

Coastal Boardwalk Concept Consultation

Consultation Outcomes September 2025

Project

The Coastal Boardwalk Concept Consultation was undertaken from 30 July to 30 August 2025, inviting community feedback on design concepts for a coastal boardwalk between Scarborough and Trigg. The Concept Consultation formed part of the Coastal Boardwalk Feasibility Study, which is assessing the viability of constructing a boardwalk in the South Trigg Beach Reserve.

The proposal aims to:

- **Enhance connectivity** between Scarborough and Trigg beaches
- **Improve pedestrian safety** by creating a dedicated coastal walk away from the traffic
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The design concepts were guided by three core principles: applying a light touch, celebrating the iconic location, and enabling an immersive experience for users. These principles were shaped by independent environmental surveys, engineering advice, and initial stakeholder engagement.

The City shared the proposed design concepts, in Attachment one, along with supporting documents to share knowledge including a concept design report, environmental survey and economic impact assessment.

In accordance with the City's Community Engagement Policy, which can be found [here](#), the Concept Consultation was undertaken to ask for the community's feedback on the design concepts and consider their views in the decision-making process.

Consultation

In alignment with the consultation procedures outlined in this Policy, the consultation included:

- **Project webpage** - The Coastal Boardwalk Feasibility Study page received 8,025 visits during the consultation period (Attachment two).
- **News articles** - Four news articles to share the necessary information about the consultation and knowledge about the three core design principles that guided the design concepts (Attachment one). These articles received a combined 1,273 views (Attachment three).
- **Letters** – 1,126 letters sent to the 400m consultation radius (Attachment four).
- **Onsite signage** - 36 onsite signs at the project location including each access point (Attachment five).
- **Flyers** - 12,500 flyers distributed to the suburbs of Scarborough and Trigg and 1,100 in Karrinyup (Attachment six).
- **Social media** - Two social media posts on the City's Facebook page promoting the Information Session reached 56,771 views (Attachment seven).
- **Newsletter** - An article in the Stirling Scene e-newsletter generated 555 click-throughs to the project webpage, and Future Stirling e-newsletter received 193 clicks.
- **Media release** - A media release was distributed on 30 July to publicise the consultation, leading to 23 mentions by news outlets in the next 24 hours. Overall, there were 37 mentions of the coastal boardwalk across print and broadcast media throughout the consultation period (Attachment eight).
- **Submissions** - All stakeholders were welcome to participate, including individuals both within and outside the City, through the City's online Community Consultation Submission Form (Attachment nine). Those who required an alternative format or needed support to complete a submission could contact the City on (08) 9205 8555.
- **Information session** - The City hosted an Information Session to help the community to understand the design considerations and speak with the project team. It was hosted on 10 August from 3.00pm – 7.00pm at Trigg Island Surf Life Saving Club and attended by 144 community members.
- **Community drop-in sessions** - The City hosted five drop-ins at Scarbrough Sunset Markets, Foam and Canteen café throughout the consultation period, attended by more than 160 community members.

A total of **2,499 submissions** were received between 7.00pm 30 July and 7.00pm 30 August 2025. This included 66 attachments from 46 submissions, 6 written submissions and 14 customer requests requesting support to complete a submission. All submissions received were verified

using the provided address, and data quality procedures consistent with best practice were undertaken. The City also took the step to ensure the feedback was validated by an independent third-party research company, to ensure transparency consistent with community expectations.

The summary table that consolidates the community support and opposition by proximity to the project location is listed below. This approach provides consistency in how submissions are reviewed and interpreted by Council.

Table Summary: Submissions received – relative locations

Submissions received	Within 100m radius of proposed site	Within 100 - 200m radius of proposed site	All other areas within the City of Stirling	Outside of the City of Stirling	Total Submissions received
Support	20 (38%)	34 (38%)	1,450 (75%)	253 (60%)	1,757 (70%)
Object	33 (62%)	56 (62%)	482 (25%)	171 (40%)	742 (30%)
Total responses	53	90	1,932	424	2,499

Summary of support for the proposal: Feedback raised

Feedback Reference	Number of comments*	Feedback theme	Description
1	38%	Improved pedestrian safety	Comments say the boardwalk would improve safety including by moving pedestrians away from the road and traffic, with perceptions the existing path is unsafe and unpleasant due to proximity to moving cars and heavy vehicles, noise, and air pollution.
2	23%	Enhanced accessibility	Suggestions the boardwalk would be great for the community including people with disabilities, older people, pram users, and children. Comments highlight how wheelchair users will be able to experience the dunes and be closer to the beach.
3	15%	General support	General comments of support such as it's a great idea, just do it, it's long overdue, build it, and can't wait.
4	13%	Environmentally sensitive	Comments suggest the proposal is environmentally aware, with minimal to no impacts, and potential benefits such as improved environmental protection, and enhanced appreciation and connection with nature.

