



# ESPERANCE PORTS

## *Sea & Land*

### MEDIA RELEASE

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Esperance Ports Sea and Land (EPSL) Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Brad Williamson said the Port was disappointed Employees had formally notified their intention to stop work for 24 hours next week.

Mr Williamson said the Port had initiated the Enterprise Agreement discussions last year and had negotiated in good faith throughout the process in an effort to reach an agreement that was reasonable and fair to all.

The Port met with the Maritime Union of Australia (MUA) and the Employees' Maintenance Representative again yesterday to progress negotiations. Following this meeting the MUA advised that Employees would take protected action starting with a 24 hour work stoppage next Wednesday, 6 August 2014 commencing at 6.30 am.

"This is disappointing and will have consequences for the Port and its customers as well as Employees and their families," Mr Williamson said.

"The Port has offered Employees a 4% increase for the term of the Agreement.

"It is a good offer and we are obviously disappointed Employees do not recognise this in the current economic environment where many Western Australians are facing little or no pay increase and redundancies are being made."

The Port will continue to negotiate to achieve a fair and reasonable outcome for all parties.

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