



Minister for Transport; Planning

Our ref: 72-29209
Your ref: Petition No 157 (A848972)

Hon Matthew Swinbourn MLC
Chair
Standing Committee on Environment and Public Affairs
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Dear Mr Swinbourn

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

Thank you for your correspondence dated 15 October 2020 regarding Petition No.157 - Proposed boating facilities and carpark at Entrance Point, Broome.

The Department of Transport has been working collaboratively with all members of the Broome Boating Facility Advisory Group (BBFAG) to advance a design option and business case for improved boating facilities in Broome. This follows decades of concern and request from the community about the unsatisfactory facilities available in Broome for small vessels and a commitment from State Government in 2017 to support the community in the development of a new proposal for funding consideration.

BBFAG is chaired by the Shire of Broome with members that include NBY Yawuru, Kimberley Port, Regional Development and community representatives. The group has worked carefully and closely through matters of sensitivity and community concern to establish the preferred facility design option. These include matters around environmental concern, dinosaur trackways and cultural heritage values.

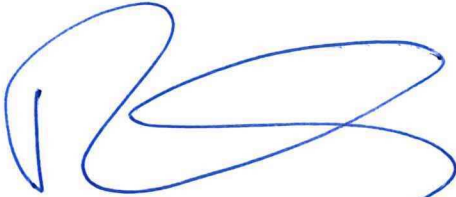
More specifically, the project and refined design has responded to community and stakeholder feedback including:

- relocation of the facility away from sensitive areas, to the site of existing boat launching activity within the Port's landholding;
- facility size reduced significantly from the original harbour proposal;
- requirement for dredging removed from the design;
- revised design has avoided impacts to significant rock structures;
- revised design has avoided impacts to dinosaur tracks through close engagement with experts and the Dinosaur Coast Management Group in Broome; and
- significant amenity and community facilities being incorporated into the landscape design for the benefit of broader community, as an upgrade to the existing trailer park which has no amenities.

The project, under the leadership of the Shire of Broome, has undertaken broad community engagement, consultation and survey and received significant support from the vast majority of stakeholders and interest groups.

I look forward to receiving the Business Case for review in the near future and thank you for raising this matter.

Yours sincerely

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**HON RITA SAFFIOTI MLA
MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT**

28 OCT 2020