

Subject: Objection to Modification Request – West Culburra Development

We wish to register my objection to the proposed modifications for the West Culburra development.

As rate payers of Culburra Beach and owners of [REDACTED], we have experienced ongoing failures of our existing sewerage system. During moderate to heavy rain, stormwater infiltrates the system, causing sewage to back up into our property and leaving us unable to flush toilets or use taps safely. This is a basic public health and sanitation issue, and the system is already operating beyond capacity. Adding further demand from a large-scale development without significant infrastructure upgrades is unacceptable and dangerous.

In addition to these urgent capacity concerns, we strongly object to the proposed changes to:

- Redefine “baseline” to mean before “construction” rather than “any works,” which would allow early works to begin without accurate environmental data.
- Remove or weaken condition A9, which would keep the consent alive indefinitely without full and proper assessment of future development stages.
- Approve stormwater and water management plans based on flawed and outdated modelling that ignores local conditions, climate change, and the increased runoff caused by development.

If these modifications are approved, they will undermine the environmental protections put in place by the Land and Environment Court and the Federal EPBC conditions, and place our community, waterways, and health at serious risk.

We respectfully request that:

1. No modifications be approved until a full reassessment is undertaken.
2. Independent, updated modelling using local, long-term coastal data is commissioned and verified before any water management conditions are approved.
3. Existing sewerage and stormwater infrastructure issues in Culburra are addressed and upgraded to meet current and future demand.

Culburra residents deserve safe sanitation, flood-resilient infrastructure, and protection of our unique coastal environment. We urge the Department to reject these modifications in their current form.

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