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COUNCIL MOVES FORWARD WITH JETTY DESIGN

Council will move forward with a new concept jetty design for the replacement of the Esperance Tanker Jetty.

Council endorsed the design and report put forward by the Replacement Jetty Working Group at the July Ordinary Council Meeting. Council requested the design be referred to Southern Ports and Department of Transport for approval. The concept design features a fish cleaning bench and a low level dive platform and a length of 310m.

Shire President Victoria Brown said, "The length is really important to our community and we would like to negotiate with the Heritage Council to increase their proposed new jetty length of 250 metres to 310 metres. This equates to 60 per cent of new structure, with 40 per cent of original jetty fabric left in situ.

"Our community will be able to enjoy fishing, diving and walking on the new jetty. The more detailed design phase will ensure safety rails do not impede fishing and include opportunities for local public art. Like the old jetty, it will be a place to create new memories for our community and visitors to our town."

CEO Matthew Scott said that the next stage is to make a formal submission to the Heritage Council of Western Australia.

CEO Matthew Scott said, "If we receive the green light from the Heritage Council we can move on to funding applications and the design and construct tender specifications. The Shire's current Long Term Financial Plan caters for a \$6 million jetty without requiring any increase in rates.

"The new jetty will be an endless source of recreation for our entire community, particularly for fishing, and will become a distinctive tourism attraction. Other benefits will include the potential for new business and employment opportunities such as a unique land based diving trail from the end of the jetty to the artificial reef."

Council Resolved to:

1. Endorse the Esperance Tanker Jetty Replacement Concept Design Report with an amendment to the length of the new structure to at least 310m, as one of the possible representations of a land mark design.
2. Refer the amended Tanker Jetty Replacement Concept Design to the Heritage Council, Western Australia, Southern Ports and Department of Transport for approval (as attached);
3. Instruct the CEO to negotiate a new agreement for future ownership of the replacement jetty.
4. Instruct the CEO, upon approval of a new agreement to;

- a. Develop the Design and Construct specification in consultation with the Jetty Replacement Working Group with a focus on the replacement jetty being fishing friendly;
- b. Undertake the geotechnical assessment; and
- c. Continue to pursue funding opportunities.

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CC: Replacement Jetty Concept Design Information Sheet

Additional Facts:

- The replacement jetty design is based on the criteria put forward by the Replacement Jetty Working Group and advice from the Heritage Council.
- Length will be based on a \$6 million budget.
- In the 2016 survey, fishing was identified as the most popular use for the new jetty with a fish cleaning bench as the most popular feature. The innovative design will be ideal for this and will feature a fish cleaning bench.
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