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**Minister for Environment; Disability Services; Electoral Affairs  
Deputy Leader of the Legislative Council**

Your Ref:

Our Ref: 62-22297

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Dear Dr Hatton

I understand that you are in the process of finalising your assessments on the Subsea 7 Learmonth Bundle Site proposal and related local scheme amendment near Exmouth. I note that since the original Subsea 7 proposals were considered, a number of new and existing potentially significant proposals in and around the Exmouth gulf have been progressed.

I am seeking a thorough understanding as to how these new proposals could add to the cumulative impacts on the distinctive values of Exmouth Gulf. I therefore request that the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) provide advice to me under Section 16(e) of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* on the potential cumulative impacts of proposed activities and developments on the social, cultural and environmental values of Exmouth Gulf.

Specifically, I am requesting advice and recommendations on:

- the current state of the key social, cultural and environmental values in Exmouth Gulf;
- the potential impacts on those values posed by existing activities and developments including, but not limited to, industrial activity (including oil and gas support), transportation and logistics operations, commercial and recreational fishing, and tourism;
- the potential impacts on those values by proposed activities and developments including, but not limited to, the Subsea 7 proposal, the Gascoyne Gateway proposal, and the K+S salt proposal; and
- the compatibility of future developments with the social, cultural and environmental values in the Exmouth Gulf.

I believe that this advice will be material to my consideration of the EPA's final reports on the Subsea 7 proposal and the related local scheme amendment. The EPA may therefore think it appropriate to seek a further extension for the provision of their final report to me on this proposal so that the findings of this advice on cumulative impacts can be fully considered.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'S Dawson', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Hon Stephen Dawson MLC  
**MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT**

**19 AUG 2020**