

Greenies out of touch

KATE MCGREGOR of the Cape Conservation Group in Exmouth is clearly out of touch with the community around her.

Where was she when the Committee headed by Doug Bathgate came to sell World Heritage Listing to the people of Exmouth?

Didn't she notice that the majority of people at that meeting were not happy with the idea of World Heritage Listing on the Cape?

The overwhelming majority did not want the boundaries of the proposed area to cover Exmouth town.

At that time the Exmouth Chamber of Commerce and Industry conducted a survey of local business.

One of the questions in this survey asked for comment on the proposed World Heritage Listing of the Cape and the boundaries put forward.

The overwhelming response was not in favour of the proposed boundaries at the time. Since then another proposed boundary has been put forward that covers Cape Range and the Ningaloo Marine Park.

This proposal has been more readily accepted by the community but we are still skeptical. As usual the greenies are not happy, they want it all, just like the Burrup rock scratchings.

The Government protect 99 per cent of that area but the greens are

screaming for the other 1 per cent, they are never satisfied.

These Greenies say that Exmouth Gulf and the mangroves on the east side of the Gulf need protecting as they are an integral part of Ningaloo Reef. What a load of rubbish.

If this were true Ningaloo Reef would have been affected in the 60s and 70s when the prawn trawlers commenced "clear felling" the Gulf.

A fish needs habitat to survive, even when traveling. We would have noticed a huge change at Ningaloo Reef years ago.

I believe this is a tactic to stop the proposed salt mine on the east side of the Gulf. McGregor says the Cape Conservation Group have 60 members, of which 20 per cent live elsewhere.

Kate, have you noticed that 2500 people live here.

Your mob are what's known as a minority, get over it.

If you are serious then conduct a survey of all the people of Exmouth.

Don't give us the David Woods method of surveying only those that suit your point of view like the Cape Conservation Group and workers at DEC.

Then you may be able to plausibly substantiate your claims.

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