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My submission is in regard to the Fremantle, WA beaches development plan.

The Department of Planning & Infrastructure's (DPI) proposed 'Three Harbours Policy' threatens the integrity of Fremantle's remaining beaches. Current proposals for a mega development, extending 1.8km into the ocean from Bathers' Beach to South Beach, means that Fremantle's Beaches will be enclosed by hotels, accommodation and boat storage facilities. A boat ramp is also proposed. What this means for beach users is: increased traffic congestion, beach erosion, water & noise pollution & an inability to watch the sun set thanks to the proposed 12m high boat stacker.

Even at their most conservative, I regard the proposed plans as far too invasive on our beaches. These are the only nearby beaches for Fremantle and an important part of life for many people.

The plans for Bather's beach essentially prevent it from being a beach where people will want to swim or sit on the beach as it will be a sailing area with a view of a marina.

The plans for South Beach ostensibly leave it as a beach, but the 10 boat high boat stacker will not only ruin the view but also create pollution and prevent the tide from cleaning the beach properly. It seems self evident that this will make South Beach much less attractive for swimming and for sitting / walking on.

If development really is necessary - not just to make money but to accommodate the needs of people with boats, then there are other more distant areas which seem much more appropriate, eg Woodman's Point. Please bear in mind that many people at the Fremantle sailing club oppose these plans and that the sailing club is already taking up a large stretch of coast. I believe that this is sufficient for the area.

Thankyou.

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