**Comments for the approval and development of the West Culburra project**

I have been visiting Culburra since I was a child. I am now 50 years old. After staying with relatives since I was a child my husband and I decided to buy our own property in Culburra. This was twenty years ago. In that time, my family and extended family and I have seen many changes to both Culburra and neighbouring coastal villages. We are happy for the development that has taken place so far, including new businesses such as Woolworths, cafes and the continual renovations of property. As my children have grown, the idea that they could invest, or even possibly live, in a property in a town that they have also grown up in was very exciting for them. The West Culburra project is ideal for not only permanent residents but also Sydney buyers looking for investment property.

It is an outrage that the West Culburra project is under question. This development in the town is crucial to the future success and viability of the whole community.

Already we are seeing businesses struggle and many have needed to close down or restrict their opening hours.

Culburra is not just a "holiday” town, where population doubles for a very short period in the Christmas holidays. Culburra is a town of families, couples, retirees who deserve to have immediate and convenient access to amenities and services.

As a small town, we are very lucky to have these services at our doorstep, however, without further development of the town, these vital services could also close their doors. This would mean increased unnecessary travelling for all residents in neighbouring towns and not just residents of Culburra.

These services can and will continue to be viable with more patronage. This can be done through the development of the West Culburra project.