

27 September 2013



CEO
Shire of Roebourne
PO Box 219
Karratha WA 6714

Dear Sir,

RE: Foreshore Management Plan – Gnoorea (40 Mile Beach)

Hanson Construction Materials Pty Ltd (Hanson) welcomes the opportunity to comment on the above Management Plan and congratulates the Shire of Roebourne in its foresight and community commitment to protection of recreational and coastal localities.

Hanson is a leading supplier of construction materials throughout the world, the State of Western Australia and has a number of operations within the Pilbara. Its products, premixed concrete and aggregates, are essential to the community's development and their ready availability ensures costs of development are contained as far as is practicable.

Basic raw materials suitable for aggregate supply and for the production of high quality pre mixed concrete are not always readily available and are bound by the Earth's geology in their location.

Proximity to the markets in which these materials are supplied curtails both costs of production and delivery. Costs that are ultimately borne by the community in to which they are delivered.

Basic raw materials are generally sourced and delivered in to the local community in which they are extracted and are not processed for export.

Hanson would like it noted that it has an application in process with the Department of Mines and Petroleum for an Exploration Lease over two graticules in the 40 Mile Beach coastal area (E47/2942).

It is stated in the Shires document, Gnoorea Foreshore Management Plan – Draft for public comment, in Section 2.5 - Resource Values, that there are no existing exploration or mining leases over the area and this implies that the area is of no significance or has no viability in presence of suitable materials.

It is perhaps unknown therefore and it should be communicated that there is an extensive resource of fine sand suitable for construction materials within the Hanson lease application area.

Whilst Hanson acknowledges the purpose of the Management Plan presented to the community, it also feels that there may be an opportunity to include the extraction of basic raw materials in the area and still work towards achieving a satisfactory outcome for the many interests in the Management Plan sector.

The availability of similar, suitable material is not prevalent in the immediate location and due consideration should be provided to enable a working option to be considered alongside of the Plan's recommendations.

Hanson clearly understands and accepts the sensitivity of the region but also believes that there may be options perhaps not as yet assessed, whereby all interests may still be satisfied. Its activities in the area may provide an opportunity to enhance the long term sustainability of the area and permit a final form conducive to the needs of future generations.

There are means by which day to day activities will not impinge on the recreational activities of the community and we are satisfied that the interests of the Aboriginal Traditional Owners can be recognised and managed.

In conclusion, Hanson would like to reiterate its interest in the area of the Management Plan and trust that some consideration is given to alternative opportunities and concepts for long term development of this coastal sector.

For further information in regard to this matter, please contact John Symonds on 9311 8852 or john.symonds@hanson.com.au.

Yours faithfully
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