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The Application is in!

The Shire of Esperance has submitted their business case and application for Round 3 of the Building Better Regions Fund for the replacement jetty. The Shire has collated the Business Case and supporting documentation to ensure its inclusion in this round of funding with \$4m being requested. Should this be successful no further funding would be necessary and the community will be one step closer to having an accessible recreational jetty.

Letters of support have been received from various state agencies, political representatives and community groups and these have been included with the Shire's application. This included 17 letters of support from local, regional, state and federal agencies and 14 from community and representative groups.

CEO Matthew Scott said, "The business case for the new jetty has been submitted and we don't expect to hear anything back until early next year. The support from local and regional representative agencies has been fantastic and greatly assists the Shire's funding application.

"We were fortunate to have an opportunity to take Assistant Minister to the Deputy Prime Minister Andrew Broad and Member for O'Connor Rick Wilson out to inspect the jetty and explain how important it is for our community to have a resolution on the jetty so we can get on with it. This will assist in discussions about the jetty at a federal level, having seen the jetty first hand and understanding the process that has been followed.

"Work is continuing on developing the Final Concept Design which will be reviewed by the Jetty Replacement Working Group, Council, the Heritage Council of WA and will be shared with the community."

This Round of the Building Better Regions Fund will provide \$200m in grant opportunities with up to \$45m to support Tourism Infrastructure Projects.

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