My Name is Gail O'Regan and I grew up in the Shoalhaven region of Greenwell Point, My father had Oyster and Mussel leases and we were raised to be Conservationists, respecting our environment, whilst living and earning a living in the same environment.

We moved to Culburra Beach a couple of years ago and bought the local Motel. We have integrated into the community and have now decided that we will retire here.

We have 3 adult children and 7 Grandchildren, al who visit regularly and enjoy the local environment.

They also wish to relocate here and would be interested in purchasing a home here.

I would like to state that I am whole heartedly in favour of the West Culburra Beach Development.

I have made this decision based on reading the reports and absorbing the Facts.

I have seen a lot of the town react very emotionally because they are so passionate as a community, these are the same people who actively participate in Chamber of Commerce and Progress Association, as well as clean up Australia Days and work volunteer on our waterfronts and Landcare , now. From what I see off the town, they are mostly conservationist.

I would like to think that surely in 2018 and beyond, we can figure out how to preserve our wildlife and wetlands and still have responsible urban development.

The studies have been done. The Local Council have the land planned for residential development.

The Halloran trust isn't a big knock them down build them up developer, it is a trust that has donated a lot of land, and taken more than reasonable steps to produce every test that has been asked of them.

They want to contribute to the gradual growth of Culburra Beach, with also providing recreation areas for family's and visitors, while providing suitable housing from the town and with that providing a future for the town as well.

I do believe that you can be a Conservationist and a realist.

Moving forward surely we can protect and grow at the same time. We do have to protect our environment, we do have to live in suitable housing, surely the people that are attracted to this type of area are the ones that would also want to be custodians and protectors of their environment as well.

Thank you for taking the time to review what the town of Culburra Beach want.

Gail A O'Regan

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