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QUESTION No.: AI-30

Have the Steel and Rail Supplier Advocates made an assessment of the opportunities for Australian companies for the provision of rail cars and fabricated structural steel for the Oakajee Port and Rail Project?

ANSWER

The Rail Supplier Advocate has not made an assessment of the opportunities for Australian companies to supply rail cars for the Oakajee Project. The Rail Supplier Advocate industry development strategy is focussed on State Government procurement of passenger rolling stock and supply-chain efficiency aspects of the rail sector.

The Steel Supplier Advocate has not made an assessment of the opportunities for Australian companies to supply steel for the Oakajee Project. The Steel Supplier Advocate met with Oakajee contractors to exchange information on project requirements and Australian steel producing capabilities. The Advocate was advised by the Oakajee contractor that major components of the project will be tendered in Australia and internationally.