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To: Standing Committee, Community Development & Justice

Subject: 'Inside Australia' Lake Ballard Sculptures

Dear Committee

I am a sole member of the public responding to your request for submissions regarding the value, effectiveness and impact of the Lake Ballard Gormley project.

I went to the Goldfields with my family for a camping holiday, with the express intention of including a trip out to Menzies to view the Gormley work in April 2008.

The experience was beyond my expectations, and proved to be the highlight of our trip, and something that has stayed with me since. We camped overnight at the lakes edge. We brought wood, and had a small campfire, being the only tourists at the lake edge as the sun set. The experience of waking at night, and walking out onto the lake among the sculptures proved to be awesome in the truest sense of the word. It was a quite spiritual experience. Prior to dawn my daughter woke me up, to get up to the top of the little hill in time to view the sculptures at sun rise. Also a wondrous experience. We have some wonderful photos. A visit to the sculptures is something I have recommended to many friends.

The experience inspired us to create stitched drawings - including the one I attach.

The location of the sculptures, their number, and the interaction of visitors with the sculptures makes this an extraordinary and unique experience, unlike any other. The visit to the sculptures inspired in me a unique insight into the environment, and man's interaction with the environment that I did not anticipate. The vision of their commission is to be applauded. Their maintenance must be assured for future visitors.

I look forward to hearing the outcome of this review, and if there is anything else I can do to support their assured future.

Kind regards
Clare Bestow

the costs and benefits and role this art installation project is currently providing to the local community of Menzies, the wider goldfields region, and to the wider Australian community,