5	9%	Iconic experience	Suggestions the boardwalk would enhance the coastal experience and amenity, celebrate the location and its beauty, and improve connectivity between Scarborough and Trigg. It would encourage healthy lifestyles, support tourism, boost local businesses, and disperse parking pressure.
6	6%	Separation of users	Support for the separation of pedestrians from eRideables and cyclists for a safer and more pleasant experience.
7	4%	Design support	Comments praise the design concepts as looking fantastic, fabulous, and amazing, with some highlighting features such as the humpback whale tail design, resting spots, and viewing platforms.
8	3%	General advice	While supportive, respondents raise general considerations such as making the design simpler or more minimal, the whale tail is not needed or could be smaller, the boardwalk could be wider, incorporating more stopping points, and ensuring sufficient lighting.
9	1%	Environmental advice	While supportive, residents offered environmental advice such as ensuring consideration of all environmental impact assessments, preservation of the dune system, design that blends with the environment, and ensuring construction methods are minimal.

***Please note that respondents may have touched on multiple feedback themes.**

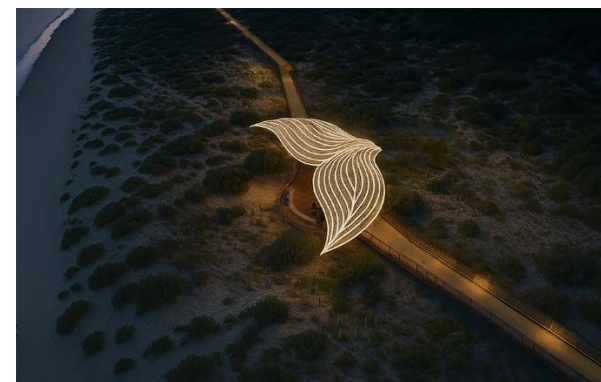
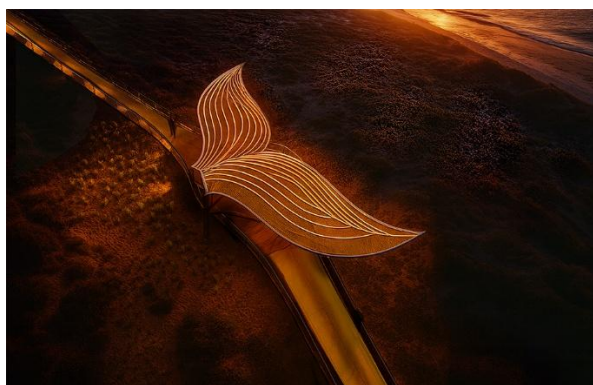
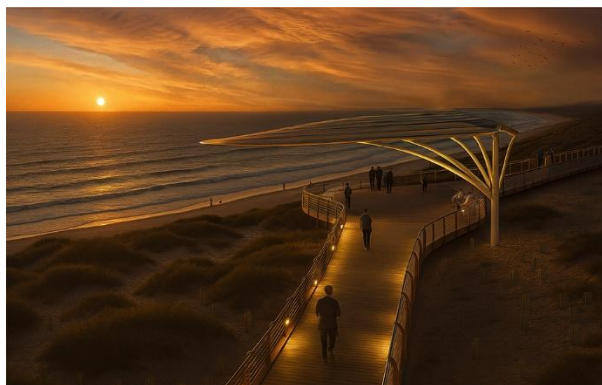
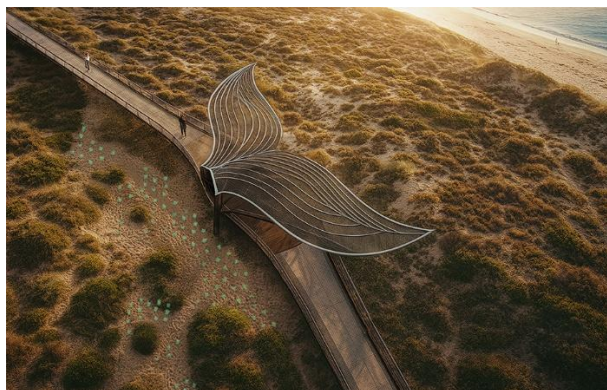
Summary of objections to the proposal: Feedback raised

