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

Environmental values are second to none. Simply one of the very few places around the world that hosts an ecosystem of such great magnitude and diversity. Notably, significant congregations of flora and fauna, on both the micro and mega scale, are a frequent occurrence as a result of the healthy and uninterrupted surroundings. It is a natural landscape that is purely unmatched and truely unique. In this way and considering many environmental forecasts and trajectories, these must absolutely be cherished and respected in order to ensure the ongoing support and flourishing of life for the future.

Social values with regards to the Exmouth gulf are also significant. Much of the community lives are based around the lifestyle that the beautiful gulf provides. Industrial stressors and the associated mass infrastructure threatens peoples' way of life, ultimately impacting their health and wellbeing which should take precedence over economic value of resources that will only diminish in demand and can be sourced in other locations where less threat is posed.

Amongst the Exmouth community, there is a strong common appreciation for the environment and its ecosystems in which the Exmouth gulf possesses. This largely draws the community together to form a special bond and sense of belonging further to producing a unique culture that cannot be found elsewhere in Western Australia and hence, should be valued accordingly.

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

Largely leisure in combination with sheer appreciation for the beauty of the area which instigates a sense of calm and relaxation.

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

Anthropogenic overall as a result of the tourism industry greatly interrupting and damaging the surrounding ecosystems. This could be mitigated with better education for those frequently visiting the area. However, impacts from the industrial processes such as those proposed are irreversible and of significantly greater scale than the tourism industry in comparison.

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

It doesn't affect my business but simply impacts on my own and thousands of others happiness and past-time enjoyment which should simply be given consideration, especially in an area in which cannot be found anywhere else in Western Australia in comparison to an industrial desire for resources that can be sought out in several other locations. The tourism industry and the workers in it would be heavily impacted and these losses would nullify the economic gain that is desired to be reaped from this project.

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

Yes, the cruise ship terminal. Something of which would be absolutely detrimental given the turbidity of the gulf as it currently stands. Pollution of the sort that the cruise ship industry introduces into an environment would further exacerbate the situation and threaten the health of the ecosystems and all those benefits it provides.

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