



Our Reference: 59-100637

Premier of Western Australia

Mayor Shane Van Styn
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Dear Mr Van Styn 

Thank you for your letter of 5 March 2019 regarding coastal erosion in Geraldton.

Firstly, I commend the City of Greater Geraldton on completing its Coastal Hazard Risk Management and Adaptation Plan (CHRMAP) for 30 kilometres of the City's coastline as well as adopting the final draft Geraldton Coastal Adaptation Risk Management and Adaptation Planning report.

I understand that there have been considerable resources spent on this project over the last three years which has resulted in significant community interest.

Currently the State Government offers up to \$1 million of financial support each year to coastal management projects through our Coastal Adaptation and Protection (CAP) grants program and up to \$600,000 through the Coastal Management Plan Assistance Program (CMPAP) and Coastwest grants.

I note that three Government agencies supported the CHRMAP process by providing technical support to the project as well as being part of the project steering committee.

I am advised the City has also been successful in receiving seven CAP grants within the last 10 years, with total funding of \$449,325. One of the recent CAP grant projects supported the Greys Beach to Cape Burney coastal study, which was used in the CHRMAP.

A current CAP grant (2018-19 round) to the City supports a sand replenishment project at Whitehill Road foreshore. Furthermore, the Western Australian Planning Commission has also contributed financial support to the City's CHRMAP through its CMPAP grant.

On top of this, the Department of Transport (DoT) has provided additional technical support and coastal data to the City on its coastal projects in recent years, including significant technical advice and support to the Beresford foreshore project.

I am advised the coastal protection works at Beresford were the result of a seven-year collaboration between the City, DoT and the Mid-West Ports Authority (MWPA), with funding contributions from the Mid West Development Commission. For this project, the City was successful in obtaining \$150,000 from the CAP grant scheme over two rounds (2011-12 and 2012-13) for coastal adaption options investigation.

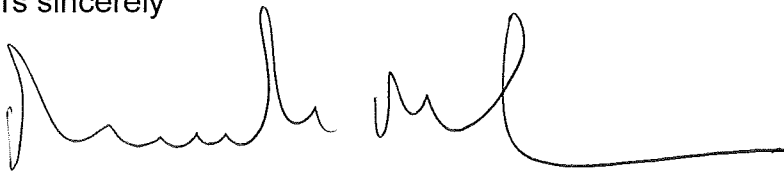
The project's total cost was \$23.13 million with the Government contributing \$17.28 million from Royalties for Regions, in addition to \$4 million from MWPA and \$1.85 million from the City.

In respect to coastal management, the outcomes of the CHRMAP process defines the City's responsibilities. However, the City may continue to apply for State Government funded coastal management grants through the CAP, CMPAP and Coastwest schemes in order to implement recommendations from the City's CHRMAP.

However, again, the responsibility for coastal management remains with the City and at present there is no scope for additional government financial support outside of these avenues.

Thank you for raising this matter.

Yours sincerely

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Mark McGowan MLA
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10 MAY 2019