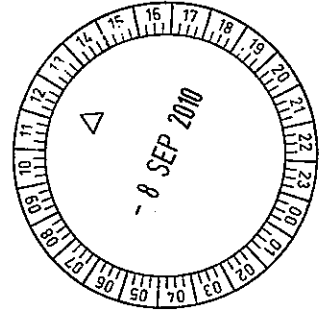




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**Minister for Local Government; Heritage;
Citizenship and Multicultural Interests**

Our ref: 38-06880



Hon Brian Ellis MLC
Chairman
Standing Committee on Environment and Public Affairs
Parliament House
PERTH WA 6000

Dear Mr Ellis

BUNBURY TIMBER JETTY

Thank you for your letter of 18 August 2010 requesting comments on the terms of a petition and submission from Mrs Beulah Manea to the President of the Legislative Council on the *Bunbury Timber Jetty* (the Jetty).

In 1997, the City of Bunbury under Mayor Manea passed a motion to ask the Government to transfer responsibility for the Jetty to the City and requested \$1million from the Government which would be invested with the interest used to gradually restore the Jetty.

At that time, the estimate to demolish the Jetty was \$1million. Council asked the Government not to demolish the Jetty but to give it the \$1million instead and it would take full responsibility for the Jetty. The Government agreed to Council's request.

The management of the Jetty was transferred by agreement under licence from the Minister for Transport to the City of Bunbury in 1998. The jetty is in the care of the Bunbury Timber Jetty Environment and Conservation Society.

Recognising its cultural heritage significance to the development of Bunbury as a major port, its early association with convict labour and its use for recreation by the local community, the *Bunbury Timber Jetty* was entered in the State Register of Heritage Places in 2000. I have attached a copy of the Register Entry for your information.

I am aware of the advanced deterioration of the Jetty, which is now substantially closed for access by the public. I am also aware that there are a number of different proposals for its future with an associated range of cost estimates.

Late last year the State Government confirmed its agreement with the City of Bunbury to match its \$3.5million in funding. The State Government's \$3.5million capped contribution for works to the Bunbury Jetty is in addition to its previous \$1million contribution in 1997 when the Bunbury Timber Jetty licence was transferred to the City of Bunbury.

Given the poor condition of the Jetty, there is an urgent need for the City to develop feasible options for the structure that can be achieved within the \$7 million committed to the project.

Such options need to deliver:

- A sustainable outcome for the City, and for the Bunbury Timber Jetty Environment and Conservation Society's future care and management of the site, including clarity of the scope and cost of an annual maintenance program for the retained and conserved structure and its surrounds.
- Good conservation and interpretation outcomes consistent with the heritage values of the place to ensure that the significant stories associated with it are told and transmitted to future generations.

The State Government has invested significantly in the nearby Busselton Jetty; however, this investment does not mean that it is possible to similarly fund all jetties on the State Register of Heritage Places.

The Heritage Council will be considering the broad scope for an acceptable outcome for the demolition and retention of the Jetty at its September meeting with a view to providing the City with guidance on the heritage considerations.

In the meantime, the City will need to take such actions that are necessary to manage the condition of the Jetty until its future is resolved.

Yours sincerely



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**MINISTER FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT; HERITAGE;
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Permanent Entry

1. DATA BASE No. 3402
2. NAME *Bunbury Timber Jetty* (1864, 1865, 1888, 1895-6, 1911, 1921, 1957, 1986, 1998)
3. LOCATION Lot 767 Koombana Bay (Opposite Henry Street)
4. DESCRIPTION OF PLACE INCLUDED IN THIS ENTRY
(Firstly) That portion of the Port of Bunbury and (secondly) that portion of Vacant Crown Land within the City of Bunbury as together are defined in Heritage Council of Western Australia survey drawing No. 3402 prepared by Steffanoni Ewing and Cruickshank Pty. Ltd.
5. LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA City of Bunbury
6. OWNER Minister for Transport. (Port of Bunbury)
The State of Western Australia (Vacant Crown Land [jetty])
7. HERITAGE LISTINGS

• Register of Heritage Places:	Interim Entry	30/10/1998
	Permanent Entry	07/01/2000
• National Trust Classification:		-----
• Town Planning Scheme:		-----
• Municipal Inventory:	Adopted	31/07/1996
• Register of the National Estate:		-----
8. CONSERVATION ORDER

9. HERITAGE AGREEMENT

10. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE
Bunbury Timber Jetty, a timber jetty about 590 metres long, and situated at the end of a stone causeway, has cultural heritage significance for the following reasons:

the place transformed Koombana Bay into a viable docking location and was therefore the means whereby Bunbury developed from a small country town to a major port and port of call;

the place was an important centre for the south-west industries, in particular timber, and gave the region the opportunity to reach national and world markets with its produce;

the place dates from 1864 when it was built with labour supplied by a convict working gang;

the place continues to have social significance as a recreational fishing facility; and,

the place has aesthetic value in itself, as a landmark and in its contribution to the maritime precinctual environment.

The sheds, railway lines and points switching mechanism located on *Bunbury Timber Jetty*, and the crane situated at the end of the causeway have cultural heritage significance and contribute to the understanding of the place as a working port.

The causeway has little cultural heritage significance.