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**MOTIONS ON NOTICE****AO121-19 MOTION ON NOTICE - FORESHORE BEACH SWINGS**

**FILE NO:** 15/5/2  
**PREVIOUS MIN:**

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Councillor Teeny Brumby has given notice that she would move the following motion at this meeting:-

***“THAT Council install a set of beach swings with the frame of the swings carrying a Burnie promotional logo.”***

**COUNCILLOR’S COMMENTS**

I propose the swing set forms a (x3 sided) picture frame, similar to that of Stanley's new photo frame structure reading something like...#VisitBurnieTas

This would provide a reasonably unique photo opportunity and links our city for tourism promotion as pictures are posted onto social media.

With an increase to 41 cruiseships due to dock in Burnie this summer, the inclusion of this fun photographic opportunity adds value to the variety of activities available on our foreshore, coupled with the added bonus of promoting our city #VisitBurnieTas

[Click Here - Example Stanley’s Photo Frame](#)



## GENERAL MANAGER'S COMMENTS

### Background

The Motion notes two outcomes to be achieved being:

- The provision of beach swings as an activity for visitors to the foreshore area.
- Provision of a photo-framing opportunity

### Legislative Requirements

Development of infrastructure in the coastal environment will require the approval of the relevant land managers.

Council, in providing infrastructure, is required to consider appropriate standards in the construction and operation of the infrastructure.

The swing could be classified as play equipment and as such, matters such as drop height from the swings and proximity to water would need to be considered.

### Policy Considerations

In developing the West Beach foreshore area Council had established a specific design intent for the precinct. In essence a multi-purpose space was created that is equally functional for large events and individual recreation.

A further component of the design intent was open vista's from the City to the Sea.

Since the initial delivery of the waterfront design concept a number of new elements have been included in the precinct including:

- Shade structure over the play equipment.
- Exercise equipment on east side of the Surf Club.
- Planned installation of a public toilet facility (west end of precinct).

The continuation of the promenade to the east is also a project in train however this was an original element of the design intent.

Council also is aware of the opportunity to access the rail corridor along West Beach and incorporate the land in to the broader West Beach precinct.

### Financial Impact

A cost has not been determined for the beach swing.

If a construction approach similar to the volley ball posts was to be used, the costs to install would probably be in the order of several thousand dollars.

There would be ongoing costs associated with the maintenance of the swing set.

No funds have been allocated in the current or future year capital works program for this project.

### **Discussion**

The provision of a photo opportunity at West Beach has been identified as a desirable addition to the precinct. The Photo framing concept is well established in many other locations.

A photo frame will be incorporated into the viewing area at the eastern end of the proposed eastern promenade. Development of this feature was an initiative of officers from Council's Department of Community and Economic Development.

In relation to the beach swing proposal, officers would recommend that Council defer action on this matter and engage in a broader discussion in a workshop setting to:

- Review the original design intent for the West Beach precinct.
- Explore ideas and opportunities for the desired future development of the waterfront precinct.
- Develop a draft future infrastructure plan, if required, for the West Beach precinct.
- Identify key stakeholders and consult in respect to proposed development.
- Review stakeholder feedback and determine Council's preferred direction in regard to West Beach development.

An alternative recommendation is suggested as follows:

***"THAT Council refer the provision of a set of beach swings at West Beach to a workshop, with aim being to develop a future infrastructure plan for West Beach."***

In respect to the set of beach swings matters that should be considered, were the motion on notice to be supported, include:

- Design of the swings and compliance with relevant legislation.
- Location of the swings, given the significant tidal movement at West Beach. Issues to consider will include scour of the beach sand, proximity to water etc.
- Impact of the beach swing on Surf Club activities, Council events and use of the beach by the public.
- Approvals from land managers.

## Risk

Council has progressed a number of additions to the West Beach precinct in recent years, which were not originally envisaged as part of the original West Beach precinct design concept.

The Motion On Notice highlights the ongoing interest in new features and facilities at West Beach to encourage greater use of the precinct, however Officers are concerned that the continued development of the waterfront precinct may impact on Council's original design intent as to how the precinct would operate and continued adhoc provision of infrastructure may result in unintended use conflicts.

It is suggested it would be timely for Council to review the original design intent for the precinct, consider opportunities and need for new infrastructure and develop a clear plan for the future management and development of the precinct.

Such a plan would provide a clear direction when considering future suggestions for improvement.

Were a set of swings to be installed on West Beach, there are a number of risk matters to consider including:

- Proximity of children to the water.
- Migration of sand under various weather events and consequential increase in fall heights.
- Impact on other users of the beach.
- Compliance with relevant playground standards.
- Gaining approval from land manager.

Appropriate consultation would aid in managing some of the risks identified.

## Consultation

Officers have internally discussed the motion on notice in developing the advice provided.

No consultation with relevant stakeholders, including Burnie Surf Life Saving Club, has been carried out by officers.

## Alternative Recommendation

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