



Hon. Simon O'Brien MLC  
Chairperson  
Standing Committee on Environment and Public Affairs  
Parliament House  
PERTH WA 6000

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Dear Chairperson *Simon*

**Petition No. 124 - Closure of the Main Street Jetty to Port Hedland Community**

This letter is my written submission in support of the above petition that I recently tabled in the Legislative Council.

As Shadow Minister for Disability Services I am a strong advocate for access and inclusion for people with disability throughout Western Australia so I was disappointed to learn of the actions of a State Government agency in allowing for Port Hedland's new Main Street jetty to be closed to the public.

It is my understanding that the Main Street Jetty was funded from Royalty for Regions to specifically build an accessible jetty for everyone in the community to use and replace the current jetty that is aged, in disrepair and not accessible to everyone due to the number of stairs.

The Main Street jetty is the only accessible jetty for residents in wheelchairs and for others who experience mobility problems to access fishing platforms and to board boats easily.

I would ask that the Standing Committee on Environment and Public Affairs investigate the closure of the jetty. I would like to know when the community will have access again and why a State Government funded asset that my constituents believed was funded for public access was allowed to be built for industry access only?

Your attention to this issue will be greatly valued by the community of Port & South Hedland.

Yours sincerely

**HON STEPHEN DAWSON MLC**  
**Member for Mining and Pastoral Region**  
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