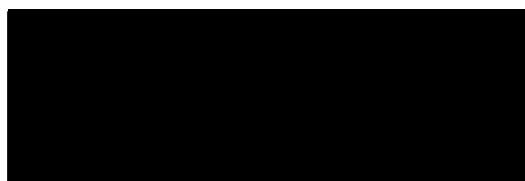


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West Culburra Concept Proposal (App. No. SSD 3846) – Public Submission

When making this submission, I declare that I have not made a reportable political donation in the previous two years.

Dear Sir/Madam

I wish to register my support for the West Culburra Concept Proposal (App. No. SSD 3846), for the following reasons.

Having been involved in the area for my entire life, along with my extended family for more than 50 years, I realise the importance of supporting progress and growth for a small community. Without progress, small towns such as Culburra Beach will not thrive and will see permanent residents move out of the area, thus affecting the small business community, as a result.

Due to the mixed demographic of the area, we find that many of our long term residents are elderly and are seeking housing opportunities to downsize their current homes. They are looking for homes that are more manageable, without seeing the need to re-locate out of the community. A community where they have often lived for many years, with support and social networks.

I believe that the West Culburra proposal is sympathetic to the needs of all of the Community's residents, offering a range of housing options for all different demographics.

Another of the issues that our community is currently facing is the high cost of housing that the shortage of properties for sale is creating in the marketplace.

It is obvious due to the current housing crises for both property for sale and the availability of rental properties in Culburra Beach, that additional housing is necessary.

This shortage of homes in the area is forcing the younger generation, who have grown up in the area to relocate to areas that are more affordable. The issue that I see with that is that the demographic of people living in the community will change and we may find that we see more absentee owners purchasing in the area, for the purpose of holiday homes, either for rental or permanent use.

Historically, the use of holiday homes is fairly seasonal, which sees some of the local businesses struggling, off season, which may result in their closure.

I truly believe that the developers have addressed any of the issues that had been raised in the previous submission and feel that this can only bring prosperity to our small and much loved community.

They have done so with integrity and have been sympathetic to every member of our community, including the elderly, the youth and also our respected Indigenous members.

With a focus on growth, this development will provide a host of employment opportunities pre, during and post the construction process.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my thoughts and I sincerely hope that the overwhelming wishes of our beautiful community for this proposal to move forward will in fact be realized.

Yours faithfully

