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Part closure of Port Germein Jetty

In December 2020 Council identified that signs of significant deterioration of the Port Germein Jetty which Council leases from the State Government would require significant structural works to ensure community safety.

To ensure Council was fully briefed on all necessary details and to be in a position to have meaningful discussions with the owner of the jetty (ie State Government), Council engaged *Magryn & Associates Pty Ltd* to undertake a comprehensive condition assessment and provide a report identifying proposed designs for remedial works.

Magryn & Associates has now provided a comprehensive structure report and identified that a relatively high number of bearers and pylons are showing section loss, failed bracings and severe splitting and rotting. Council has considered the identified risks to public safety and determined to announce the immediate closure of the end section of the jetty.

“Council recognises the importance of this iconic jetty, particularly given it is a popular tourist attraction being one of the longest jetties in the Southern Hemisphere and integral to the identity of Port Germein.

The Magryn report recommends restricting access immediately given the risks that have been identified. In the interest of public safety, Council has made the decision to immediately close the last 130 metres of the jetty to ensure that jetty users are not exposed to danger.

Council reaffirms its previously stated commitment to working with the State Government and all other relevant parties to ensure the iconic heritage-listed asset is preserved” said District Council of Mount Remarkable Chief Executive Officer, Sam Johnson.

Should a severe storm occur, there is the potential for the infrastructure to fail catastrophically and repair costs would increase exponentially. Council will need to consider 2021/22 budget impacts accordingly.

The State Government is yet to respond to Council’s December 2020 correspondence and May 2021 follow up sent to Minister Wingard raising concerns and seeking a clear understanding of the Government’s future plans to maintain the asset.

Council will keep the community informed of progress on this matter by regular website and social media updates.