

TO THE PREMIER
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Dear Dr. Gallop

PORT CATHERINE CANAL DEVELOPMENT - COCKBURN

I have recently been alerted to your Government's joint venture proposal to build the Port Catherine marina at Coogee Beach. I have viewed the proposal and conclude that this is not a public boat harbour like Hillarys, but predominantly a reclamation of the ocean for a canal style residential development.

I support the need to clean up the area and would welcome your Government facilitating a sustainable urban renewal project incorporating the old industrial areas at both North and South Coogee, including the old power station. However, I am strongly opposed to the Port Catherine project because it privatises the coastal zone.

- I am very concerned that you have allowed the planning of this State sponsored development to occur without meaningful community consultation.
- I do not support the privatisation of the community's foreshore reserve and ocean for private use as a canal development.
- I am strongly opposed to filling in any more of Cockburn Sound, especially when it is to create new land just to build houses on.
- I am greatly disturbed that you could support a project that will result in erosion at Coogee Beach and includes the direct loss of 1.5 kms of beach.
- I value the landscape character of the Coogee ridgeline and oppose the loss of this special Parks and Recreation open space area.
- I believe the Port Catherine proposal has no net public benefit and will further limit public access to the coastal zone south of the river, now and in the future.
- I urge you to stop the establishment of an Urban zoning over our parklands, ridgeline, sand dunes, white sand beaches and protected embayments.
- I demand the planning for the whole area be recommenced as part of a 21st century consultative process that delivers a more balanced outcome and reflects the whole community's love of the coastline.

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Yours sincerely,

Signature Date

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