Feedback Reference	Number of comments*	Feedback theme	Description
1	22%	Environmental impact	Concerns of irreversible damage and destruction of fragile coastal ecosystems, including dunes, bushland, native vegetation, and wildlife habitats. The boardwalk is seen as a threat to the Class A Reserve, Bush Forever site, Quindalup Dunes, and the Threatened Ecological Community of Rottne Island Pine, with fears it would cause erosion, ecological disruption, and ongoing degradation to areas meant to be preserved.

2	18%	Cost concerns	Objections include high construction and maintenance costs, concerns a boardwalk is uninsurable, a perceived waste of ratepayer funds, and suggestions that there won't be a return on investment and the money would be better spent on other priorities.
3	10%	Location vulnerability	Concerns that the project location is vulnerable to erosion, sea level rise, severe storm events, and climate change.
4	5%	Existing path changes	Upgrading, widening, or improving the existing path is preferred, with safety suggestions including traffic barriers and separation of pedestrians from eRideables and cyclists such as through lanes. This option is considered more environmentally friendly, offering better views, and lower cost.
5	3%	Existing path sufficient	Arguments that the current path is adequate, suitable, fit-for-purpose, a boardwalk would be unnecessary, and people can just walk along the beach.
6	2%	Design criticism	Arguments include that the design is intrusive, excessive, and creates an eyesore. Suggestions include a more simple design that blends with the dune environment.
7	1%	Overdevelopment	Concerns of moving towards an over-developed model, increased traffic, parking problems, noise, and impact of increased crowds on local residents.
8	1%	Antisocial behaviour and safety	Fears of increased antisocial behaviour, crime, arson and littering.
9	1%	Construction concerns	Fears of damage and disruption during building phase.

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Attachment one – design concepts



Attachment two – project page

stirling.wa.gov.au/city-and-council/shaping-our-city/search-all-projects/coastal-boardwalk-feasibility-study

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Coastal Boardwalk Feasibility Study



From 30 July to 30 August 2025, the City of Stirling invited community feedback on design concepts for a coastal boardwalk between Scarborough and Trigg.

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Three principles have guided the concepts which are designed to apply a light touch, celebrate the iconic location and enable an immersive experience for users. This has been shaped by independent environmental surveys, engineering advice and stakeholder engagement.

The City is sharing the proposed design concepts below, and the associated concept design reports and an economic impact assessment (see under Concept documents at the bottom of this page). This work forms part of the Coastal Boardwalk Feasibility Study, which is assessing the viability of constructing a boardwalk in the South Trigg Beach Reserve.

The consultation period offered opportunities for the community to learn more about the proposal including through information and drop-in sessions. Thank you to everyone who provided feedback - submissions are now being reviewed.

Open date
30 July 2025
Closing date
30 August 2025
Last update date: 01 September 2025

Project timeline

- ✓ **December 2023 - June 2024**
Council consideration
- ✓ **Phase 1 - Preliminary Investigations - October 2024 - December 2024**
 - Preliminary environmental opportunities and constraints assessment commenced
 - Preliminary environmental opportunities and constraints assessment report is released to community

[View more](#)

Source: <https://www.stirling.wa.gov.au/city-and-council/shaping-our-city/search-all-projects/coastal-boardwalk-feasibility-study>

Attachment three – news articles

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Enabling an immersive experience



30 July 2025

"Enabling an immersive experience" is one of the three core design principles that has guided the development of concept designs as part of the City's Coastal Boardwalk Feasibility Study.

The concept design for the Scarborough-Trigg coastal boardwalk aims to create a meaningful connection between people and place.

A central element of this approach is "enabling an immersive experience", a design principle focused on deepening visitor engagement with the natural and cultural values of the local environment.

The concept has been designed to engage all five senses, enhancing the visitor experience, encouraging mindfulness and respect for the land.

