

Update on the Breakwater Wharf Extension Project Snug Cove, Eden

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Dredging tender update

A meeting for contractors interested in undertaking the dredging works for the Eden projects was held on 2 December 2016.

The meeting was well attended with the potential tenderers conducting a site inspection and studying the geological borehole samples.

The tender period for the dredging contract is now closed, with tenders being reviewed by an evaluation team prior to award.

The dredging works will require the removal of up to 231,500 cubic meters of sediment from the port to allow cruise ships to berth safely alongside the new wharf extension once it's complete.



Inspection of boreholes at the dredging pre-tender meeting

The dredged material will be placed approximately six nautical miles offshore from Twofold Bay in a previously used location.

A sea dumping permit has been obtained and is required any time that disposal of dredged material is to take place in Commonwealth waters.

The tender documents for the Marine Structures contract (which includes the construction of the wharf extension, dolphins and onshore bollards and services) are being finalised with the anticipation of calling tenders within the coming months.

Boosting the local economy

Under the *NSW Procurement Board Direction for construction projects over \$10 million*, the marine structures contract will provide a unique opportunity for apprentices or trainees to grow skills and employment in the construction industry. This will ensure the best outcomes for the local community.

The *Aboriginal Participation in Construction Policy* has been developed to support greater participation by Aboriginal people in government construction projects across NSW. The project will see a targeted 2 per cent of the total contract price spent on direct and indirect aboriginal participation.

The *NSW Government Procurement: Small and Medium Enterprises Policy Framework* is a key procurement reform targeted at maximising opportunities for small and medium enterprises participation in government projects. Local suppliers are encouraged to register their interest with Industry Capability Network (ICN).

The need for the Wharf Extension has once again become evident with the cancellation of P&O Pacific Jewel's planned day visit to Eden on the 9th February due to poor weather conditions.

The urgency for the project is understood, and the NSW government is committed to delivering optimal outcomes within a timely manner.

Development Consent

A State Significant Infrastructure application has been lodged with the Department of Planning and Environment for consideration.

An Environmental Impact Statement was on public exhibition between 16 November 2016 and 16 December 2016 and was open for public comment.

A report responding to submissions received from the Environmental Impact Statement

exhibition period has now been provided to the Department of Planning and Environment.

The Environmental Impact Assessment process forms part of the State Significant Infrastructure application and is vital approval for the project.

Project Funding

Total funding for the project is \$44 million. This includes contributions from the Australian Government of \$10 million and the Bega Valley Shire Council of \$2 million.



Artist Impression of the upgraded Eden Breakwater Wharf

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