

Port Hedland Dust Management Taskforce Report to Government

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To whom it may concern,

Myself and my family lived in Port Hedland for eleven years. We bought two properties in the proposed rezoning area, one we lived happily in, and one as an investment. We purchased these properties as the area was being rezoned and considered them as very good investment opportunities. I now find it absolutely dumbfounding, how the WA State Government can contemplate the reversal of the previous rezoning of this area following the dust study. Has another dust study taken place?

Is it a reflection of the incompetence of the individuals making these decisions, or a complete disregard for the financial devastation of the many individuals who have invested in this area.

Many individuals, including myself, invested in properties in this area due to the rezoning to R80. With the downturn in the mining industry in the Pilbara, the value of these properties have greatly reduced. This is nobody's fault and a risk taken when investing. However, for people still paying for these properties, along with exorbitant rates and insurance premiums waiting for things to improve and hoping to recoup some our loses, this opportunity will be completely lost with the rezoning denying any chance of unit developers investing in this area.

Does the state government plan on recompensing the loses to land owners in this area that this reversal of a former sound decision will cause?