The proposed boardwalk follows the contours of the dunes, creating a quieter atmosphere away from traffic noise.

Importantly, the selected journey also diverts pedestrians away from the busy West Coast Highway, separating them from cyclists and e-scooter users on the existing shared path.

This not only enhances the immersive experience but also reduces congestion and improves safety for all users.

In select sections, handrails are intentionally omitted to heighten the sense of immersion and allow users to feel more connected to the landscape.

Materials have been carefully chosen to blur the boundary between the built form and nature, using colours and textures that harmonise with the surrounding environment.

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Celebrating the 'iconic' destination



30 July 2025

"Celebrating the 'iconic' destination" is one of the three core design principles that has guided the development of concept designs as part of the City's Coastal Boardwalk Feasibility Study.

The proposed Scarborough-Trigg coastal boardwalk would give locals and tourists a new way of experiencing Perth's iconic coastline.

The City recognises that the stretch of coastline it manages is much more than a recreational corridor – it is also a place of deep significance to the Wadjuk Nyongar people and a beloved destination for the local community.

The design team sought to create a boardwalk that would not only connect Scarborough and Trigg beaches but also amplify the area's cultural identity through thoughtful, place-based design.

Bringing this principle to life involved extensive site analysis, stakeholder engagement and precedent studies.

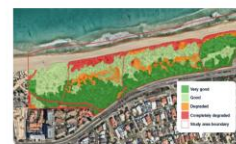
The design was inspired by successful precedents such as the Maungawhau / Tahi Boardwalk in New Zealand and the West End Boardwalk on Wadjemup (Rottnest Island), both of which demonstrate how to sensitively integrate infrastructure into iconic natural settings.

The concept design includes a series of six primary nodes, each representing one of the six Nyongar seasons and strategically located to capture world-class views over the Indian Ocean and Quindalup dunes.

The primary nodes include seating, water fountains and public art with custom-designed shade structures referencing the humpback whale to alleviate the sun's glare.

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Applying a light-touch approach



30 July 2025

"Applying a light-touch approach" is one of the three core design principles that has guided the development of concept designs as part of the City's Coastal Boardwalk Feasibility Study.

The City of Stirling manages a 7km stretch of coastline that includes popular destinations at Scarborough and Trigg.

Giving people the opportunity to access these beautiful beaches while ensuring their protection is a careful balancing act.

That is why applying a light-touch approach has been one of the three core design principles guiding the development of concepts as part of the City's Coastal Boardwalk Feasibility Study.

A boardwalk connecting Scarborough and Trigg beaches must be designed to minimise impacts on the natural environment, protect the area's biodiversity and maintain the area's natural integrity.

The study area is situated within an A Class Reserve, is classified as a Bush Forever site and contains a threatened ecological community (TEC) of Rottnest Island pine (Callitris preissii), so environmentally sensitive design is critically important.

While boardwalks in environmentally sensitive locations are common, government stakeholders have been engaged early in the process so that regulatory requirements and best practice methods can be considered in the concept design development.

Independent studies and surveys completed during the feasibility study have also informed the concept design which outlines the proposed route, materials and construction method.

Source: <https://www.stirling.wa.gov.au/city-and-council/news/applying-a-light-touch-approach>

