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POTENTIAL CLOSURE OF VEHICLE ACCESS TO 10 MILE BEACH

The Shire of Esperance is seeking public comment on Council's intention to close beach access tracks off Twilight Beach Road between the 10 Mile Beach carpark and the 11 Mile Beach carpark access road. Submissions will be accepted from now until 13 September 2017 and will be presented to the Off Road Vehicle Working Party and to Council for consideration.

The objective of restricting vehicle access onto the beach is to make the beach between the 10 Mile Beach carpark and the 11 Mile Beach carpark a vehicle free beach and the Shire is seeking input from the community.

Closing off this section of beach was identified as an option in the Coastal Management Plan 2014 to avoid potential conflicts between beach users in the area and four-wheel drive vehicles and to help prevent beach erosion.

CEO Matthew Scott said, "If we do go ahead with this closure it would only be between Ten and Eleven Mile and access would still be open on the west side of Eleven Mile as it is now.

"We would be closing off public access, but emergency vehicles would still be able to access the beach."

Submissions should state reasons for or against the closure and must be made in writing. Submissions may be made in an email addressed to the CEO to shire@esperance.wa.gov.au or by completing a submission form found on the Shire website. All hard copies can be delivered to the Shire of Esperance, PO Box 507, Esperance WA 6450 or in person to the Shire of Esperance Administration building, Windich Street. Submissions due by 4.00pm, Wednesday 13 September 2017.

Ends

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