

# The Coal Loader Wharf

## Community Update

November 2022

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Respecting the significance of the heritage listed Coal Loader Wharf and precinct, Transport for NSW (Transport) is working with stakeholders on the future use of the wharf that brings together community values and reconnects to the maritime heritage of the area.

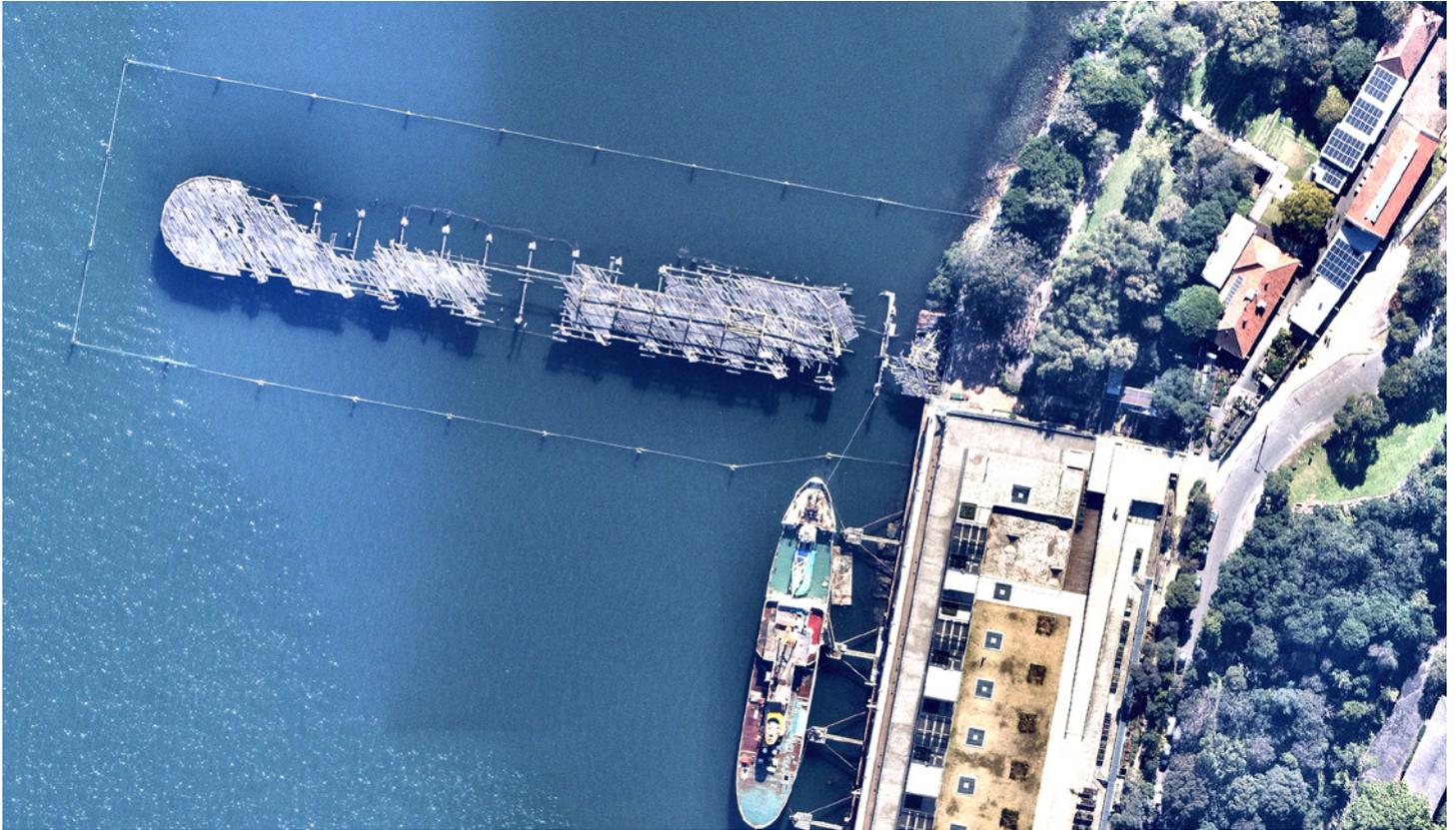


Transport acknowledges the lands of the Cammeraygal people and that modern New South Wales is an overlay on Aboriginal land and that many of the routes we use today follow songlines Aboriginal people have followed for tens of thousands of years.

## About the Coal Loader Wharf

The Coal Loader Wharf sits within the Balls Head Coal Loader precinct of the Waverton Peninsula. Since being decommissioned in the early nineties, the wharf has been deteriorating and recent adverse weather events have caused parts of the wharf to collapse into the water.

In October 2020, Transport committed funding to improve the structure and safety of the wharf. In June 2021, the wharf was listed on the NSW State Heritage register.



Aerial view of the Coal Loader Wharf, August 2022 (courtesy Nearthmap)

## Make safe and retrieval work

Transport needs to make the area safe from navigational hazards, including floating timber and debris. This will allow the remaining structure to be safely investigated to assess its re-use or re-interpretation based on community feedback. Due to the heritage significance of the wharf, material will be assessed and only removed where there is a risk of future collapse or threat to navigational and personal safety due to its poor condition.

As this safety work is carried out, we will respect the heritage fabric of the structure and where the removal of the heritage fabric cannot be avoided, it will be retrieved and assessed for its potential reuse. Reusable elements will be salvaged and stored to support the reimagining of the wharf, in line with the future vision, to best represent its historical and cultural importance. Structural engineers and heritage experts will be consulted throughout all stages of work on the Coal Loader Wharf.

