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To: [Exmouth Gulf; Protect Ningaloo](#)
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Hello

This is my response to the EPA

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

It holds values of being a sanctuary to many marine creatures that call the reef home, an important breeding ground, or a special stop on migration paths. It is an important world heritage site that brings education about reef ecosystems and the beautiful creatures that inhabit this biome to main Australians and tourists who aren't as blessed to have such a beautiful reef in their home countries. It is an income source to the people of the Exmouth gulf who rely on tourism to support their families.

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

I have been a tourist within the Exmouth Gulf. I was educated about the reef biome and all the organisms that inhabit this part of the world and the ones that use it as a stop on their migration. I participate as a tax payer of WA, who hopes part of the funds paid in taxes goes to the protection of the Exmouth Gulf from heavy and destructive industries.

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

I paid close attention to the pressure from original threat of an oil rig in the Exmouth gulf, and shows my disapproval of it. I am now observing the new pressure of creating a Gascoyne Gateway Cruise and Multi-Use Marine Facility, that I also disapprove of.

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

I run a hotel within Perth city. With this I have a lot of hotel guest who stay with us before travelling to the Exmouth gulf for tourism reasons. If Ningaloo reef was to be damaged and therefore see a decrease in tourism attracted to the area my business would also be affected as i would lose a chunk of my clientele. I also partake in tourism holidays to the region and i have ever since i was a child. I would be extremely disappointed to see an even greater decline in the condition of the coral reef in the Exmouth gulf so I would be affected if the environmental pressures of dredging and clearing to create this gateway ruined the reef.

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

Not that i am aware of no

Please work your magic again and continue to protect our reef

Kind regards

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