

Council endorses comments

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ROCKINGHAM City Council this week endorsed the city's comments to the Environmental Protection Authority on the proposed level of assessment that has been assigned to the Wanliss Street Marina.

The endorsement included acceptance of the assigned Public Environmental Review assessment for the marina, with a six-week public review period on the condition that the city has an opportunity to review the draft scoping document that will form the basis of the review.

If the scoping document is not made available for the city to review, the assessment level will be appealed and the council will ask for the assessment to be raised to the Environmental Review and Management Plan level. This would mean that the scoping document would be made available for public review.

In a report to the council, the city's manager of strategic planning Peter Ricci said such a proposal raised several environmen-

tal, social and economic issues that required careful consideration through the various stages of the approval process.

"If developed in accordance with the information submitted with the EPA referral, it will significantly change the nature of this established part of Rockingham beach and have wider, regional implications," he said.

City co-ordinator of sustainability and environment Paddy Strano said in the report that several factors of the development would need to be assessed and appropriately managed.

These included water quality, the effect on the Foreshore Reserve and marine environment, including flora and fauna, noise and dust vibration, and visual amenity.

The council has yet to receive an application for the proposal by proponent Rosewood Grove as Trustee for the Rockingham Beach Unit Trust.