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Introduction

1 What is your name?

Surname:

[REDACTED]

Given name:

[REDACTED]

2 What is your email address?

Email:

[REDACTED]

3 Do your views officially represent those of an organisation?

No, these are my personal views

If yes, please specify the name of your organisation.:

4 Which of the following best describes the group or person you represent?

Private Citizen

If other, please specify.:

Comments

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

Please provide your comments on what information should be required here.:

I value the gulf highly because of the peaceful/ serene coastline it is in the summer months. It is full of life and wildlife and marine life. I was lucky enough to live [REDACTED] and experience the wonders first hand. It provides recreational fishing and squidding , snorkeling and paddleboarding to me and my family as well as recreation time. with afternoon picnics on the beach and birdwatching or dugong/ dolphin spotting.

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

Please provide your comments on how emissions should be considered here.:

We go boating,

, squid fishing,

Whale whatching

Dugong watching

Reptile spotlighting at night

Picnics and swimming

Snorkeling

Paddle boarding

Bird watching at qualling pool and mowbray creek pools.

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

Please provide your comments here.:

Firstly as a reptile lover I have observed an insane amount of road kill happening. [REDACTED] living and observing the area I have noticed considerable decline in reptile numbers, species and abundance of common species [REDACTED] . We have been witness to local die offs over the summer months over last 2 years of birds of prey . (kestrel, falcons, owls and kites) It was caused by heat waves exceeding 45 degrees over multiple days. I am extremely concerned with the new deep water port proposal for 2 reasons. It will impact and destroy qualling Pool . This is to my knowledge the only fresh water source on the whole exmouth gulf coast and is home to a lot of birds of prey, reptiles and other wildlife. If the pool is destroyed, every bird of prey in the area will die from lack of water. Is this fact being taken into consideration???? The other reason is it is prime habitat for the Cape Range stone gecko. I have seen and Photograph/ recorded 2 individual specimens in that exact area. It only has a tiny range and this project will impact this species greatly if projects go ahead.

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

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[REDACTED] The government only sees job creation. There is also job destruction alongside the nature destruction and I and my family will suffer as a consequence. I will not hesitate to up and leave this amazing place if it gets industrialised or over developed. It is already facing huge pressures from the tourism boom and recreational fishing of which neither are sustainable in the long run.

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

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The subsea 7 and deep water port are by far the biggest threat to the gulf and environment. The gulf waters are already far from pristine because of [REDACTED] all the trawlers that have wiped out most of the seagrass habitat, spawning grounds and diversity of marine life. Industry noise and chemical pollution would only be the final nail in its coffin. I have already personally observed far less humpback whales in the 2020 season in exmouth gulf nursery and I strongly suspect it has to do with oil and gas exploration just further north of the gulf.

6 Is there any other information you would like to provide?

Please provide your comments here.:

I urge whoever gets to decide on these issues to consider the environment, the people who live here because of the special place it is and show restraint and respect before it gets developed and destroyed like everywhere else further north. If the WA government cannot protect this small piece of coastline and preserve it for tourism and recreation, then there is no hope for any of us and it will be a massive failure of government officials. A true sign of how corrupted the government has become to dirty industries. I think we all already know this , its just horrifying to know we will get sold out of the place we love and call home so some rich individuals can make more millions. I doubt these individuals would come to the exmouth primary school and explain to the children who care why they are going to destroy and pollute their back yard and bulldose the little pool in the creek that all the birds need to survive. I didn't think so . Its just business as usual and stealing their future and rights to a healthy environment.

7 If you have any documents to include with your submission, please upload here.

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