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'Anchor tenant' Green Steel to kickstart Coolangatta

DEVELOPMENT approval for Green Steel of WA's \$400 million recycling mill has provided fresh impetus for Collie to become WA's hub of green manufacturing.

This is the opinion of managing director Azlan Ho, who believes the Coolangatta Industrial Estate will be a focal point for a new wave of industry.

The Regional Development Assessment Panel last week unanimously backed the mill, and Green Steel is targeting early construction works by the end of the year or early next year.

Mr Ho likened Green Steel to an "anchor tenant" in highlighting Coolangatta's multi-user appeal.

"We're really thinking the Collie mill will be the project that gets Coolangatta underway," he said.

"It will be the step that gets everything going."

Mr Ho said there is strong potential to work in conjunction with other newly arrived businesses, including International Graphite (IG), Magnium Australia and Activated Carbon Technologies (ACT).

As reported by the *Bulletin* last week,

ACT is in discussions with Griffin Coal and eyeing land in Coolangatta.

Green Steel is planning the development of shared infrastructure in anticipation of other tenants becoming established at Coolangatta.

"We're going to extend the Griffin rail line into our site," Mr Ho said. "The plan is to allocate an area as a

public, multi-user rail facility.

"Containers from different sites will be able to go in and out by rail."

Discussions have also been held with Renergi, IG and ACT about carbon-based materials each of these companies will produce for use in Green Steel's steel-making process.

"One of the inputs for steel-making is carbon," Mr Ho said.

"There are different forms of carbon which you can use. We're working through which of them would work best."

Green Steel's mill will produce 450,000 tonnes of steel each year, converting locally sourced scrap steel into low-carbon rebar.

It is expected to create 500 jobs during construction and 200 long-term positions.

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