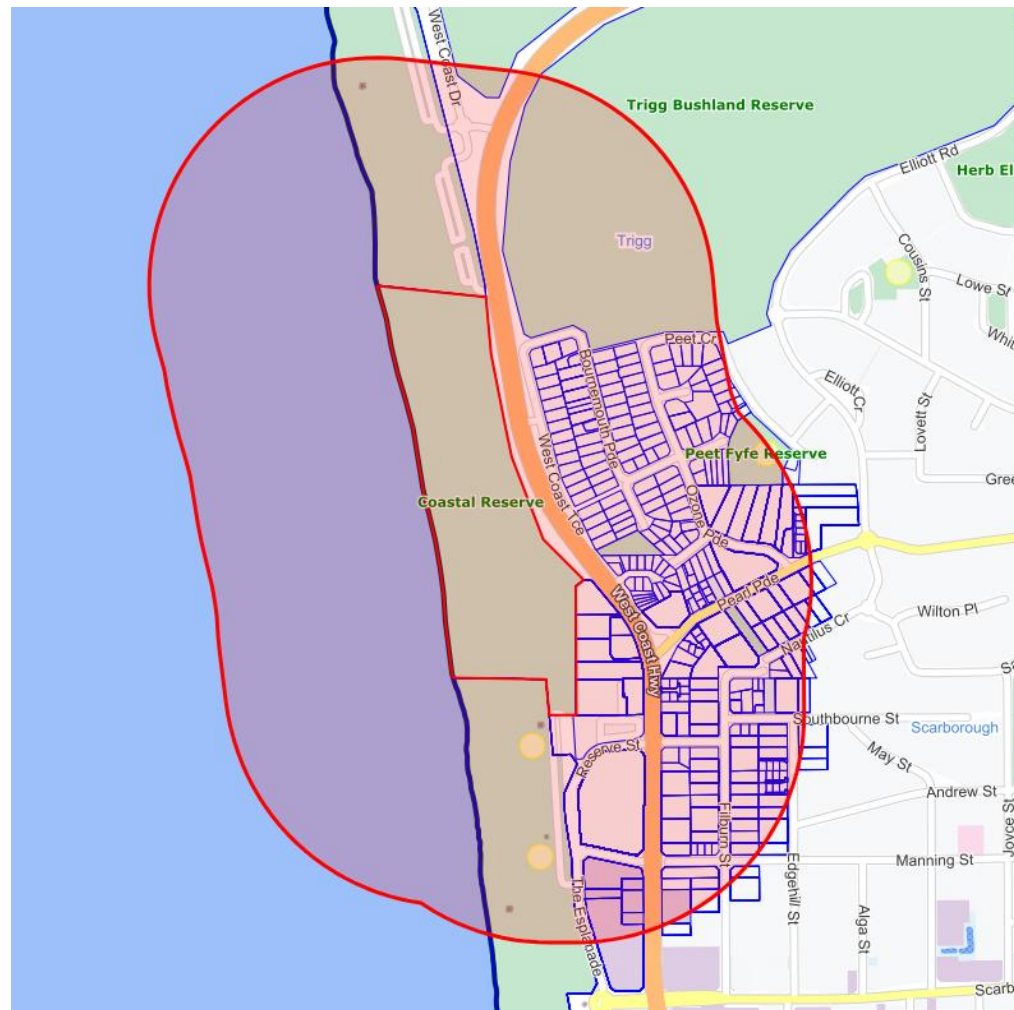
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Attachment four - letter



400m letter distribution



Attachment five - onsite signage



**Coastal Boardwalk
Concept Consultation**

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Information Session
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Attachment six – flyer



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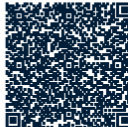
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Submit your feedback by 30 August 2025.



This consultation offers community members the opportunity to learn more about the coastal boardwalk proposal.

The City is hosting an Information Session to help the community to understand the design considerations and speak with the project team:


Information Session
10 August | 3.00pm – 7.00pm
Trigg Island Surf Life Saving Club

Or join us at one of our informal community drop-in sessions:

