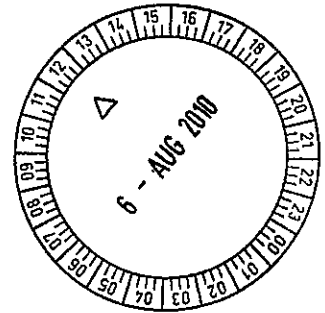


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ENVIRONMENT & CONSERVATION SOCIETY (INC).



President: B.Manea
Secretary: E.Thompson

Hon Kate Doust MLC
Deputy Chair
Standing Committee on Environment and Public Affairs
Parliament House
Western Australia 6000

4 August 2010

Dear Madam

Re Petition No 86 -- Preserving Part of Bunbury's Timber Jetty

The reason for our petition is as follows:

In 2007, the estimated cost of restoring approximately 40% of the remaining part of the Bunbury Timber Jetty and the dismantling of the remainder to provide materials, was \$7 million.

The government of the day and the City of Bunbury Council agreed to share the cost at \$3.5million each. The City Bunbury Council made it clear it would be unlikely they could provide more than \$3.5million.

The Government via Landcorp, then put the proviso that there would be no money for the jetty unless the Koombana South land was rezoned for development.

The residents of Bunbury objected to high rise development on this land and the associated loss of public open-space.

It was then decided to urge the government to untie the jetty from the rezoning issue thus facilitating immediate action to take place on the jetty. However, this request was refused and so the deal lapsed.

When the new government came to power, in 2008, it allocated \$24million towards the complete re-building of the Busselton Jetty. Initial suggestions for the sale of land to offset the costs of the Busselton project were dropped.

Bunbury people wondered why Busselton got privileged attention where Bunbury had to agree to sell their precious open-space to save their heritage-listed jetty.

Recently, however, the Minister concerned, agreed to untie the Government's \$3.5million from the rezoning and the development of Bunbury Leschenault Inlet foreshore open-space.

Our problem is that costs have almost certainly risen and until tenders are called the extent of this increase is unknown. To try to offset the anticipated increase we have now reduced the area we want to refurbish to approximately 20% of the existing jetty.

The people of Bunbury want action!

Many people questioned why the State Government had not committed more money to the Bunbury project under similar terms to that of the Busselton Jetty project. A petition was initiated to the Legislative Council because of this factor.

The above comments support our case.

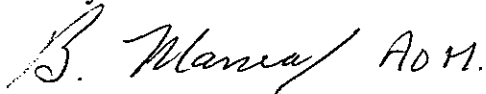
The Bunbury jetty is deteriorating day by day. Restoration and dismantling work is urgent. The withdrawal of government support in 2007 has led to the forecast increase in costs and extra concerns regarding the restoration and dismantling of the Bunbury timber heritage jetty.

We ask that the Government commit to the project immediately to justify their goal of Bunbury becoming the major regional city.

Due to weather conditions, major work on this jetty can only reasonably occur between October and April. It is therefore imperative that a decision is made before another year of in-action further compounds the issues.

In conclusion, we request the opportunity for an oral presentation.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "B. Manea AOM." The signature is written in a cursive style.

Mrs Beulah Manea AOM.
President.

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