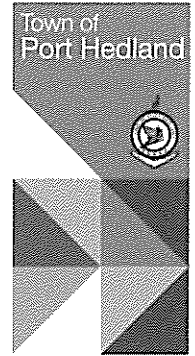


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Dear Hon O' Brien,

RE: Petition 124 – Closure of Main Street jetty to Port Hedland community

Thank you for your letter dated 13 October 2016 regarding the petition submitted by Ms Joan Foley in relation to the closure of the main street jetty.

After consultation with the Pilbara Development Commission as well as the Pilbara Ports Authority, we were advised that this issue has already been addressed in separate letters from Honourable Terry Redman MLA, Minister for Regional Development and Honourable Bill Marmion MLA, Minister for Transport. Please see attachment 1 & 2.

Therefore, I do not feel that any new or additional information can be provided at this time from the Town of Port Hedland regarding this matter, that has not already been addressed.

Please let me know if I can be of any further assistance.

Yours sincerely,

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Camilo Blanco
MAYOR

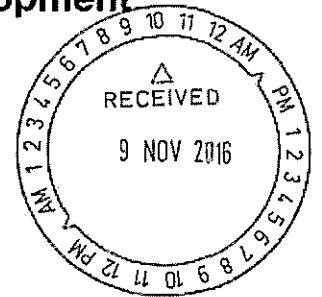
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The Hon Terry Redman MLA
Minister for Regional Development; Lands;
Minister Assisting the Minister for State Development

Our ref: 39-36444

Hon Simon O'Brien MLC
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Dear Mr O'Brien *Simon*

PETITION 124 – CLOSURE OF MAIN STREET JETTY TO PORT HEDLAND COMMUNITY

Thank you for your letter and associated correspondence (including the petition) dated 14 October 2016, relating to the Main Street Jetty (MSJ) in Port Hedland.

The terms of the petition and the submission from the principal petitioner have been investigated and I provide the following comments:

- The Pilbara Ports Authority (PPA) delivered a separate jetty, in accordance with the Financial Assistance Agreement (FAA) negotiated with the Department of Regional Development (DRD), and signed on the 16 June 2014.
- One of the outputs of the FAA was "*Extending the existing MSJ to provide additional mooring space for small construction craft and return of the existing MSJ for public use*".
- The MSJ project is complete and the PPA is finalising the acquittal process with the project.
- The original MSJ continues to provide public access to the port waters for fishing and observation of port activities.
- The PPA has advised that disability access compliance is currently under investigation and that it will undertake and fund any works that may result from the investigation.
- The principal petitioner's proposed solution around the potential shared use of the new jetty between commercial and the general public has been raised with the PPA for its consideration.

I recommend that you encourage the principal petitioner to liaise directly with the PPA regarding the potential shared use of the commercial jetty.

Thank you for your interest in this matter.

Yours sincerely

HON TERRY REDMAN MLA
MINISTER FOR REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

31 OCT 2016



MINISTER FOR STATE DEVELOPMENT; TRANSPORT; INNOVATION

Our ref: 42-83309
Your ref: Petition No. 124

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Dear Mr O'Brien

Simon

PETITION 124 - CLOSURE OF MAIN STREET JETTY

Thank you for your letter dated 13 October 2016 regarding Petition 124 – Closure of the Main Street Jetty to the Port Hedland community.

This Liberal-National Government is committed to ensuring public access to recreational areas in Western Australia. I also appreciate there is strong public interest in the Port Hedland Port's operations.

The port is the world's largest bulk export port as seen during the 2015-16 financial year, when a record annual throughput of 460.4 million tonnes was achieved. The jetty was originally provided by the port authority for public recreational use. This was due to the port's wharves no longer being available for recreational use (fishing) following the enactment of Federal legislation that put in place dedicated security measures at Australian ports.

In 2011, the Government recognised commercial use of the jetty was placing pressure on public access and safety. To separate recreational and commercial users, the Government approved \$6 million of Royalties for Regions funding for the Pilbara Ports Authority (PPA) to construct a new commercial jetty adjacent to the existing jetty.

The new commercial jetty opened in October 2015 and commercial vessel berthing and operations have transitioned from the original jetty. This allows the jetty to remain accessible to the public. The construction of the commercial jetty was delivered at a cost of \$3.9 million, with the savings returned to the Government.

PPA recently spent \$210,000 to repair and repaint corroded elements of the jetty, and install supplementary bracing to strengthen the structure. The lower deck was removed due to safety concerns, as it was regularly inundated by water during the daily tidal cycle which posed a danger to users.

The jetty's remaining top deck is wheelchair accessible and PPA has commissioned an independent disability access audit. The commercial jetty is not intended or appropriate for public use as the intermixing of unsupervised public access and commercial operations represents an unacceptable safety risk.

Thank you for raising this matter.

Yours sincerely

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**HON BILL MARMION MLA
MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT**

16 NOV 2016