

Save Lipson Cove! Stop the Port!



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Emily - Community petitions to save Lipson Cove

This case study was transcribed from an interview. These are Emily's words and opinions.

What was your goal and what did you achieve?

I wanted to be able to create awareness in my community of what companies and what people are trying to do to destroy our coastline - the infrastructure of a grain-only port built by a private company. They're trying to build it on the cliff between two really good beaches and really memorable beaches for locals and I don't want it to happen.

I've written two petitions - I've done an online one and I've done a paper one to raise awareness that the community didn't want it. I've attended meetings about it with the company and I've got in contact with their company 'leaders' I guess you could say, and tried to get them to listen and tell

them this is not a good idea. The community and the locals don't want it but they're determined and we're just all pretty worried about how it's going to affect the environment. Probably my biggest success would be how much support we got on the online petition - it was over 2000 (at Oct 2020) and that's been going since March or April (it is now over 3000).

What challenges did you face?

A challenge was getting the courage to do the public speaking and to talk to very important businessmen and government officials and board government members like Peter Treloar. I went and saw him. Just getting the courage up to talk to them and be professional and show that I'm not just a kid, I actually know what I'm talking about.

Who did you work with?

I worked with my mum and Rochelle Berryman, who kept me on track and made sure I kept keeping the word out there. I guess you could say working with Peter Treloar to deliver the paper petition to him, so we could get it into court here in Adelaide.

How have you promoted and shared your work?

Through online pages like Instagram and Facebook. There were quite a few articles in the local newspapers - The Advertiser and Portland Times and Stock Journal.

What will happen now?

The fight isn't done. They've got most of the approvals, but they still haven't actually broken ground, so until they actually start building there's still a chance we can get them to not do it. It's not over, it's going to continue.

Advice for other students?

If you're trying to get the locals and your community to back you up, don't just let them forget about it and then after a couple months

have the idea die down. You've got to keep the word out there - make sure everyone stays aware that it's still happening and that they can't just drop it. Stay committed and stay motivated to keep the hype up about it, so then they know this is a serious issue.

What have you enjoyed most?

Getting to improve my public speaking; talking to people and being able to go out and get my name out there to be able to show that we're not just kids, we actually know what we're talking about. We care about the area and we don't want them to ruin it.

My name was on the actual petition so my name is now related to the port itself and trying to show the community wants to stop it. So that's good, and the fact that I'm a young person also shows that the younger generation don't want it, not just the adults.