



Thank you for contacting my office regarding your concerns with the Mangles Bay marina and canal development at Point Peron.

I am not supportive of the construction of canals, which could quite possibly be a risky venture and an unnecessary burden on taxpayers. I am nervous about the adverse effects that a canals may have on the health of Cockburn Sound.

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

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.

If you would like copies of the Ministers' determinations, please email me at [mark.mcgowan@mp.wa.gov.au](mailto:mark.mcgowan@mp.wa.gov.au)

Thank you for your interest in the marina. I invite you to keep in touch with me regarding this matter. You may also wish to contact Mr Chris Tallentire, Shadow Minister for Environment, on 9493 2223 or at [gossnells@mp.wa.gov.au](mailto:gossnells@mp.wa.gov.au)

Yours sincerely

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