

Mr Chris Leatt-Hayter
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Dear Mr Leatt-Hayter

Fremantle Port Inner Harbour and Channel Deepening, Reclamation at Rous Head and Offshore Placement of Dredged Material

Recfishwest is the peak body representing the interest of the 643,000 recreational fishers in Western Australia. We are formally recognised and funded by the Government in that role. Recfishwest places the highest priority on preserving the future of recreational fishing and the access to the resources it depends on in Western Australia.

The North Mole is an iconic fishing destination for recreational fishers in Western Australia providing a unique opportunity to fish land based for migratory pelagic species as well as important "bread and butter" species.

Recfishwest would like to grant it's in principle support behind Fremantle Ports proposed re-development works on the proviso that the project proponent considers the following aspects to help cater to recreational fishers access;

- Continued access by recreational fishers to the outer wall of the harbour. This area is a highly valued shore based fishing location allowing people to fish in deeper water.
- Designated fishing platforms in several places, for disabled people, children and people who are not physically able to clamber over rocks. Adequate car parking and lighting also at fishing platforms.
- "fisherman-friendly" and safe rock walls where the rocks are carefully placed to give enough flat and accessible spots to stand and fish. Examples of the good surfaces for fishing include the part of the South Mole upgrade in recent years, and many rocks on the Hillarys Boat Harbour north and south walls.

Recfishwest believes that if these simple requests are met the level of support for the project from the recreational fishing community will be much higher.

We would be happy to arrange a meeting with the project developers when the time arises to choose a site for fishing platforms and their subsequent design.

Yours sincerely

Frank Prokop
Executive Director

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