## Vision Survey

Recent feedback from the *Waverton Peninsula community values survey* has provided important insights into what the community values most about the local area.

These values include:

- preserving the natural beauty
- enhancing existing features
- enabling access to the foreshore for recreation
- supporting recreational activities
- recognising local history and culture
- improving connectivity and accessibility.

To build on this earlier engagement we are now seeking feedback from the community on your vision for the future of the wharf.



**Transport will carry out further community consultation in 2023**

## Next steps

We will carefully consider all the feedback received from the Review of Environmental Factors (REF) and will publish the submissions in the coming months. This feedback will form part of our application to Heritage NSW, outlining our plan for the retrieval of heritage material and address any safety concerns.

Subject to planning and heritage approvals, our proposed work will take place in 2023. The work is expected to take around six months to complete, pending suitable weather and maritime conditions.

The feedback you provide through the Vision Survey will help us develop long-term plans for the site and we'll be inviting you to have your say on these future plans in 2023.



**All feedback received from the REF is carefully considered**

## What else is happening in the area?

Transport prepared a draft master plan for Berrys Bay, which was open for community feedback in October 2022. The Berrys Bay master plan will provide a vision to transform the former industrial land of Berrys Bay into usable public open space. To see the draft master plan and register for updates please visit our dedicated portal [nswroads.work/bbportal](https://nswroads.work/bbportal)

## Have your say

We invite you to provide your feedback on the REF and our Vision Survey.

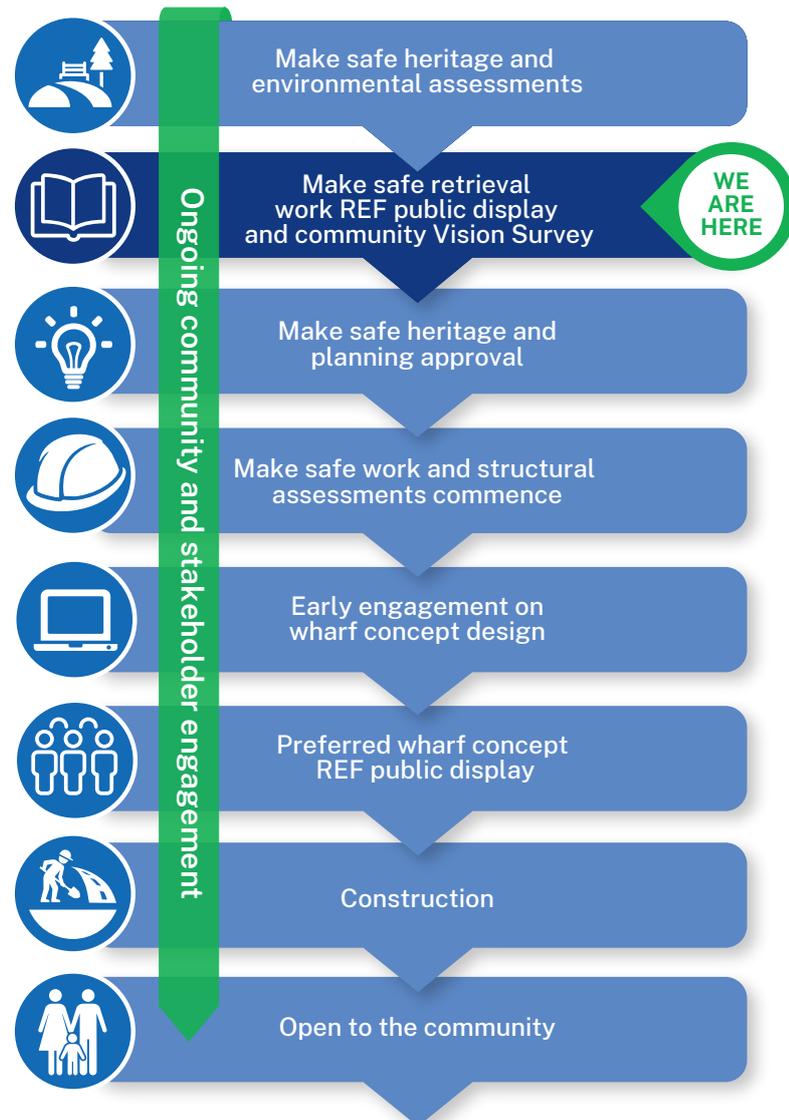
Feedback is invited **until midnight Sunday 15 January 2023**.

You can submit feedback on the REF by:

- filling out the online form via:  
[yoursay.transport.nsw.gov.au/coal-loader-wharf-ref](https://yoursay.transport.nsw.gov.au/coal-loader-wharf-ref)
- emailing:  
[northplace@transport.nsw.gov.au](mailto:northplace@transport.nsw.gov.au)
- writing to:  
**Coal Loader Wharf project  
PO Box K659  
Haymarket NSW 1240**

The Coal Loader Wharf Vision Survey is available online:  
[yoursay.transport.nsw.gov.au/coalloader-wharf-vision-survey](https://yoursay.transport.nsw.gov.au/coalloader-wharf-vision-survey)

## Coal Loader Wharf project key stages



## Meet the project team

The project team will be at the Coal Loader Centre for Sustainability on **Thursday 15 December from 11am to 1pm** to answer project related questions. Please feel free to drop-in anytime during this session.





Coal Loader Wharf, May 2022



**Heritage fabric retrieved  
from the wharf will be  
assessed for reuse**

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