

# MEDIA STATEMENT



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## **Council to consider Koombana Rail Bridge height petition**

At Tuesday's Council meeting Bunbury City Council accepted a petition from Cr Michelle Steck on behalf of 354 persons regarding the current height of the Koombana Rail Bridge.

The petition asks that the footbridge be raised to allow bigger boats access to the Leschenault Inlet.

The petition was accepted in accordance with section 6.10(2)(a) of the City of Bunbury Standing Orders Local Law.

Accordingly a report will be presented to Council on this matter within the next month, detailing all relevant information and options for consideration by Council. This will also be made available to the public.

The bridge is currently being rebuilt as part of the Koombana Bay foreshore redevelopment and has been engineered to remain at its current height.

Council voted in June last year 9-1 in favour of keeping the bridge at the same height.

Consultation with Inlet user groups was carried out as part of the above process, including passive users who saw the raising of the bridge as a negative because of environmental reasons and also the fact that a new marina will be built in Casuarina harbour as part of the Transforming Bunbury's Waterfront project.

Officers are hopeful of presenting a report to Council for their consideration in the next round of meetings. The community will be kept informed of the progress of this matter.

**ENDS**

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