



**Hon Ben Wyatt MLA**  
**Treasurer; Minister for Finance; Aboriginal Affairs; Lands**

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Our Ref: 69-22121

Hon Matthew Swinbourn MLC  
Chairman  
Standing Committee on Environment and Public Affairs

*Via email: env@parliament.wa.gov.au*

Dear Mr Swinbourn

**PETITION NO. 157 - PROPOSED BOATING FACILITIES AND CARPARK AT ENTRANCE POINT, BROOME**

Thank you for your letter of 15 October 2020 requesting my comments on the above petition.

I note the petition opposes the plans for development of boating facilities at Entrance Point in Broome on the basis that it would cause 'significant destruction to reefs, beaches, dinosaur footprints and cause distress to the spiritual wellbeing of local families.' I also note the concerns expressed by the promoter of the petition about the heritage implications, and the lack of effective community consultation.

The Yawuru people are the native title holders for the area of Broome. The Yawuru native title holders are represented by the Yawuru Prescribed Body Corporate that works through its operational company Nyamba Buru Yawuru (NBY). I understand NBY are represented on the Broome Boat Harbour Advisory Group and, that the boating facilities project concept and location received the support of the board of NBY in early 2020. I also understand that the project team has been working closely with the Yawuru community to map areas of sensitivities, and make changes to location and layout in accordance with community wishes.

Given these consultations, the endorsement of NBY and its involvement in planning to date, I do not have any specific comments about the matters raised in the petition.

Yours sincerely



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**MINISTER FOR ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS**

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