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Subject: Deepwater port for Exmouth Gulf
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Dear EPA,

I am writing to you regarding the proposed Deepwater port for Exmouth Gulf for Exmouth Gulf. I oppose this development not because I am against all development but because i value the preservation of the natural wealth of Western Australia and the investment in tat natural capital that will assure the ongoing future of all West Australians for generations to come.

1. What are the values (environmental, social and cultural) you associate or identify with in and around Exmouth Gulf?

I value sensible sustainable economic development that preserves the natural condition of ecological and environmental systems and innovates small scale solutions when they are appropriate. The Exmouth region is perfect for advanced, local solutions to economic development. I value the involvement of local indigenous people in the decision making that should occur for the Gulf. I do not value big scale old economy thinking that will produce short term economic gains for the few while producing short and long term damage to natural systems and local communities.

2. What activities do you engage within and around Exmouth Gulf?

I have visited there many times with my family for recreational activities. Every year I go there for snorkeling, swimming, hiking and enjoying the local towns.

3. What environmental pressures do you observe in and around Exmouth Gulf?

Over the 20years I have visited the region I have seen lots of change. Some improvements and some not so good. This is a delicate area in terms of ecological resilience and it needs longterm vision and scientific planning to make it work for the economic well/being of the state over the generations of people who will use and depend on it for their livelihoods. The main pressures come from big developments from big corporate business that need to be resisted. Development can be good but it must be smart, sustainable, result in flourishing local ecological systems and not in their destruction which this port would result in.

4. What environmental pressures in and around Exmouth Gulf affect you/your sector or business?

If the place turned into a big port for cruise ships and big industrial activity, I would no go there.

5. Are there other activities that are proposed (or likely to be proposed) that you are aware of, which will impact the Exmouth Gulf?

This Deepwater port for Exmouth Gulf is my main concern. Big industrial developments are old economy, big infrastructure is old economy, big business is bad business when it involves massive ecological alterations. Get smart and do not allow this to go ahead and let small scale innovative local development that is generated by local communities including indigenous communities to be developed.

Yours faithfully

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