

Letter to the Editor of the *Melville Times*

I object to the City of Melville using ratepayers funds to spread misinformation about Roe 8 and the proposed Outer Harbour in Cockburn Sound. Last week (MT 17 January) they paid for a half page advertisement that purported to be information but was in fact totally misleading. The truth is that the proposed Outer Harbour will be built in a degraded part of Cockburn Sound near James Point, where the sea grass and marine life was destroyed by industrial pollution in the 1960s. It is not a fragile ecosystem as they claim, but a totally degraded area. The EPA approved a port proposal for this site in 2000. Access to the Outer Harbour would be via Kwinana Freeway and Tonkin Highway and Thomas and Anketell Roads. These roads are already in existence and there is no threat to Thomsons Lake or the Spectacles despite what the City falsely claims. I hope that you will publish this clarification so that ratepayers are aware of how their rates are being misused by the City of Melville.

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