

Shire of Broome to revisit seawall after scrapping sand container plan for Cable Beach

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The Shire of Broome will discontinue investigations into the use of geotextile sand containers as part of the redevelopment of the Cable Beach foreshore, instead opting to revisit a buried seawall option.

Passed at a special council meeting in December, the motion will see exposed geotextile sand containers scrapped from the design in favour of a buried seawall being investigated.

The move backflips on a June 2021 council decision, which identified exposed geotextile sand containers as a suitable strategy to protect the shoreline.

The officers report recommended the change after it was identified the sand containers would have an “unacceptable impact” on the visual amenity of the foreshore environment.

“It has also become apparent that coastal protection does not suit a ‘one size fits all’ approach and may require different protect strategies in different locations to reflect Cable Beach’s dynamic coastal environment,” the council agenda said.

In a separate motion, some \$371,000 in funding was allocated to the Broome Surf Life Saving Club to aid the redevelopment of the club facility overlooking Cable Beach.