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My reasons for partitioning against outer Harbour in Cockburn Sound are numerous as I have lived in the area for over fifty years

(1) Environment If the harbour goes ahead it will destroy what's left of the seagrass. No seagrass, no life. The sound becomes a desert. No squid crabs, whiting, snapper nothing lives in a desert, no seagrass, no food. It is noted in early Westport environment reports that due to extra activity in the sound the bottlenose dolphin who inhabits the sound will disappear also Penguins & sea lions using the sound.

What will we tell our grand kids. There used to be all this life in the sound, but we put a port instead.

I note that the companies that currently operate the port in Fremantle do not want an outer harbour. It is my understanding that Fremantle is only at one third of its use at the moment.

The harbour master states that he can cater for the biggest ships in the world today.

I ask why we would put a harbour, not only in one of the best sounds in the world but in close proximity to our Naval Base.

Surely we could use Geraldton for the centre West Broome for the North West Fremantle for metro Bunbury & Esperance for South.

It is also my understanding I may be wrong but Lakejeu near Geraldton is a natural deep water harbour. No dredging needed.

I understand the transport issue but we should look at alternatives before destroying our heritage.

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I.E. State shipping, heavy rail from Fremantle
to Forrestfield to transport Containers for distribution

I note that Broome is dredging to take larger
tourist ships why not containers for the North West
State shipping could also be used for surveillance
killing two birds with one stone and creating
more jobs.

Yours truly A Holser