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PARTIAL COLLAPSE OF THE TANKER JETTY

There has been a partial uncontrolled collapse of the Esperance Tanker Jetty. Pile group 38 to 42 have failed with debris coming loose and in the water.

Acting CEO Mathew Walker said "Our main concern at the moment is public safety. Please stay out of the water for the immediate future, don't be tempted to get in for a closer look on personal water craft like jet skis, kayaks etc. until we are sure that all debris has been removed and the remaining structure can fully assessed. We are currently waiting for a decision from the Heritage Council on how to move forward."

Shire and Port Authority Staff are working together on locating and removing all loose debris and a comprehensive safety inspection of the jetty is currently underway. The Port Authority has jurisdiction for marine safety which is a priority at this time.

The immediate area surrounding the jetty is classified as a no boating zone.

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