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# **PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE ON THE TANKER JETTY**

On Friday afternoon Shire Officers contacted the State Heritage Office and the Southern Ports Authority raising concerns over loose components on the Tanker Jetty. The walers, corbel and diagonal brace at pile group 66 had broken free from one end of their fixings and needed to be removed as soon as practical. The loose timbers were discovered during a periodic inspection. Approval was provided immediately and the work was carried out Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March.

Photos were supplied to the State Heritage Office to show the components needing removal, displaying the damaged pile group and revealing the reason removal was required. The removal of these sections will not have a detrimental impact on the Jetty, they were no longer being relied on as structural components and had more potential to cause damage if left to continue moving prior to completely breaking away.

Chief Executive Officer Matthew Scott said "We continually monitor the condition of the jetty with routine inspections. It is vital that we make sure that we reduce the likelihood of sections of the jetty coming loose and entering the waterways, community safety is a priority. In addition we must also be careful of the damage swinging components can do to an already unstable structure. All inspections include a photographic record of damaged areas."

The State Heritage Office confirmed removal of these components did not contravene the Conservation Order and was allowed as a measure to ensure public safety.

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