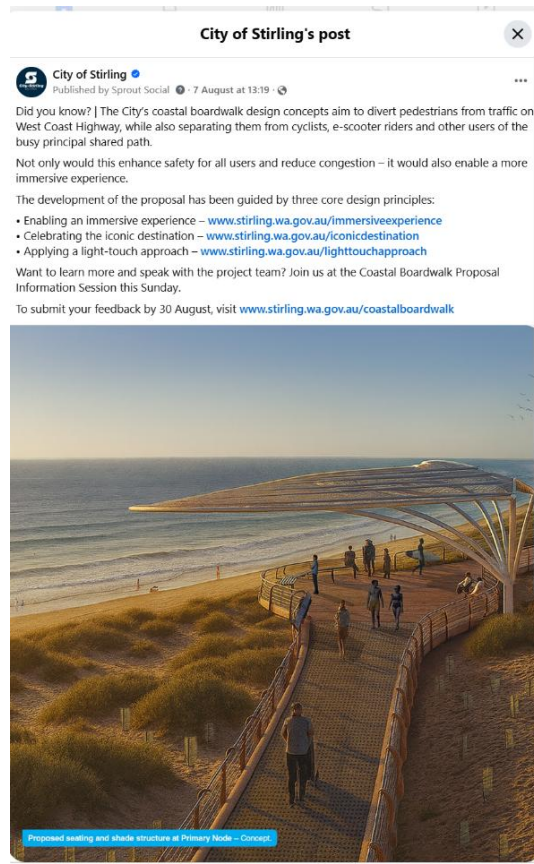
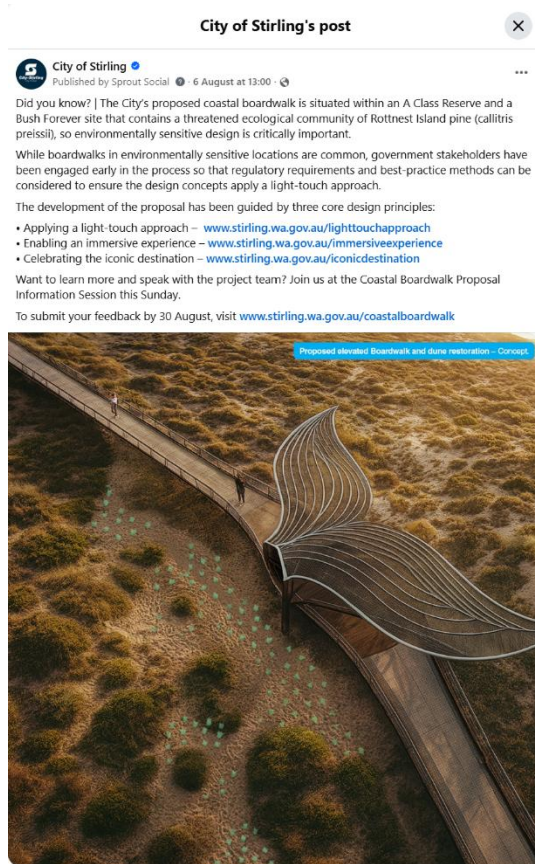
<p>Scarborough Sunset Markets 2 & 16 August 4.30pm – 6.30pm The Esplanade, Scarborough</p>	<p>Outside Canteen Trigg 7 August 7.30am – 8.30am 364 West Coast Drive, Trigg</p>
<p>Boardwalk and Talk 5 August 7.30am – 8.30am Walk from Foam Cafe to the Whale Playground, meet at 368 West Coast Drive</p>	<p>Outside Foam Cafe 14 August 7.30am – 8.30am 368 West Coast Drive, Trigg</p>

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Attachment seven – social media posts



Source: <https://www.facebook.com/citystirlingwa/posts/pfbid06iCh8QAF7xNHhk82vSZpSgtVDXN8xRBxXb1eE31eqR8DgZ4PbZdHzxfUZF7sYv9BI>

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Attachment eight – media release

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30 July 2025

"A coastal boardwalk between Scarborough and Trigg is an idea that has been talked about in our community for at least 20 years – the aim of this feasibility study is to find out if it's a good idea," Mayor Mark Irwin said.

The City of Stirling is inviting community feedback on a proposal for an environmentally sensitive coastal boardwalk linking Scarborough and Trigg.

The proposed boardwalk would take pedestrians away from the traffic on West Coast Highway and separate them from other users of the highway's busy principle shared path.

With an estimated cost of \$18.5 million, it would also aim to create an iconic experience for locals and tourists that showcases the City's world-class coastline and connects people to nature and culture.

"A coastal boardwalk between Scarborough and Trigg is an idea that has been talked about in our community for at least 20 years – the aim of this feasibility study is to find out if it's a good idea," City of Stirling Mayor Mark Irwin said.

"We know this area has environmental value, so if we're going to build a boardwalk, it has to be carefully designed and it has to be worthwhile.

"A boardwalk in this location shouldn't just be another way to get from A to B – it should be something that creates an experience, encourages a greater appreciation

Source: <https://www.stirling.wa.gov.au/city-and-council/news/city-of-stirling-calls-for-feedback-on-proposed-scarborough-trigg-coastal-boardwalk>

Attachment nine – submissions

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Community Consultation Submission Form

Your Submission Details

...What project would you like to provide comment on?

Coastal Boardwalk Concept Consultation

After considering the likely impact of this proposal, do you? *

- ☐ Support the proposal
☐ Object to the proposal

...What feedback on the proposal would you like to share for consideration in the decision-making process?

If you have prepared a written submission or would like to attach any additional documents please upload below

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