



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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## **TANKER JETTY WALKWAY REMOVAL**

After receiving permission from the State Heritage Office the Shire of Esperance will be removing the aluminium walkway currently connecting the Tanker Jetty to the reclaimed headland. The Shire applied for the permit in March after several instances of trespassing on the jetty occurred.

The Minister for Heritage issued a permit on 22 May and the works will be carried out today 20 June 2017 in order to restrict unauthorised access to an unsafe structure. The development of a safe working plan and favourable marine conditions were required prior to this work being able to be undertaken.

CEO Matthew Scott said, "In the interest of public safety the Shire has applied to the Heritage Council and will be removing the metal walkway connecting the Tanker Jetty to the headland. There have been several instances of individuals cutting the wire or scaling the fence to gain access to the jetty and the removal of the bridge would prevent access to the unstable structure. Local police and Southern Ports staff have been called out to assist people who were putting their own safety at risk and trespassing onto the jetty."

Shire President Victoria Brown said, "The safety of the community has always been a priority. We understand the jetty is important to our community and we are mindful of the impact each decision may have."

The Minister for Heritage has accepted the Heritage Council's advice to remove the aluminium walkway, two access ladders and fencing panels from the Esperance Tanker Jetty.

"Being able to remove the fencing will enhance the look of the jetty headland and will no doubt enable people to take photographs of the jetty again," Cr Brown, said.

"The bridge was not part of the original structure and does not impact on the stability of the structure. The walkway is attached to the jetty via two pin joints and to the headland by a sliding bearing, no structural integrity of the jetty will be lost with its removal. Weather conditions are critical for this type of work to occur and make sure that the removal is safe for the contractors undertaking this work," CEO Matthew Scott said.

Council are continuing to work with the State Heritage Council to work towards the replacement of the jetty.

**Ends**

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*CC: Permit – No. 17-64-01 Minister for Heritage*

**Heritage of Western Australia Act 1990**  
**Part 6 – Enforcement**  
**Section 64**

**PERMIT (No. 17-64-01)**

**Tanker Jetty, Esperance (HCWA Place No. 831)**

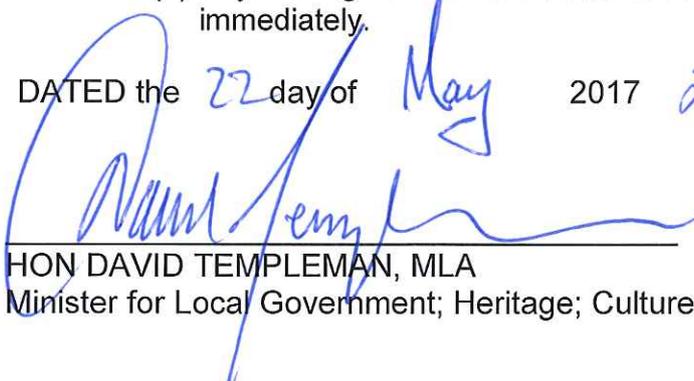
WHEREAS

1. On the 21st day of December, 2016, a Conservation Order (a copy of which is annexed hereto as Annexure A) was issued pursuant to Section 59 of the *Heritage of Western Australia Act 1990* (the Heritage Act) to provide special protection for the place known as *Tanker Jetty, Esperance*, as described in the Conservation Order (the Place);
2. The Shire of Esperance proposes to remove portions of the structure to limit access onto the jetty structure as a public safety measure; and
3. The Conservation Order by its own terms forbids the activity contemplated by the Shire of Esperance without the approval of the Minister for Heritage;

NOW PURSUANT to section 64(3)(b) of the Heritage Act, I, the Hon. David Templeman, MLA, Minister for Local Government; Heritage; Culture and the Arts, administering the Heritage Act, HEREBY GRANT a Permit to the Shire of Esperance and its authorised employees and agents (the Permit Holder) to conduct the following activities:

1. The removal of the following from the jetty structure:
  - (a) aluminium walkway through the removal of two bearing pins at the seaward end of the walkway;
  - (b) two access ladders through the unscrewing of the connecting bolts and coach screws; and
  - (c) fencing panels attached to the concrete deck topping through the unscrewing of the dynabolts
2. The removal of these elements are subject to the following conditions:
  - (d) The removal must not cause undue movement to the original jetty structure.
  - (e) Any damage due to the removal of these elements must be rectified immediately.

DATED the 22 day of May 2017

  
HON DAVID TEMPLEMAN, MLA  
Minister for Local Government; Heritage; Culture and the Arts