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Brian Ellis MLC
Chairman Standing Committee Environment and Public Affairs
Parliament House
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WEST PERTH 6005

RE: PETITION-67 OPPOSE THE CLOSURE OF ALL WATERS INCLUDING OYSTER HARBOUR

Dear Brian,

I hope all is well. I write to you as tabling member of the above specified petition. The above petition was organised at a local level in response to a number of petitions presented to the Legislative Assembly calling for a cease of commercial fishing.

Commercial fishing has a long history and involvement with the South Coast community, employing many families and helping to support a number of communities. In my opinion, sustainable fisheries will continue to play a role in regional WA including the South Coast Region and I am confident that current measures undertaken by the Department of Fisheries will effectively protect this resource in a sustainable manner.

In the 2005 Estuarine Fishery Management Plan, large areas were set aside from commercial fishing to create a fair balance between the need to preserve the marine environment and generate jobs and growth in this important local industry. Current restrictions are already in place on professional fishers in the Kalgan and King River in response to local concerns.

If I can be of any assistance in the future please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards


Hon Colin Holt MLC
MEMBER FOR THE SOUTH WEST REGION

