

To The Standing Committee on Environment and Public Affairs

Dated 24/6/2014

Ref # Petition 41

To whom it may concern,

I contact you today to provide written support of the petition raised in relation to prioritising funding for the development of a marina facility at Casuarina Harbour.

The Bunbury area has a marina facility that is already partly constructed and already houses two fixed jetties and 48 Pens for recreational boats and 5 commercial pens. There are also a number of swing moorings within this harbour.

The boat ramp facilities at Casuarina Harbour are very poor as there isn't any

Toilet/change room facility, line marking to indicate parking bays clearly and wash down facilities. The lighting of this boat ramp area is also very poor.

This ramp doesn't have any disabled access and has limited access for families and the older boating members because it is very narrow and is fixed in design.

The Department of Transport have released a plan to enhance the Casuarina area by installing 250pens, upgrading the facilities at the boat ramp and increasing the services to the boating community for both recreational and commercial uses

This facility is long overdue to allow growth of the boating industry in the area as all Current Pens are full at this facility with a waiting list to get a Pen or a Mooring

Many boats that visit Bunbury from Perth, Fremantle and beyond, find limited services for accommodation, so they bypass the area to Busselton. This is a major concern to the people of Bunbury as we lose vital income to our business sector. These visitors are not staying in the area to enjoying our fantastic restaurants and entertainment venues that are on offer. Even marine repairs and fuel access are limited at the current facility.

I respectfully request that all funding be prioritised towards getting this harbour facility at Casuarina upgraded and completely finished.

This Request as not been taken to the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administrative Investigation

Yours Truly

Noel Seymour