

ALTERNATE MOTION BY COUNCILLOR DOUGHTY

ITEM NUMBER: DIS266

ITEM TITLE: VEHICLES ON BEACHES

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VOTING REQUIREMENT: SIMPLE MAJORITY

THAT:

1. The submissions received during the public submission period be NOTED.
2. The proposed determination under the City of Albany Property Local Law 2011 be ADOPTED:

Vehicles Permitted:

Reserve Name & Number	Proposed Determination
Emu Point Marina Beach - R22698	Vehicles Permitted
Shoal Bay - R25295	Vehicles Permitted
Nanarup Beach (West) – R45631 (excluding lagoon area)	Vehicles Permitted
Bettys Beach (North) – R52835	Vehicles Permitted

Vehicles Prohibited:

Reserve Name & Number	Proposed Determination
Anvil Beach - R30883	Vehicles Prohibited
Black Swan Point - R25551	Vehicles Prohibited
Boronia Reserve Foreshore - R6862	Vehicles Prohibited
Brambles West - R25295	Vehicles Prohibited
Cosy Corner West - R24547	Vehicles Prohibited
Emu Point Beach South - R22698	Vehicles Prohibited
Middleton Beach - R14789 & R26149	Vehicles Prohibited
Normans Beach - R2031	Vehicles Prohibited
Nullaki Peninsula (Ocean Beach) - R30883	Vehicles Prohibited
Rushy Point - R35754	Vehicles Prohibited
Whaleworld Beach - R21337	Vehicles Prohibited

Vehicles Prohibited other than for boat launching:

Reserve Name & Number	Proposed Determination
Cheynes Beach (Central) - R878	Vehicles Prohibited other than for boat launching or commercial fishing
Bettys Beach (South) - R52825	Vehicles Prohibited other than for boat launching.
Cape Riche - R1010	Vehicles Prohibited other than for boat launching.
Frenchman's Bay (Whalers Beach) R21337	Vehicles Prohibited other than for boat launching.

3. Barriers are installed to prohibit vehicles from accessing Nanarup Beach (West) Lagoon.

4. **A Code of Conduct be developed and implemented to guide the use of 4WDs on beaches.**
5. **The Nanarup Beach Management Plan (1999) be reviewed and updated to guide future use of Nanarup Beach.**

Councillor Reason:



This Alternate Recommendation provides an opportunity for 4WDs to access Nanarup Beach (West) and Betty's Beach (North) whilst also acknowledging community feedback.

The key themes communicated during the community consultation period were:

- Safety of all beach users;
- Anti-social behavior; and
- Environmental impacts of vehicles on beaches.

Mitigation strategies were identified by City officers, however, this motion identifies further mitigation to specifically prevent access to Nanarup Beach (West) Lagoon by vehicles. This will alleviate community concerns for the safety of beach users (specifically children) vs vehicles on the beach.

The installation of barriers (please refer to images A and B) will prevent vehicles being able to access and park directly around the Lagoon. The barriers will not prevent those with disabilities, the elderly or parent with young children accessing the Lagoon as parking will be in close proximity.

Image A



Image B



As detailed at Paragraph 11 of the report, City of Albany Ranger Team met with community members to discuss methodologies and reporting channels in relation to beach user safety and anti-social behavior, committing to:

- an improved professional presence;
- being as responsive as possible within resource constraints;
- improved education with an aim to modify driver behaviour; and
- another meeting with other parties including Police and DBCA.

To facilitate the proposed outcomes, the development and implementation of a Code of Conduct guiding the use of 4WDs on beaches will assist in managing community expectations for all beach users.

The Australian Recreational Motorists Association is prepared to work with the City of Albany and beach users to facilitate an educational program aimed at reducing conflict between vehicles and other beach users.

From an environmental perspective, all beaches in WA experience periods of coastal damage and/or erosion. To isolate Nanarup Beach (West) as the only beach to experience this within the City of Albany is unlikely to achieve any meaningful outcome at a macro level, and may lead to the conclusion that this specific focus has been included to strengthen the argument against allowing vehicles to access this particular beach.

The review and update of the Nanarup Beach Management Plan will assist both the City and community members in understanding any issues to be addressed and protect the dune system.

It is worth noting that camping and fires on all City of Albany beaches are already prohibited.

Officer Comment (Executive Director Infrastructure, Development and Environment):

The Alternate Motion is reasonably consistent with the original Authorising Officer Recommendation and is considered a good compromise. It is supported by officers.