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Tanker Jetty Deterioration

The Esperance Tanker Jetty has deteriorated overnight with a section of the jetty collapsing. The Shire has been working during the day with the Heritage Council, Southern Ports and the Department of Transport.

The Jetty has failed at pile group 65-67, the additional pressure on the remaining sub structure, already in a poor state, has seen stringers and corbels crumble under the weight. The deck dropped considerably on one side causing cracks in the concrete, whereby a section has broken off and is now on the ocean floor.

CEO Matthew Scott said "Our first priority is to ensure public safety can be maintained in the bay. We flew the Shire drone over the jetty and surrounding waters to determine if there was any floating debris and obtain visuals on the damage that has occurred. Southern Ports has also taken their pilot boat out to undertake an inspection."

"The Heritage Minister and Heritage Council were notified immediately, they are aware of what has happened and will remain involved as we deal with the current situation.

Shire President Victoria Brown said "I am deeply concerned about the angst this is causing members of our community. Council made a responsible financial decision in 2011 to commit time and funding to a new jetty that will be sustainable for our community. This was, and continues to be a difficult situation, and I await the Heritage Council and the Minister's response in assisting our community in finding a way forward."

If a member of the public were to spot debris in the water please report this to Southern Ports or the Shire immediately to ensure water users are kept safe. If debris is located on a beach please report it to the Shire, some sections of the jetty do contain petro chemicals that are harmful if not dealt with appropriately.

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