

Dear committee members,

As an average *“man-in-the-street”*, that is a private citizen, resident, ratepayer and voter in WA let me put to you a simplistic scenario concerning the \$1.6 billion which the Federal Government has promised to WA and which has been earmarked to build the PFL.

From the statistical information that I have been given, in graph form, it looks like the Fremantle Port will reach its capacity somewhere between the next 7 to 10 years and we will then need to develop a new Port down Kwinana way to take the overflow and handle the growth in freight traffic.

I am of the opinion that we can do one of two things with this money from the Federal Government:-

- Build the PFL
- OR
- Build a new Port in the Kwinana area

Obviously it's an either / or choice, we can't do both, and once the money is spent on the PFL it's spent and there will be no money available to build the new Port which we will need to process the ever increasing amount of freight passing in and out of WA by ship.

Please give due consideration to **start** building the new Port **rather** than build the PFL.

We need the new Port to keep the WA economy viable for both your families and your children's families... going into the future.

All I ask is that you please give some thought to the points I have made above and I hope that they will be reflected in the committee's findings.

I thank you in advance for your consideration.

Yours sincerely,

Robert J Thomas