

Pier and Jetty Future Use FACT SHEET

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Background

The pier and jetties in Hervey Bay are important and well-loved features of the Esplanade for residents and visitors. Over many years there has been a lot of interest from community and businesses in relation to commercial and event activities on the pier and jetties. In the past it was resolved that these activities were not permitted under our local laws due to restrictions and prohibitions on both commercial activities and other uses on the pier and jetties.

Why is Council engaging with the community about the pier and jetties?

Council resolved to engage with the community at its January 2023 meeting to obtain feedback on allowing potential commercial and community activities to be undertaken on or near the pier and jetties in Hervey Bay. This is due to recent renewed interest in the use of the pier and jetties for commercial and community activities and event use.

What are the engagement parameters for this project?

This engagement is only to measure community **interest/ appetite** in using the structures for activities and events. If there is positive support to change the future use of the pier and jetties - Council will then consider further engagement with the community around what that may look like. There are structural, environmental and community concerns that need to be taken into consideration when changing the use of the pier and jetties including the local laws.

How is Council going to engage with the community for this project?

The engagement will run for four weeks, **concluding 11:55pm 1 May 2023**. The process will involve online engagement through Council's engagement platform, Engagement Hub, which will include survey submissions as well as hard copy survey forms (upon request). Council staff will also visit the sites and talk to community and businesses during the engagement period. Corflute signs will also be put up in the three locations with information for the community as well as hard copy material available from Council's customer service and library centres.

What is the purpose of the engagement?

The purpose is to ensure the community has an opportunity to provide feedback on what they believe in relation to allowing commercial and event use on the Urangan Pier, Scarness Jetty and Torquay Jetty.

Future Steps

Council will consider the engagement report in their decision making in relation to the future use of the pier and jetties in Hervey Bay. The report is due to go to Council in the coming months (June/ July 2023 tbc).



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