway.icn.org.au/project/3934/balla-balla-infrastructure-project?st=projects&psid=1515175274>

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**CDP Scope:** BBI Rail is a party to the *Railway (BBI Rail Aus Pty Ltd) Agreement Act 2017* (State Agreement). The Minister for State Development has approved the CDP in accordance with clause 9 of the State Agreement. BBIG has traditional owner and pastoral company commitments under various BBIG agreements and legislation. The CDP primarily addresses community and social benefit strategies relating to the proposed rail development as this is the only component being developed under the State Agreement.

## 2. Anticipated Community and Social Benefits

In accordance with clause 9 of the State Agreement, the CDP describes BBIG's proposed strategies for achieving the following "community and social benefits" in connection with the BBIP:

- assistance with skills development and training opportunities to promote work readiness and employment for persons living in the Pilbara region;
- training and guaranteed employment for indigenous and non-indigenous persons living in the Pilbara region;
- regional development activities in the Pilbara region, including partnerships and sponsorships and local procurement of goods and services;
- contribution to any community projects, town services or facilities; and
- a regionally based workforce.



In summary, the strategies include:

- 1. Identifying opportunities through engagement:** Identifying opportunities to gain employment in the construction and operations phases of the rail line by engaging with indigenous and non-indigenous people living in the Pilbara.
- 2. Implementing BBIG's native title agreements:** These agreements contain provisions relating to the employment and contracting of indigenous businesses and contractors.
- 3. Job design:** Identification of innovative approaches to job design to enable increased indigenous participation.
- 4. Local engagement:** Requirement for contractors to submit, implement and report on local engagement plans at the appropriate phase of the project. Evaluate tenders and ongoing performance of contractors based on the use of a local workforce and businesses. BBIG will appoint a local engagement resource to its team and upon awarding the head contract and other Tier 1 and 2 contracts, will require its contractors to appoint local engagement resources. Those local engagement resources will conduct local capability mapping of businesses and the local workforce and will conduct training and briefing sessions about Pilbara business opportunities on the BBIP and how to improve capability to participate in work on the BBIP. Contracting opportunities will be advertised on a public portal.
- 5. Sponsorship and partnership:** Regional development activities will be promoted through possible sponsorship and partnership opportunities for Pilbara based and Pilbara owned businesses.
- 6. Maximising a regionally based workforce:** Key work functions will be located within the region to provide diverse local employment opportunities and to enable a positive and sustained impact on the local economy. BBIG will adopt strategies to maximise and retain BBI employees living in the Pilbara.
- 7. Engagement with key community groups and bodies:** Engagement staged throughout the project phases will occur to identify needs for possible community projects, town services or facilities.
- 8. Regular communication and feedback:** Will be facilitated through community consultation, locally accessible office, employment of community liaison staff, operation of a community complaints resolution process and operational reviews of BBIG's social policies.