

Eden Breakwater Wharf Extension Project

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Jointly funded by the Australian Government, New South Wales Government and Bega Valley Shire Council, the \$44 million Eden Breakwater Wharf Extension Project is an important multi-government initiative to drive economic growth in the region.

Dredging and scour protection underway

Heron Construction is continuing to dredge at the Port of Eden and is part way through the process.

Fabrication of the scour protection is now also underway. The scour protection mattresses are made by pouring concrete into moulds, with the resulting structures laid on the seabed in Snug Cove. Scour protection is required to protect the sea bed and finished wharf from the turbulence created by cruise ship propulsion systems.

Marine structures

Tenders for the marine structures are currently being evaluated. Construction of the marine structures is expected to commence in early 2018 after the dredging and scour protection works have been completed.



The Machiavelli dredge with one of the barges in Snug Cove

Noise monitoring

For the duration of dredging, noise levels will be monitored to ensure they remain within the prescribed limits. To date, noise levels have been consistently below the predicted noise levels referred to in the infrastructure approval.

Drone activity

There have been a number of incidents involving drones flying in the Port of Eden to take a closer look at the dredging operations. The rules surrounding the flying of drones are covered under the Civil Aviation Safety Regulations 1998 – Part 101.

Regulation 101.055 stipulates that, “A person must not operate an unmanned aircraft in a way that creates a hazard to another aircraft, another person or property”. Without having the appropriate approvals and licences, flying drones over the project is deemed a hazardous activity and could impact the safety of project personnel.

In addition, the wharf and its surrounds are dedicated Crown lands and a licence is required from the Department of Industry to undertake any aerial or land-based filming in this area.

Drone filming will be undertaken as part of the project’s communication activities and the footage made available to the public via social media channels and the project website.

Further information regarding Regulations and Standard Operating Conditions for drones can be found on the CASA website www.casa.gov.au

Further information

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