

# **PE2029/N: Nationalise Clydeport to bring the ports and harbours on the river Clyde into public ownership**

## **Malin Group written submission, 13 May 2024**

Thank you for the letter requesting our detailed views on the aforementioned petition.

We are currently looking to bring to fruition an innovative marine park on the banks of the river Clyde that will provide equitable access to the deep-water channel as well as industrial units sorely needed by our marine industry on the West coast.

In our 125 years operating in and around the Clyde we have always enjoyed a productive and collaborative relationship with the local harbour authority.

That being said, we have bought this site at great cost to us as an SME simply because at that time, we had no other suitable options for us on the banks of the Clyde to set up a marine manufacturing business. We now have more land than we need and looking to use it to solve the issue for others as well.

We have experience working with other Trust ports that operate on an altruistic model whereby the port and harbour is used to maximise the benefits and social impact to the community it serves. The success of the Port of Blythe over the last decade is an interesting case study and may be worthy of review.

We would wholeheartedly support any action that reinvigorates the fortunes of the Clyde and the communities it serves. Without this change, we are highly likely to miss the opportunities in the marine sector that are maturing as we debate our river's future.

However, we feel that this should be done in conjunction with Peel as the owner and look for a way forward that advances the future of the Clyde as quickly and efficiently as possible without conflict and the delay this would entail.