



**Media Statement**

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## **EPA Report 1339 Port Rockingham Marina**

The Environmental Protection Authority has released advice and recommendations to the Minister for Environment on the proposal by Rosewood Grove Pty Ltd to construct and operate a new marina located at Rockingham, within Cockburn Sound.

EPA Chairman Paul Vogel said that the EPA had concluded that it is unlikely that the EPA's objectives would be compromised, provided there is satisfactory implementation by the proponent of their commitments and the recommended conditions.

"This proposal satisfies a long standing need for additional boating requirements and, as it will be located in an area devoid of seagrass, it will not significantly impact upon any marine plants and animals," Dr Vogel said.

'Also, the marina has been designed to allow for a rapid water body flushing rate, reducing the potential for algal blooms and other water quality issues.

'However, during the construction phase there is likely to be some direct, localised temporary impacts on marine water quality requiring a 'zone of effect' to be monitored to ensure conformity with the *State Environmental (Cockburn Sound) Policy, 2005*.'

'When completed it is predicted that there will be minor impacts on existing natural coastal processes requiring a small amount of sand bypassing on an annual basis.

'Finally, craft over 10 metres in length are recommended to have a sullage holding tank if their owners lease a pen at the proposed marina.'

EPA Report 1339 is available at [www.epa.wa.gov.au](http://www.epa.wa.gov.au). There is a two week public appeal period on the report closing 13<sup>th</sup> October 2009.

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