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Leader of the Opposition; Member for Rockingham



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Ms Dawn Jecks
Founder
Hands Off Point Peron Inc.
Via email: dawnjecks@gmail.com

Dear Dawn,

RE: email "Survey" 03/05/2016

Thank you for your recent email concerning the Mangles Bay marina development.

I am not supportive of the construction of canals at Point Peron.

However I am supportive of tourism-related development that generates employment, boating facilities and housing that is environmentally sensitive.

I am aware of the Cape Peron Coastal Park proposal and have been briefed a number of times on this alternative vision for Point Peron.

As mentioned in my previous correspondence, WA Labor fears that State Environment Minister Albert Jacob and Federal Environment Minister Greg Hunt have weakened the conditions placed on the marina.

One such condition is the proponent's commitment to replant 10.48 ha of seagrass to an ecology self-sustaining standard prior to any other works commencing. As per the Appeal Determination, Condition 11-4 applies to this Seagrass Restoration Plan and will be amended to also include "timeframes and responsibilities for implementation and funding schedule and financial arrangements". WA Labor is concerned that Minister Jacob's approval statement now allows the proponent to construct the marina before proving that they can replant twice the area of seagrass that will be destroyed by the proposal.

WA Labor continues to be concerned that both Ministers failed to take into consideration the important work of the Peron Naturaliste Partnership (comprising nine local government authorities) into the potential vulnerability of the coastline due to the impacts of climate change.

With regard to the Commonwealth's decision in 1964 to transfer land at Point Peron to the State Government, this is a matter for the current Government.

Thank you for raising these matters with me directly. I invite you to keep in touch. You may also wish to contact Mr Chris Tallentire, Shadow Minister for Environment, on 9493 2223 or at gosnells@mp.wa.gov.au

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark McGowan', written over a large, faint, light blue circular watermark of a swan.

HON. MARK MCGOWAN MLA
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WA Leader of the Opposition

20th May 2016

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