

Empire Bay Marina and Boatshed

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Project facts

Crown Lands has taken over the care, control and management of the Empire Bay Marina following the cancellation of a private operator's licence due to significant and ongoing breaches.

We are committed to:

- Keeping the public safe by restricting access to the site due to structural defects.
- Undertaking a contamination investigation and remediating the site if required.
- Keeping the public informed about future plans for the site.

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Background

On 8 September 2020, Crown Lands revoked the Empire Bay Marina operator's licence due to significant and ongoing breaches of the licence conditions, and the licence holder's failure to rectify the issues.

Crown Lands has since taken control of the site.

Due to structural defects and other issues, the boat shed poses a safety risk to the public and the site has been fenced off, with access restricted.

What is proposed?

Due to the site's history as a commercial marina, with associated slipway and fuel storage, there is the potential for contamination. Crown Lands will engage a consultant to investigate the site and determine the remediation actions that may be required.

Crown Lands will evaluate the findings of the contamination investigation, as well as building assessments, to inform next steps.

What will happen to vessels moored at the site?

The jetties, walkways and buildings are unsafe. As a result, Central Coast Ferries has committed to moving their vessel to a new mooring point. There will be no disruption to the regular ferry service.

All other owners of vessels moored at the site have been contacted by Crown Lands and requested to find alternative mooring locations for their vessels. All boats need to be removed to address unlawful occupation, mitigate safety concerns and allow contractors full access to the site.

If vessels are not removed, Crown Lands will commence compliance action on vessel owners including fines and/or impounding of vessels.

What's next?

The contamination investigation is expected to be completed by late March 2021.

Crown Lands will provide an update on any remediation requirements at this time.

Consultation

We will continue to consult with relevant stakeholders on the future of this site.