

Community update—fourth quarter 2017

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

Project overview

The Port of Eden is an active working port, which supports a variety of recreational, commercial and port vessel operations. On occasion, the port is exposed to significant wind and wave conditions that can affect maritime safety and increase the risk of damage to boats moored in Snug Cove or berthed on the mooring and multi-purpose jetties.

The objective of the project is to provide a safer harbour for local and visiting vessels and improve the protection of existing maritime infrastructure. This will be achieved by improving the wave climate in Snug Cove through the installation of a wave attenuator, commencing from the end of the multi-purpose jetty and extending towards Cattle Bay.

The NSW Government has identified the opportunity to promote economic development and investment by encouraging increased boating visitations to Eden. The NSW Government wishes to provide the greatest opportunity for future investment in maritime infrastructure and facilities in Snug Cove.

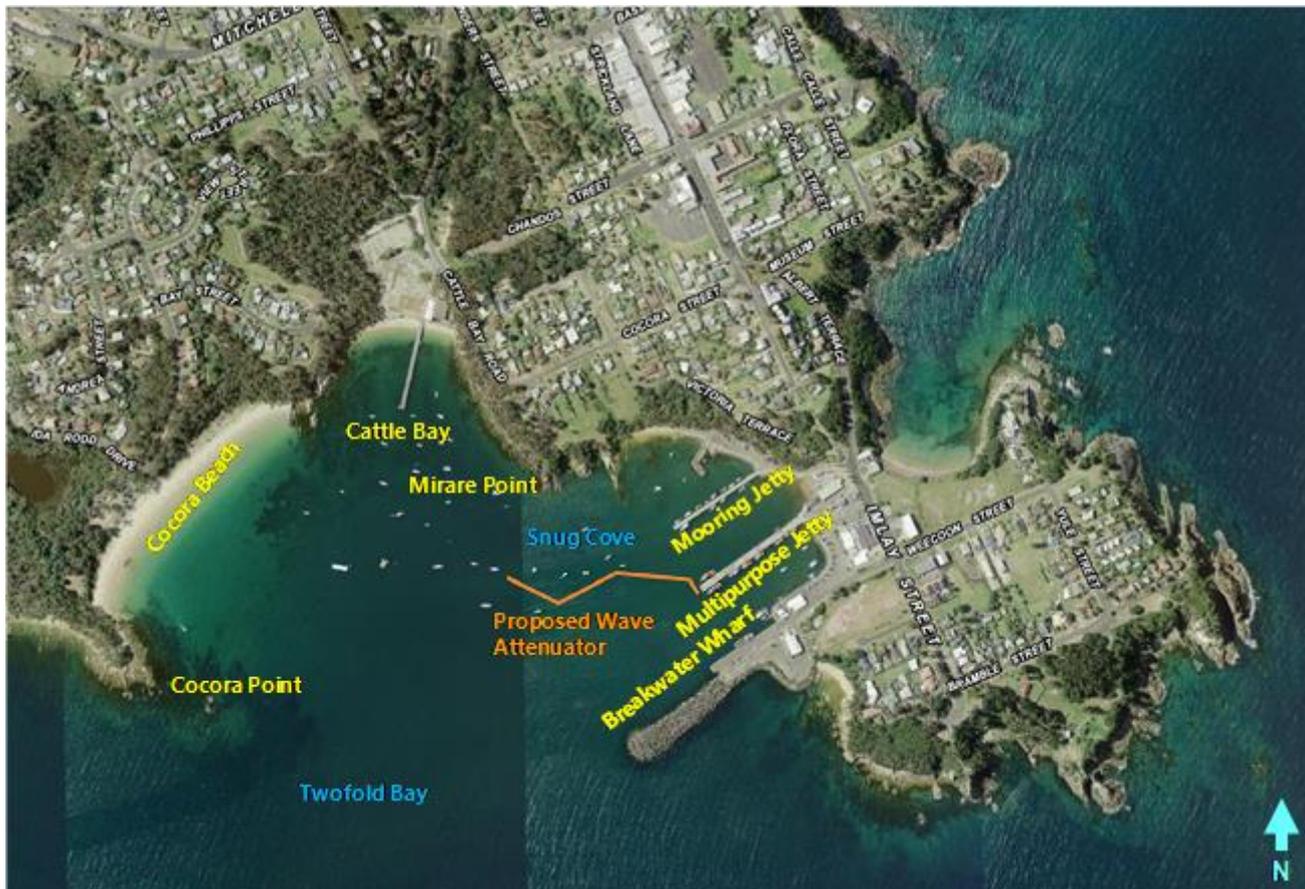


Figure 1. Location of the proposed wave attenuator

Project background

Significant works have been undertaken to develop an appropriate attenuator design that meets the project objectives whilst ensuring the safe navigation of cruise ships accessing the Breakwater Wharf. This has included an options study, geotechnical investigations, wave modelling, ship simulations, a value engineering workshop and market sounding. The final wave attenuator alignment, length and structure type will be finalised following further design development and engagement with industry.

Expressions of interest

Expressions of interest were called on 19 November 2017 for suitably experienced and skilled organisations wishing to be considered for the wave attenuator contract. The scope of work to be performed under the contract generally includes:

- design, supply and installation of either a fixed or floating wave attenuator
- maintenance of the wave attenuator over a five-year period following completion of construction.

Organisations wishing to participate in the expression of interest process can find further information at <https://tenders.nsw.gov.au/>. Expressions of interest close on 19 January 2018.



Figure 2. Example of a fixed wave attenuator. Source: Tas Marine Construction.



Figure 3. Example of a floating wave attenuator. Source: SF Marina.

Review of environmental factors

The project is being assessed under the provisions of Part 5 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*, which involves the preparation of a Review of Environmental Factors (REF) to assess the likely potential impacts of the project and to identify mitigation measures. Based on the assessment contained in the REF, the project is not likely to have a significant impact on the environment or any threatened flora and fauna species, populations or communities. The REF is available for public viewing at the Eden, Bega, Tura Beach and Bermagui libraries, as well as on the project website until 19 January 2018.

Further information

To keep the community informed, the department will provide regular project updates, media releases and updates on the department's social media pages and project website industry.nsw.gov.au/lands.

If you would like to receive regular updates via email, please contact the project team by telephone 1800 960 877, email safe.harbour@industry.nsw.gov.au or by mail to PO Box 343 Eden NSW 2551.

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