To the Independent Planning Commission

Re SSD3846 West Culburra Concept Proposal

This **staged** development at West Culburra has the potential to save our town, to allow our younger generation to purchase land and live in an area they grew up in. Housing prices have become unaffordable as prices have been pushed up because investors have moved in to purchase housing for holiday rentals which has made renting for local permanent residents unaffordable.

The West Culburra Concept Proposal must be allowed to proceed as displayed by The Halloran Trust. It is a **staged** development over quite a number of years and it will be a life saver to the towns of Culburra Beach and Orient Point.

The vast majority of the community have always **voted in favour of development**. There is a **extremist minority environmental anti everything group**, that have also tried to stop Woolworths development, fortunately they were unable to as it has been a lifeline to other businesses as it has stopped a lot of escape spending and provided many local jobs but without growth within the Culburra Beach area many of these businesses will close. We already have empty shops and others have been trying to hang on for the West Culburra development to come to fruition and trading on reduced hours and our hardware shop is closing down at the end of the month.

With the latest environmental and water quality controls that will be in place, including the setbacks from the river and Culburra Road, which will vastly improve the water quality and sedimentation run offs into Lake Wollumboola and the Crookhaven River.

The proponents have previously won awards for their environmental controls.

I am fed up with having to do submission after submission in support of this development. This community is sick to death of being held to ransom for far too long by **an extremist minority environmental group** and one wonders why the DP and E appears to listen to this group that portray themselves to be speaking for the community **THEY DD NDT SPEAK FDR ME**.

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