

Community update—Quarter 1 2018

The \$10 million Eden Safe Harbour Project is an important New South Wales Government initiative to help drive economic growth in the region.

Expressions of interest update

Expressions of interest for both a floating and fixed attenuator were called in November 2017 and closed in January 2018. There were a number of submissions from nationally and internationally recognised companies showing a high level of interest in the project.

Evaluations of the expressions of interest will be completed by March 2018 and will be assessed on the basis of mandatory and project criteria, which includes experience, capability, design, innovation, work health and safety, environmental management, program, proposed project team and cost.

Review of Environmental Factors update

The project's Review of Environmental Factors (REF) was made available for public viewing at the Bega Valley Shire Council libraries from 16 November 2017 to 19 January 2018. The community as well as government agencies were invited to submit comments during this period and 14 submissions were received.

A Response to Submissions (RTS) report is being prepared that will consider and address submissions received. Once completed, the RTS will be published on the project web page www.crownland.nsw.gov.au/crown_land/coastal-harbours-and-river-entrances/eden/port-development-project/safe-harbour. The REF and RTS will determine if there will be any significant environmental impacts and if an Environmental Impact Statement will be required.

Next steps

After assessments of the expressions of interest are completed in March, the procurement method will be determined. Currently, construction is scheduled to commence in 2019, subject to planning approval.

Further information

Further information, complaints or enquiries related to the project can be obtained by:

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