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Subject: Save Ningaloo Submission with my name and contact details
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Hi,

I am resending my submission with my name and contact details, as I forgot to send them in my first submission :)

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To whom it may concern,

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

Exmouth Gulf is home to a rich diversity of life including corals, seagrass meadows, sponge gardens, as well as vulnerable dugongs, whales, turtles, dolphins and birdlife. The area is shallow and protected from big ocean swells and is a relatively intact sanctuary for animals like dugongs and whales, where they nurse their calves. Unlike areas of the Great Barrier Reef it is still largely intact, unspoiled and unpolluted. The traditional owners of Exmouth Cape, the Jinigudera people, have a culture focused on sustainability and caring for the land, rather than on growth.

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

Off-grid camping, walking, snorkelling, swimming with whale sharks, kayaking, visits to the information centre, four wheel driving, exploring the natural and rugged beauty of the area.

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

While I was there, I witnessed little environmental pressure and existing infrastructure appeared to be well managed. Lack of fresh water would certainly restrict future development in the area.

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

The attraction of the area, for me, and most people I encounter, is the pristine nature of the environment. It is one of the few intact coastal systems left in the world. In my opinion, the existing balance of military, fisheries, eco-tourism, education, small business, Aboriginal communities, pastoral, industry, transport and conservation is a sustainable model.

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

The Major Deepwater Port at Qualing Pool, 10km South of Exmouth would have a major impact on Exmouth Gulf. It would draw some of the biggest ships on the seas, including bulk cargo carriers, offshore oil and gas support vessels, fuel tankers, and massive cruise liners.

The proposed pipe fabrication and launch facility at Heron point, near the Bay of Rest, is also a potential threat. Pipelines would be towed the length of the Gulf and transit through the World Heritage listed Ningaloo Marine Park through pavement reef, coral and sponges. The mangroves and shallows in the Gulf generate much of the marine life that replenishes nearby Ningaloo Reef.

At present, there is no industrial activity on the Gulf's shores or waters, because the environment is too sensitive and valuable to be exposed to industry. If these developments go ahead The Gulf's values will be degraded and the vibrant and sustainable eco-tourism industry at Ningaloo will be compromised.

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