

Councillor Question Time – answers to questions taken on notice*

At the time of the demolition of Brookes Jetty, which was justified on three policy basis:

- 1) there was a loss of working marina function
- 2) cost and
- 3) safety

However, it appears there has been a dramatic change of policy by Parks Victoria in relation to the Kerferd Road pier which has many similar attributes. Cr Gross asked if the Chief Executive Officer could explore with Parks Victoria why there has been this change of policy and if we can reconcile the attitude of Parks Victoria between the two piers, and could Parks Victoria re-visit the attitude in relation to Brookes Jetty?

(Cr Gross)

Response

Parks Victoria have responded to the question of why the Kerferd Road pier will be repaired while Brookes Jetty was demolished, and if there has been a change of policy.

Parks Victoria must prioritise the allocation of funding. This is challenging considering the over \$250M asset base in the local ports of Port Phillip and Western Port.

Brookes Jetty, and Lang Lang Jetty in 2007, were prioritised well down the list with removal without replacement, enabling efforts and resources to be directed to the higher priorities around the bays.

Of the 43 piers and jetties in Port Phillip and Western Port managed by Parks Victoria, Lagoon, Kerferd Road and St Kilda Piers in the City of Port Phillip have all been prioritised well above Brookes Jetty, and will continue to be maintained to the best of the ability of Park Victoria.

St Kilda {kiosk}, Lagoon [Outer low landing] and Kerferd are either having works of some description undertaken at present or are programmed for works this financial year. State Government budget papers indicated a significant allocation for Kerferd, [and Seaford and Dromana] piers.

There are no plans to demolish without replacement other piers and jetties within the Local Ports.

There appears to be no change in the advice provided to Council in December 2015 that a jetty structure in this location is inappropriate, and that any structure or facility that encouraged diving or jumping into shallow water would be inappropriate.

Please find below correspondence from Parks Victoria to Bring Back Brookes Jetty in which Parks Vic confirm they will not be rebuilding the Jetty.

**Note: answers to any questions in Councillor Question Time which were answered at the meeting are included in the minutes of that meeting.*



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Dear Dr Garner

Brookes Jetty

Thank you for your letter of 7 May 2018 to Matthew Jackson, Chief Executive Officer of Parks Victoria regarding Brookes Jetty. Mr Jackson has asked me to respond on his behalf.

I acknowledge your letter is intended to keep Parks Victoria informed of your Group's desire to see a jetty reinstated to the site. As the authority responsible for the waterway, we appreciate being kept advised of any progress.

Parks Victoria does not intend to replace or rebuild the jetty. We would however support the transfer of the Committee of Management to another entity to manage this site as part of the foreshore experience. Parks Victoria has formally written to the City of Port Phillip advising them of this position.

Should you require further advice on this matter please contact Graeme Davis, District Manager, Port Phillip Western Port on 8427 3169.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "CHH", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Chris Hardman
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