Demand for answers on jetty as jobs go

THE PROBLEM
Locals want the Rapid Bay jetty, closed last December, either replaced or upgraded.

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THE RESPONSE
Department of Transport spokeswoman Nikki Stewart told The Advertiser the department has "no final decision" on the future of the Rapid Bay Jetty.

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RAPID Bay jetty is no closer to being re-opened than when it closed almost a year ago, and locals are getting desperate.

The Transport Department says an environmental assessment on the jetty is complete and discussions over access have begun with land owner, Adelaide Brighton Cement about access to the jetty.

But businesses in the area say they are down on sales and have had to reduce their doors for good.

Delfs Marine general store owner Glenice Galbrath said the jetty's closure has had a "huge and immediate impact".

"From the day it closed, in the first couple of weeks we were almost $10,000 down in peak time," she said.

"We have suffered a lot - in Normanton there is one business talking about closing and others are quite down on fishing sales."

The Friends of Rapid Bay Jetty and are upset there has been "no movement" on an environmental assessment of the jetty despite being promised an announcement on its future before Christmas. "It is very disappointing, people are losing heart," according to group spokesman Christopher...

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