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JETTY DESIGN MOVES FORWARD

The Shire of Esperance's Jetty Replacement Working Group met today to review the Tanker Jetty Replacement Concept Design Report and Drawings. The Working Group have recommended that Council endorse the Concept Design with amendments and refer the report to the Heritage Council of Western Australia for approval.

The Working Group discussed elements of the plan at length and has determined they would request the Heritage Council to allow for a longer replacement option. It was decided that 250 metres was not acceptable to the community and it was Council's responsibility to forward the community's sentiment and value in having a longer jetty. The group would like to push for a 310mtrs of jetty in the water.

Deputy President Natalie Bowman said "310mtrs was selected because it represents 60% of our existing jetty leaving 40% of the current Tanker Jetty piles in situ to highlight our historical structure. We are confident this plan would be within our budgetary constraints and will provide a functional jetty for our community going forward."

Council will consider the recommendation at the Ordinary Council Meeting on 26 July.

The recommendation from the Working Group to Council is:

That the Working Group recommends that Council:

- 1) Endorse the Esperance Tanker Jetty Replacement Concept Design Report with an amendment to the length of the new structure to 310mtrs.
- 2) Refer the amended Tanker Jetty Replacement Concept Design to the Heritage Council of Western Australia for approval (as attached); and
- 3) Subject to successful approval from the Heritage Council of Western Australia, instruct the CEO to:
 - a. Develop the Design and Construct specification in consultation with the jetty replacement working group with a focus on the replacement jetty being fishing friendly;
 - b. Undertake the geotechnical assessment; and
 - c. Continue to pursue funding opportunities.
4. That the CEO continues to liaise with the Department of Transport regarding the ongoing ownership of the jetty as per previous council resolutions.

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Additional Facts:

- The Esperance jetty design is based on the criteria put forward by the Replacement Jetty Working Group and advice from the Heritage Council.
- The design will be considered by Council at the Ordinary Council Meeting on 26 July.
- Any jetty length will be based on a \$6 million budget
- The new jetty will be 310 metres in length and the existing piles will create a 'visual jetty' which extends into the ocean.
- The design for the new Esperance jetty will need to be reviewed and endorsed by the State Heritage Council.
- In the 2016 survey, fishing was identified as the most popular use for the new jetty with a fish cleaning bench as the most popular feature. The innovative design will be ideal for this and will feature a fish cleaning bench.
- For more information about the Shire of Esperance visit our website www.esperance.wa.gov.au and follow us on Facebook.