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FOR THE ATTENTION OF MESSRS ANDERSON AND PAUL

Dear Sirs

RE: POINT PICQUET : FISHERMAN'S HARBOUR

Further to our various discussions, we now wish to clarify the Trust's position on current proposals.

The Trust has classified the whole of the Cape Naturaliste area, based on an Assessment prepared by its Landscape and Conservation Committee. We attach a copy of the Assessment for your information. Accordingly, we wish to withdraw the comments made in our letter dated 6 December, 1984. The Trust's position is now clearly stated in the adopted recommendations of the Assessment document (page 13). We refer specifically to the following recommendations.

1. i) As far as possible there should be no further development in the area. The beauty and tranquil atmosphere, which has the potential to draw visitors from all over the world, could easily be destroyed. The area is very small and any development, including those which introduces heavy recreational or commercial vehicular traffic, would change the landscape from a natural/agricultural one to a more urbanized landscape, and so destroy the very character which is such a strong attraction.
- ii) Accommodation and services for visitors should be concentrated in the existing centres of Busselton and Quindalup. Dunsborough and Yallingup are inside the assessed area but could support low-impact development.
3. ii) Geological formations of educational and scientific importance should be protected.
- iii) The coastline and other areas which provide attractive views should receive especial protection.

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4. A study should be undertaken as the basis for a management plan to protect this beautiful and much loved area as part of the Nation's heritage.

Clearly, the Trust opposes both this, and any other development of this fragile, but extremely valuable coastline, in principle. Further, if any development is proposed it should be considered only within the context of a detailed management plan for the whole area.

We anticipate that a E.R.M.P. will be published in the near future, and at such time the Trust will consider the particular matters relating to current proposals in some detail.

In the meantime, both this letter and our attached Assessment clearly state the Trust's position in principle.

We appreciate your assistance in this matter.

Yours faithfully,

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