I am a recent resident of Culburra beach (four years) and am convinced the majority of residents of Culburra are uniformed about the value of Lake Wollumboola and do not understand its national and international significance or its extreme sensitivity to environmental disturbance.

For the benefit of the wildlife that utilise the area and for the benefit of future generations it is imperative that The Lake is protected.

The construction of a golf course and its ongoing maintenance (fertiliser requirements) will almost certainly have a negative effect on the quality of the water entering the lake. It is also to be assumed that if a golf course were to be constructed, a club house would then be requested, with its own additional environmental impact. The proposed ponds cannot guarantee to cope with extreme weather and the sandy and swampy environment. Damage to The Lake is a risk that would be totally irresponsible for us to accept.

The Culburra Beach Progress Association which supports the golf course has no evidence that having a golf course would bring more visitors to the area or is desired by current residents for their own recreation. Golf is a sport declining in popularity nationally and nearby golf courses are struggling. Culburra Beach has a population of about 3,500, how many are golfers? The Progress Association would be better promoting The Lake, a unique environment, to bird watchers and nature lovers.