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# Fenix to ship ore from Gero

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A new high-grade iron ore mine is likely to open near Cue and start exporting from Geraldton Port next March, Fenix Resources managing director Rob Brierley says.

Mr Brierley, pictured, said the mine was expected to last seven years, creating 350 direct and indirect jobs, including 80 on site and another 100 in Geraldton.

He said while most mine workers would probably be fly-in, fly-out, the transport workers would be Geraldton-based road train drivers and fleet maintenance crew.

"The ore will be trucked to Geraldton Port under a joint venture signed off in May, 2019, with trucking specialist Newhaul Pty Ltd," he said.

"It is headed by respected logistics expert Craig Mitchell, who was the founder and owner of Mitchell Corp before selling to Toll Group."

Shire of Cue chief executive Rob Madson said his staff had been working with the company on carting approvals.

"Negotiations are going well at this stage, but



haven't been signed off," he said. "There are some upgrades which need to be done to our road system, and we hope to have that done by the end of the year.

"We hope the advantage can be afforded to the people in Cue and hopefully some local employment."

Mr Brierley said the company would try to secure as many services as possible locally.

"We have a positive relationship with traditional owners and are working to our mutual advantage," he said.

"We are scheduled to do a spring flora and fauna survey in September and we believe that will be the last building block of the vegetation survey before we submit a mining proposal."

Mr Brierley said they were taking over a proven resource on a mining lease granted before native title in 1988.

Mr Brierley said they were hoping to use storage at Geraldton Port.

"We are looking to acquire a storage shed and get some arrangement on the ship location," he said.



A Carnarvon banana company hopes to find t packaging during a study tour of Victoria next Dorian Mangili, pictured, said plastic packagi the fruit for sale but she was looking for an af sensitive alternative. **REPORT PAGE 2** Picture: A

# Governor to drop into towns during regional tour

WA Governor Kim Beazley is touring the Gascoyne this week as part of a regional visit program.

His itinerary includes a reception with Shark Bay representatives and volunteers at the Joint

and Shark Bay World Heritage Discovery Centre.

The Governor, pictured right, plans to tour Carnarvon and its Space and Technology Museum and visit the Gwoonardu Mia

River Plantation and Morel's Ice Cream farm shop, and meet with the community and volunteers at a reception at the Shire chambers. The Governor also plans to meet Carnarvon Community College



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