



Liberals Commit \$500,000 for Disabled Access Platforms on South Mole in Fremantle

- The WA Liberals will invest \$500,000 to build all-ability fishing platforms at South Mole, Fremantle.
- The project will improve accessibility, ensuring people with disabilities, seniors, and families can enjoy recreational fishing.
- Recfishwest and Fishability support the initiative, highlighting its importance for WA's 750,000+ recreational fishers.
- The investment enhances outdoor recreation, community well-being, and tourism in Fremantle.

FREMANTLE, WESTERN AUSTRALIA – The South Mole in Fremantle, a well-loved fishing destination with stunning views of the Swan River and Fremantle Port, is set to become more accessible with a \$500,000 commitment from the WA Liberals. Liberal Candidate for Fremantle, Serena Kipling, has announced that, if elected, a Liberal Mettam Government will fund the construction of all-ability fishing platforms, allowing more people to safely enjoy this popular recreational activity.

“With a focus on real local issues and what matters to Fremantle families, I am determined to ensure our built environment is developed to be accessible for all West Australians,” Kipling said. “This investment means more people can take advantage of our beautiful coastline and enjoy fishing safely.”

Recfishwest, WA's peak body for recreational fishing, and Fishability, an organisation providing fishing services for people with disabilities, have strongly backed the initiative. Recreational fishing is a major part of WA's culture, with over 750,000 people fishing annually, contributing \$1.1 billion to the state's economy and supporting 9,600 full-time jobs.

Dr. Andrew Rowland, CEO of Recfishwest, welcomed the commitment, saying:

“This investment is a step forward in making public spaces more inclusive, ensuring people with disabilities, seniors, and families with young children can access and enjoy fishing safely. South Mole has long been a popular fishing spot, and this project will help maintain and improve access to these valuable fishing opportunities.”

The funding will be allocated to Fremantle Ports to begin the design and construction of the platforms, providing safe, stable, and accessible fishing opportunities for all members of the community.

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