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To: Legislation
Subject: Re: Workshop - Kalgoorlie
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Hi Ken,

Thank you for your response and unfortunately as I am in Esperance (4 hrs from Kalgoorlie), I did not have an opportunity to get organised in time to attend the workshop.

I am a Councillor here in Esperance but was not aware of the workshop until the evening before.

The issue we have in Esperance is the State Heritage Listed Esperance Tanker Jetty. It is a state heritage asset, highly valued by the entire Goldfields-Esperance Region (Esperance is the holiday town for the goldfields and timber jetties have been a part of Esperance since its inception).

The problem is that it is a State Asset, of state importance, and the full financial burden is with the Shire of Esperance, who I believe should be lobbying for the State to contribute to the maintenance of this rare state heritage asset that is of value to the State and Region. Historically, the State, the Esperance Port and the Shire all put in an equal share towards the asset's maintenance but this stopped in 1990.

I see that in the review of the Local Government Act, there is a proposed section to be deleted with regards to control of unvested facilities such as bridges and jetties on crown land (3.53 of the Act to be removed).

This is a similar issue, and heritage, with the implementation of the new heritage bill, State Government is realising that preservation of heritage is important to be able to tell the story of our development as a nation.

These jetties are over state waters and not over land controlled by the Shire.

The state heritage listed jetty in Carnarvon has recently been closed and is unfortunately suffering a similar fate to the Esperance Tanker Jetty which has been closed nearly two years since December 2015.

There are only three significantly intact timber jetties remaining in Western Australia out of the over 80 built during the settlement and development of Western Australia and these remaining jetties are very important to being able to tell our story (South Australia has over 104 timber jetties and has done a much better job of retaining these assets which they acknowledge are very important to the communities that they are in).

I would be grateful if you could convey this information to the decision makers with regards to the review of the Local Government Act for consideration.

You may be aware of the Private Members Bill being drafted by three state members of the National party requiring the state government to take care of these last three remaining timber jetties (including our local member Peter Rundle who was voted in and he stood for a restored jetty in Esperance).

Sincerely,
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