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Point Moore study blow

Jon Solmundson

The Department of Planning says the Department of Lands is unlikely to fund coastal protection works for Point Moore and "leaseholders should not be under any hope of such action".

According to letters published on the City of Greater Geraldton's website between the DoP, DoL and City, the Point Moore Inundation and Coastal Processes Study completed in November last year shows the current Point Moore footprint is at risk of inundation, a

position explained to residents earlier this year.

In one letter to the City from DoP statutory planning manager Johan Gildenhuis, he writes "there is sufficient basis and detail in the study to conclude against the extension of the current leases when they expire in 2028".

"If the City is not prepared to take this advice, consideration could be given to short-term trigger-based leases that include a risk notification. However it is hard to see how any extension of the existing leases would assist in achieving

the development of the West End for strategic tourism," he wrote.

City of Greater Geraldton chief executive Ken Diehm said there were various land uses for the West End area, not just tourism.

"The reference to the tourism area is just in the context of DoP's input into the City's Local Planning Scheme for the West End and in their view long-term extension of leases doesn't support development for tourism," he said.

"The letter is to advise the City that DoP agree with Department of

Transport's advice from last year which eludes (sic) that neither Department supports long-term extension of the leases in the special-use (residential) area, based on the findings of the inundation study.

WA Planning Commission chairman Eric Lumsden said the area west of Geraldton Port was constrained by a number of factors including surrounding port activity and the likelihood of long-term flooding.

City acting chief executive Ross McKim said the inundation report

findings were not significant in that they did not significantly alter the City's understanding of the situation.

"No decision has been made on the leases and no decisions have been made on the long-term future use of the land," he said.

Mr McKim said while the letter assumed the City would be unlikely to fund or maintain coastal protection works, that assumption could not be made.

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Generosity needed to help toddler

Kobi Rumble was born without fibula, ankle and foot bones, and is missing two toes on his left leg. The energetic little boy is facing the prospect of having the deficient leg amputated unless his family can raise the money for special surgery in the US.

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