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RE: Proposal to amend the Albany Waterfront Development

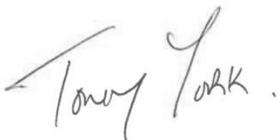
The Western Australian Farmers Federation (WAFarmers) is concerned about the proposal to amend the existing provisions to improve the potential for tourism and accommodation in the area. While WAFarmers supports improving the amenities in the area, there is concern about the proposal for permanent residential accommodation in the area.

The current provisions in the Structure and Precinct plan and the Memorandum of Understanding, do not allow for permanent residential developments in the area. WAFarmers supports the maintenance of these provisions, to reduce the potential and future impacts and concerns from residents regarding the operations of the port.

The proposed changes to the plan would allow permanent residential accommodation along major haulage rail and road routes to the Port of Albany. WAFarmers is concerned that any allowance for permanent residential accommodation in the area could potentially lead to future issues with noise complaints due to the 24 hour operations of the port, and result in the imposition of curfews and restrictions for major haulage and port activities in the area.

WAFarmers, in response to concerns from our members, would be opposed to any changes to the current provisions that could impact on the continuous operations of the Port of Albany.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this proposal.



Mr Tony York

President

WAFarmers Federation

Organisational Background

WAFarmers is the state's largest and most influential rural advocacy and service organisation. WAFarmers boasts a membership of over 3,500 primary production businesses and individual farmers including grain growers, meat and wool producers, horticulturalists, dairy farmers, commercial egg producers and beekeepers. Collectively our members are major contributors to the \$7.5 billion gross value of production that agriculture in its various forms contributes annually to Western Australia's economy. Additionally, through differing forms of land tenure, our members own, control and capably manage many millions of hectares of the state's land mass and as such are responsible for maintaining the productive capacity and environmental wellbeing of that land and the animals that graze it.