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Ocean Reef Beach - Fire risk within the dune restoration project area.

Keith Armstrong from the City of Joondalup invited FESA to undertake a risk assessment of the Ocean Reef Beach environs.

The inspection was carried out by FESA's Shane Nangle (District Officer, Metro North) and was accompanied by Jeff Mustard (FESA's Environmental Officer), and Keith Armstrong from Joondalup Shire on the 9th of July, 2001.

First of all the City needs to be commended for its efforts in protecting the public from harm. The fences along the pathways have restricted the public from entering onto unstable limestone cliffs. The Council also needs to be commended for the protection of the dune system and the rehabilitation program it has in place to maintain the dunes for future generations.

Shane Nangle has offered the following thoughts relating to fire risks of the region along constructed pathways:

- That dead scrub and branches used to prevent access should be limited in height to reduce fuel loading.
- That dead scrub should be moved further away from the path to reduce the likelihood of ignition due to discarded matches or cigarettes etc.
- The width of the pathways offers significant access for emergency vehicles including fire appliances and ambulance.

If you require further information please contact either District Manager Swan on 9301 3905 or Environmental Officer Jeff Mustard 9323 9573 for advice.

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