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**PPG is a non-profit
organisation devoted
to the conservation of
the natural environment
in the Peel Region of
Western Australia**

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Dear Dr Hatton

RE: POINT GREY MARINA · Ref: DWERA-000183

I am writing in response to your request for “evidence of any potential decline in the environmental health of the Peel-Harvey Estuary since 2012” following our submission to the Minister for the Environment dated 18th July 2017.

Our original submission raised the concern of three major “fish kills” in the Peel-Harvey system thus far in 2017 due to poor water quality, as well as voicing concern that dredging for a marina on the Point Grey site is likely to release a potentially unpredictable and dangerous mix of chemicals imbedded in the estuary floor.

Our group represents a chorus of community members who are very concerned about the health of the Peel-Harvey estuary system based on the anecdotal information previously articulated, as well as consulting with other agencies who provide a scientific appraisal of current concerns. In regard to the latter, our original submission incorporated information imparted to us by the Conservation Council of WA and hence I would refer you to their own agency and their own submission for a more comprehensive exposition from their environmental scientists, who also have grave concerns about the major works required to construct a marina at Point Grey.

Also, our group has been in recent consultation with the Peel-Harvey Catchment Council (PHCC), who have informed us that they have been granted a two week extension to respond to your very short time frame to provide further information in regard to this issue.

Rather than requesting an extension of time for our own group to provide a more comprehensive and evidenced-based response, we are keen to see that the PHCC will investigate and collate information in regard to water testing and other relevant assessments from the Water Authority, City of Mandurah, and other agencies, to provide an up-to-date appraisal of the health of the Peel-Harvey system.

Yours sincerely
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cc. Peel-Harvey Catchment Council