

## Response ID ANON-P8JT-DEQ7-Q

Submitted to **EPA Strategic Advice for the Exmouth Gulf - Consultation**

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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.:

Exmouth gulf provides the community with exceptional natural values all year round. From iconic humpback whales to Feeding manta rays, floating mating sea snakes and dugong parents and calves to name the obvious that I see on a daily basis whilst recreating in the gulf. An amazing unique environment within Australia If not the world. Recreational opportunities for me include boating, snorkelling , sailing walking, SUPing and camping, birdwatching and late evenings watching the night sky rise. All this contributes to a unique Exmouth gulf experience on a daily basis. These personal values feel threatened with industry and unregulated tourism activities where I see personally dugong mother and calf behaviour is being disturbed during peak season. I wonder what this boat activity has on whales during peak season as well.

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

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

Boating, wa king, late evening sky watching, barbecues, sailing. Snorkeling and SUPing. I also promot the Unique values of Exmouth gulf to visitors when asked and when I can. I regularly sail over to the other side of the gulf to enjoy the mangrove systems and the uniqueness they have to offer. I don't mean fishing but the beautiful gulf ecosystem at work. One of my favourite pastimes SUPing at Macleods beach on a regular basis observing dugongs at least 80 percent of the time.

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

Please provide your comments here.:

I have observed a lot more environmental pressures in the gulf over the past couple of years.  
Humpback whales, commercial and recreational vessels interaction. Prawn trawling and it's associated impacts.  
Beach driving and the impacts on roosting and nesting wader birds.  
Perceived heavy industry impacts eg oil and gas industry servicing.  
Sand dune segregation and beach compaction due to vehicle access and driving of quad bikes through the dune areas.  
Heavy industry tender vessels and cruise ships are anchored in the gulf with conflicting impacts on the gulf.

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

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As descr bed above ...I am concerned about the environmental impacts to this unique environment.

#### 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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I have been made aware of the Gascoyne Gateway single jetty deep-water port. Notice !!! Not forthcoming by the Exmouth Shire.. very disappointing as a rate

payer.

Also aware of Subsea7 and Salt, and oil and gas proposals.

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

**Please provide your comments here.:**

No....only that I am extremely disappointed that the community is not better informed by our Shire.

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

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