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Subject: PLEASE LEAVE THE EXMOUTH GULF ALONE
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1. What are the values (environmental, social and cultural) you associate or identify with in and around Exmouth Gulf?
2. What activities do you engage with in and around Exmouth Gulf?
3. What environmental pressures do you observe in and around Exmouth Gulf?
4. What environmental pressures in and around Exmouth Gulf affect you/your sector or business?
5. Are there other activities that are proposed (or likely to be proposed) that you are aware of, which will impact the Exmouth Gulf?

To Whom it May Concern,

1. The values I associate with the Exmouth Gulf are shared far and wide in the community. Environmentally speaking, we go there to connect with nature, to find peace and stillness, adventures and fun. It is a true wilderness, untouched and thriving because it has been left alone, relatively speaking for so long. It brings people together socially, and we always take anyone visiting the area out on the tinny to show them how incredible the area is. Culturally, the area allows us to connect with the past, to imagine a time before industry took over so many areas of natural beauty, it also allows us to engage with so many of the things Australians love to do, boating, fishing and engaging with marine life.

2. BOATING, WHALE WATCHING, DUGONG WATCHING, DOLPHIN WATCHING, SNORKELLING, FISHING, CAMPING, SOCIAL GATHERINGS, FAMILY GATHERINGS, SKURFING, PADDLEBOARDING, KAYAKING, WALKING THROUGH THE MANGROVES.

3. The environmental pressures the Gulf faces are mounting. Prawn trawling plays havoc with seabed. Increasing numbers of visitors to the area take lots of fish in recreational fishing. Large vessels make noise pollution, which interferes with the humpbacks communicating. Areas like Bundigi have suffered a high percentage loss of coral structures due to rising sea temperatures. Plans are being made to industrialise this already fragile area, which will only create further pressure. Why protect the body of endangered species like dolphins, turtles, dugongs, when we don't protect the habitat they live in?

4. I work in marine tourism on the west side of the cape. It has been proven the areas are linked, the Gulf, its mangroves and mud, provide a nursery and breeding ground for many of the fish and mammals that visit the Ningaloo Reef. Degradation of the Gulf will reduce the biodiversity of the reef we take

tourists out on to share a bit of this paradise with. Less coral, means less coral spawn which is the event the whale sharks come for in March. Local tourism leans heavily on this.

5. Subsea 7 and the dredging. I say no to both!

Yours sincerely,

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