Deputation on jetty future

RAPID BAY - A deputation representing various interest groups involved with the Rapid Bay Jetty will meet Minister Conlon next Thursday. The deputation will be led by Mr Dean Brown, Member for Finniss.

"The State Government needs to make a serious commitment to repairing and reopening the Rapid Bay Jetty. This must involve the commitment of funds. There are also issues about the public access over land leading to the jetty and used for car parking to be resolved," Mr Brown said.

"The Rapid Bay Jetty is an important fishing and diving facility. It is a key part of local tourism. The survival of the Rapid Bay camping ground relies on the reopening of the jetty."

The deputation will include representatives of fishing and diving groups, the Friends of the Rapid Bay Jetty, the Yankalilla council and Yankalilla Area Community and Commerce Association.

Mr Brown said the Yankalilla council had indicated it would put money into car parking and other public facilities if the State Government committed funds to repair the jetty.

"The state government closed the jetty on the day before Christmas last year without any local consultation. As a result the summer holidays of many people were ruined."