I, Dawn Jecks, of the Hands Off Point Peron Group, PO Box 477 Rockingham WA 6968, in the State of Western Australia, am the promoter of this petition which contains signatures.

PETITION AGAINST THE PROPOSED MANGLES BAY MARINA BASED TOURIST PRECINCT

To the Honourable the President and Members of the Legislative Council of the Parliament of Western Australia in Parliament assembled.

We, the undersigned residents of Western Australia, are opposed to the Mangles Bay Marina Based Tourist Precinct proposal at Point Peron ('the Proposal') to take 77 hectares of public land in the Rockingham Lakes Regional Park ("the Land") and use it for private canal housing, marina and commercial development. We are opposed to the Proposal for the following reasons:

1. The Land was transferred from the Commonwealth to the State of Western Australia in 1964 subject to its future use being 'restricted to a reserve for Recreation and/or Park Lands'. The Government has failed to demonstrate that this restriction has been lifted, thereby neglecting to address recommendation 2 of Report 7 of the Standing Committee on Environment and Public Affairs.
2. The Land includes 38 hectares of 'Bush Forever' which would be destroyed, thus causing loss of important habitat, restrictions on public access and permanently damaging valuable cultural and natural heritage elements of Point Peron.
3. Canal developments of this type are outdated and have been banned in some states due to their unacceptable environmental impact and ongoing maintenance issues.
4. There is already a marina site approved for Rockingham.
5. The Proposal, if it goes ahead, will threaten the ecological stability of nearby Lake Richmond and put groundwater, seagrass meadows, marine water quality and precious thrombolites at serious risk.
6. Constructing an artificial inland canal system would require ongoing maintenance at high cost to taxpayers.
7. The Proposal would deprive Western Australians of the opportunity to develop a world-class coastal conservation and recreation park that would provide health, social and tourism benefits for both the Rockingham community and Perth's expanding population.

Your petitioners therefore respectfully request that the Legislative Council recommend the Proposal be abandoned, and support the setting aside of the Land as an "A" class reserve for its original purpose of 'Recreation and/or Park Lands', for the enjoyment of all people.

And your petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

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