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TANKER JETTY FUTURE

Heritage Minister Albert Jacob has halted the demolition of the Esperance Tanker Jetty to give the Shire of Esperance more time to consider alternatives to replacing the unsafe structure. The 42-day conservation order was issued one hour following the decisions made in a Special Council Meeting yesterday where Council voted 6-3 to proceed with demolition and replacement of the closed 81 year old jetty.

Council noted that the petition presented to Council did not meet the requirements outlined in the Shire of Esperance Standing Orders 2015 Local Law, but received the document as presented by The Jetty Group Inc., acknowledging the passion of the community and widespread interest in the Esperance Tanker Jetty.

Council also received the Esperance Tanker Jetty Options Research Report by the Jetty Group Inc. including the Bonacci Infrastructure Tanker Jetty, Esperance Remediation Report and the GHD Esperance Tanker Jetty Remediation Options Review, Independent Peer Review. They determined that the report presented by the Jetty Group Inc., including the Bonacci Report, does not represent a prudent and feasible alternative and voted to continue with the demolition and replacement of the Esperance Tanker Jetty.

Council commended the Jetty Group Inc. for the time, money and effort taken in obtaining another option for the restoration of the Esperance Tanker Jetty.

Shire President Victoria Brown said "Our primary goal is to provide the community with a usable, sustainable jetty as soon as possible. To ensure the community has a say in what is developed, a working party will be formed which will include community members, to plan for the replacement jetty and the incorporation of any useable materials salvaged from the current Tanker Jetty to reflect the heritage of the structure."

Council requested the CEO to write to the Department of Transport asking it, within 28 days, to advise the Shire whether it wishes to take over control of, and resume responsibility for, the Tanker Jetty; or to confirm that the Shire has the decision making authority in respect of the demolition of the Tanker Jetty.

Unless the Department of Transport responds in favour of assuming responsibility for the Tanker Jetty, the CEO is authorised to enter into a contract with the preferred demolition tender, local Esperance company Crossview Enterprises at a total cost of \$1,521,700 (exclusive of GST).

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