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Cr John McCallum
Chair
Peron Naturaliste Partnership
3 Peel Street
MANDURAH WA 6210

Dear Cr McCallum

Thank you for your letter in relation to the Peel Naturaliste Partnership's coastal planning and management policy issues. I apologise for the delay in responding to your letter.

WA Labor recognises the need for coordinated planning when it comes to coastal management and applauds the nine Local Government Authorities that form the Peron Naturaliste Partnership for their proactive initiative in coming together to address these issues.

Western Australia's coast is precious to all West Australians and the impact of climate change and other factors on coastal management has been too little recognised by the Barnett Liberal National Government.

The previous WA Labor Government established the Office of Energy and the Climate Change Unit, as well as appointing a Minister for Climate Change. Many of these initiatives have since been dismantled or downgraded by the Liberal-National Government. WA Labor would make a priority the importance of climate change across government.

WA Labor believes that climate change has an impact across all spheres of life for West Australians; economic, environmental and social. A McGowan Labor Government would be interested in exploring how best to coordinate coastal management decisions to properly address the issues raised by the Peron Naturaliste Partnership.

Together, we can ensure our coast is protected, developed and managed in an integrated manner.

Thank you for contacting me and I look forward to a McGowan Labor Government working with the Peron Naturaliste Partnership and other stakeholders to develop a cohesive approach to coastal management.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mark McGowan".

Mark McGowan MLA
Leader of the Opposition

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