



**Minister for Environment; Disability Services; Electoral Affairs  
Deputy Leader of the Legislative Council**

Your Ref: Petition No. 157 (A848993)  
Our Ref: 62-23320

Hon Matthew Swinbourn MLC  
Chairman  
Standing Committee on Environment and Public Affairs  
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Dear Mr Swinbourn <sup>Matthew</sup>

Thank you for your correspondence, received in this office on 16 October 2020, regarding Petition No. 157 relating to the proposed boating facilities and carpark at Entrance Point, Broome.

I am informed that the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation (DWER) has met with the Department of Transport to discuss the project, the environmental studies being undertaken, and the concept design being evaluated.

I am aware that there are a number of important environmental and cultural values in the area. In view of the potential impacts to Aboriginal heritage sites and dinosaur trackways and footprints, and given the proximity of the proposed facility to sensitive environmental values in the Yawuru Nagulagun / Roebuck Bay Marine Park, DWER has recommended that the Department of Transport refer the proposal to the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) for consideration under the *Environmental Protection Act 1986*. I am advised that the Department of Transport intends to refer the proposal to the EPA in the first quarter of 2021.

In the event the proposal is referred, the EPA will require the proponent's referral information to be published for a seven-day public comment period. The EPA will then make a decision on whether or not to assess the proposal. This decision will be based on the potential impacts of the proposal on the environment and be informed by the information in the referral form, the level of public interest on the environmental impacts and any further information obtained from the proponent, relevant Government agencies or any other person.

Yours sincerely

Hon Stephen Dawson MLC  
**MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT**

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