



### **GIOA'S COMMITMENT TO SUSTAINABILITY**

- According to the Department of Industry and Resources (DOIR), mining already contributes 45% of the Mid West region's Gross Regional Profit, with agriculture being the next largest contributor at 10.5%.
- With the effects of drought being felt by farmers in the Mid West, the future of the region is becoming increasingly reliant on mining.
- In their contribution to the government's recent Strategic Review, DOIR states that *"iron ore is the one bright light for the long term future (for the Mid West)"*, further stating that *"the only means of growing the prosperity of the region is undoubtedly the continued development of the iron ore industry."*
- Geraldton Iron Ore Alliance (GIOA) members are committed to creating a sustainable and prosperous future for the Mid West, based on a strong economy, improved social conditions and a responsible approach to the environment
- Each Alliance member has a reputation as a responsible operator within the exploration/mining industry, achieved by working closely with Indigenous groups, government departments, non-government organisations, land holders and authoritative bodies to ensure all activities meet or exceed the legal and social requirements.
- GIOA is developing a Sustainability Policy to guide the expansion of the iron ore industry in the Mid West and provide transparent and robust measures to ensure positive outcomes for the community
- The Sustainability Policy will provide a commitment to the community that Alliance members will act in a socially and environmentally responsible manner to work towards a positive long term future for the Mid West