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## **Council Endorse Jetty Progress**

Council endorsed two report items relating to having a recreational jetty in Esperance at May's Ordinary Council Meeting. Both items are significant milestones in the realisation of a replacement jetty.

Council accepted the recommendations made by the Heritage Council of WA regarding the Deconstruction Methodology for the Tanker Jetty and will engage a heritage architect to implement the requested changes as per the advice received. A comprehensive record of the deconstruction works will be maintained by the heritage architect which will help the Shire maximise the amount and quality of salvaged material.

The second item before Council outlined an agreed ten step Tanker Jetty Replacement Process between the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage, Department of Transport, and Southern Ports. This process outlines the administrative tasks that need to be completed for Council to provide a replacement jetty to the community.

Essentially, there are four general requirements that the Shire is required to agree to:

- The Shire agrees to the transfer of ownership of the Tanker Jetty from Southern Ports to the Shire. This will enable the Shire to have ownership of all material salvaged from the Tanker Jetty.
- The Shire agrees to the Port of Esperance resurvey that will remove the jetty easement from the port's gazetted boundary. This will remove Southern Ports as the responsible entity over the land and owner of the replacement jetty.
- The Shire requests a Management Order over the jetty seabed. This will resolve the land tenure and responsibility of the replacement jetty and give ownership of the new structure to the Shire. The proposed management order will extend out to cover the existing dive trail.
- The Shire enters into a jetty licence for the new structure as required by State Government legislation.

This ten step process is reliant on a Section 64 Permit, under the *Heritage of Western Australia Act 1990*, being issued by the Minister for Heritage. The s64 permit will enable the deconstruction and construction works to commence.

Heritage Council of WA Chair, Anne Arnold said, "With the Esperance Council voting to take ownership of jetty, the Heritage Council will now recommend to the Minister for Heritage that a permit for the deconstruction and replacement of the old tanker jetty be given subject to a number of conditions, including that the replacement jetty be built along the same alignment

as the existing jetty and the construction of the new jetty and interpretation works be completed within 24 months.”

Deputy President and Chair of the Jetty Replacement Committee Natalie Bowman said, “It is fantastic that all stakeholders involved in the decisions regarding the Tanker Jetty have all come together and developed a clear pathway forward. We can now start talking about the work that needs to be done to get our community a jetty they can use.

“I would like to take this opportunity to thank the community for their patience and advise that we have been working diligently with the Heritage Council and all other stakeholders in making sure every step taken is supported and followed correct process. This is a complex issue and we want to make sure everything is completed properly. The next few months will see a finalisation of the work needed to begin the deconstruction of the Tanker Jetty and the construction of the replacement jetty.”

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