



Port Hedland Spoilbank Waterfront Development

POSITION STATEMENT

KEY MESSAGES

The proposed development of the Port Hedland Waterfront Precinct at the Spoilbank site represents a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to improve the quality of life for residents in Port Hedland offering lifestyle and recreational facilities that will be truly transformational.

Funding has been provided for in the State Budget’s forward estimates, totaling \$112 million (including \$72 million from Royalties for Regions), and every effort must be made in order to ensure that the State Government works closely with the Town of Port Hedland for the final planning and approval to go to implementation.

COMMITMENTS SOUGHT

That a commitment be made to:

- ✓ Ensure the State Government works closely with the Town of Port Hedland to ensure the timely delivery of the precinct and the fulfilment of years of work, in the form of solid progress against final approvals and detailed planning; and
- ✓ Work with the Town of Port Hedland and State Government Departments to identify the critical path and chart a course through bureaucracy towards final approval and breaking of ground this calendar year.

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BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Town of Port Hedland has established clear evidence that the community is firmly in favour of the Spoilbank Waterfront Precinct moving ahead, supported by verifiable independent research (Research Solutions).

The research project included the most comprehensive surveying yet of local boat owners and also showed overwhelming support for the Spoilbank proposal that will not only improve facilities for boat owners but also enhance launch safety. More than 87% of Port Hedland residents are aware of the proposal, and just over 75% believe the precinct will be important in making the Town of Port Hedland a more liveable place.

The Pilbara Regional Council notes that the project aligns strongly with the State Government's 'Recreational Boating Facilities Scheme', which

recognises the importance of providing proper facilities to encourage the responsible use of waterways and shorelines in ways that protect the environment. Additionally, the Pilbara Regional Council recognises exceptionally high community support for the project - as evidenced by independent research and surveys - and the leadership role that Port Hedland's Mayor and Councillors have played in encouraging greater support from the community.

Independent research shows the 80% of residents understand the development will deliver desirable amenities such as cafes and restaurants which will increase employment not only in the construction phase but also in the production phase. These projects are essential commercial multipliers in the cause for greater regional development and diversification.

IN BRIEF

- ✓ The project has received overwhelming support from the community, with independent research showing that more than 75% of residents believe the project to be an important part of making the Town of Port Hedland more liveable.
- ✓ Local Government and State Government Departments need to work together to ensure that no momentum is lost, and that all necessary approvals are received in a timely manner so that ground can be broken before the end of the calendar year.