

STATES OF JERSEY



RESTRICT PARKING ON BEACH SLIPWAYS

**Lodged au Greffe on 2nd August 2023
by Deputy M.B. Andrews of St Helier North
Earliest date for debate: 12th September 2023**

STATES GREFFE

PROPOSITION

THE STATES are asked to decide whether they are of opinion –

to request the Minister for Economic Development, Tourism, Sport and Culture to bring forward the necessary legislative changes, following consultation with stakeholders, to extend the existing rules restricting the parking of vehicles on slipways under the Schedule of the [Policing of Beaches \(Jersey\) Regulations 1959](#), for consideration by the Assembly no later than December 2024.

DEPUTY M.B. ANDREWS OF ST. HELIER NORTH

REPORT

I am bringing this proposition before the States Assembly to ensure the Minister undertakes a consultation with stakeholders to potentially extend the existing rules to restrict vehicles parked on slipways under the [Policing of Beaches \(Jersey\) Regulations 1959](#).

Due to recent events unfolding whereby slipways were blocked during rescue emergencies, I have felt compelled to investigate this matter further. As the 'Jersey Fire & Rescue' highlighted on their Facebook page:

'Jersey's emergency services are asking islanders not to block access for emergency vehicles when parking on beach slipways. Any blocked slipway can make it difficult for inshore lifeboats to launch and for large rescue vehicles to manoeuvre'.

A few days later the same message was predicated on the 'Jersey Fire & Rescue' Facebook page:

'After another incident at the weekend where emergency services were delayed trying to reach a casualty on the beach, we'd like to remind car drivers not to block access for emergency vehicles on beach slipways'.

Station Commander Channing said *"This behaviour is putting people at risk. If we need to rescue people found unconscious in the sea, every second counts. If the emergency services cannot get to the casualty in good time, this life-threatening situation can become fatal."*

This is something that cannot continue, and therefore, I hope the States Assembly support me to ensure the Minister engages with stakeholders to potentially introduce changes to the schedule of the [Policing of Beaches \(Jersey\) Regulations 1959](#) pending the outcome of a consultation, to be completed no later than December 2024.

Financial and staffing implications

There will be a staffing requirement in the Department for the Economy and potentially the legislative drafting team to re-draft the Policing and Beaches (Jersey) Regulations 1959, pending the outcome of the consultation. There could well be a financial resource requirement within existing budgets to the department and the legislative drafting team too.