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To: Standing Committee, Community Development & Justice

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attention

Dr Brian Gordon

A few years ago I planned a visit to Lake Ballard

arrived in time to

research at the local council office.

and to visit the lake at sunset.

went back to the Menzies hotel

woke in time to get to the lake by sunrise

spent three and a half hours trudging through soaky salt to view the scuptures

ONLY WENT UP CLOSE, TO ELEVEN

that is how difficult it is to see them all

It was meant to bring tourists to town

well the petrol staion is where you get a coffee, it is help yourself with foam cups

and I had to beg for a photocopy of the lake and where the sculpures are.

and as far as I can see it is that people if they go into the lake they could expire, or get lost, it is a project that seems to want people to fail...

Re the interuptation:

I do not see people travelling across this lake so dispersed

I am sure that they would be single filed

I heard that the artist threatened to bury them if he was not paid to finsh his proposed project

I heard that a fence was going to be built around them against vandals

which were the cows that used them to have their back scatched

YES they make good photography for the fliers to possible tourist and that the artist is world renounded

I did suggest by letter, to the local council that each stature be brought to town and be placed in the front yard of who the statue belong to I did not get a reply.

To think that the aboriginal men were given \$5 to take their clothes off to be scanned by the nassa scanner to me is disrespectful

dispite me going to the local aborigines and asking. They said that the srtist was lovely??????

To think of the cost of the project makies me cringe to to think that I went up there and all I saw were the 11 and I think I tried.

I think a better project would have been to illustrate the migratory bird that happen every 7 years and about the increase in numbers, which is incredible

Peace be with you

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