

One word sent plane backwards

THE person who wrote a word on a booklet that led to a Melbourne-bound flight making an emergency landing in Sydney could face criminal proceedings.

Tigerair flight TT271 was near the Victorian border about 8pm on Monday when the crew found a booklet with a word written on the back.

The captain then turned the flight back to Sydney where it was met by federal police.

Passengers, who boarded about 7pm, weren't released from police custody until 11pm.

NSW Police Superintendent Brad Hodder said the booklet raised "some concern" with the Tigerair crew but wouldn't reveal further details.

"Causing disruption to airlines is a serious offence," he told reporters yesterday.

Passenger Elizabeth Cornell said all on board followed staff and police requests. Passengers were told to switch off their phones until they were released from police custody.

NSW Police said no passengers were injured or harmed.

Suspect hid under house

A MAN has been arrested for allegedly side-swiping a car before speeding off, crashing into a tree and assaulting the man whose car he damaged.

Police allege a 26-year-old man driving a Ford ute side-swiped another ute, a Mitsubishi, on Main North Rd just before 7.15pm on Monday.

Emergency crews were called to Fitzgerald Ave, Enfield, after the man sped off and crashed into a tree before running away, police allege.

Police say the Mitsubishi driver, who was following him, was assaulted. It is further alleged the 26-year-old then ran across Main North Rd to Trigg St, where he was found hiding under a house.

Police arrested the man of no fixed address and he was taken to the Royal Adelaide Hospital with minor injuries.

He was refused bail to face charges of driving without a licence, failing to stop at a crash and assault. He appeared in the Port Adelaide Magistrates Court yesterday.

Council's plea to dump dredged dirt on land

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A THOROUGH investigation into dumping dredged dirt from Outer Harbor on land instead of at sea should be conducted before an official licence is given, according to a council submission.

A formal report from Port Adelaide Enfield Council, submitted to the Environment Protection Authority, has called for "reassurance" that all options for land-based disposal have been "thoroughly investigated".

The EPA has been charged

with issuing a licence to Flinders Ports, the private operator of Outer Harbor, to dump the dredged dirt in Gulf St Vincent.

The EPA's own guidelines specify a preference for land-based disposal – but a review it commissioned into Outer Harbor said moving the dirt to land would be "feasible" only if "an ocean-based disposal pathway did not exist".

In the submission, the council said the dirt should be considered a "resource" rather than "waste" and called for a "comprehensive" cost-benefit analysis – including envi-

ronmental impacts – of dumping at sea instead of on land.

It also noted that stopping the spread of Pacific oyster mortality syndrome – recently detected in the Port River – was "vitaly important" and strict rules for when dumping should halt to prevent dirt plumes needed to be specified.

Dirt piling should also be banned on Sundays because of noise.

The council's submission called for Adelaide Dolphin Sanctuary management and volunteers to be used as "ex-



pert observers" to stop work when dolphins were in close proximity.

The council believed a "reliance on 'appropriately trained' dredging operators might not be an adequate solution". Approval for disposal at sea has already been given by the State Government's Development Assessment Commission.

Port Adelaide Residents Environment Protection

Group president Tony Bazeley, pictured, welcomed the council's support for land-based dirt disposal. He said it would reduce "enormously" the risk of sea grass being damaged by dumped dirt.

A report by consultancy firm Arup earlier this year examined the possibility of piping the silt on to sites at Gillman, Cheetham and the Ridley Salt Fields.

The projected cost was between \$33 million and \$72 million.

It also found the possibility of high environmental risk if a blockage occurred.

Owners raise the bar to revamp historic Port pub



NEW VENTURE: George and Zis Ginos have bought the old Globe Hotel in Port Adelaide.

Picture: MORGAN SETTE/AAP

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DEVELOPERS who helped transform Peel and Leigh streets in the city now have plans to restore a historic Port Adelaide pub.

The Ginos Group – which owns properties on the popular city bar strips – wants to start work on rejuvenating the abandoned Globe Hotel early in the new year and have it open by next spring.

The refurbished St Vincent St hotel would include a large front bar, beer garden and dining room on the ground floor. The second level would feature a rooftop bar and two private dining rooms available for hire.

It would involve extending the back of the pub, effectively doubling the size of the original 1860s building.

The Ginos Group bought the pub for \$1.6 million and plans to spend up to another \$1.5 million on the revamp.

"We've got a saying, 'build it and they will come'," company director Zis Ginos said.

"This is what we do. We take older places and fix them up for modern use."

He believed it was a "very opportune" time to invest in Port Adelaide, given upcoming residential developments in the region.

The first pub to be built on the site was the Carpenters' Arms Tavern, which opened on December 18, 1850.

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