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# Darling Point Wharf Upgrade



Artist's impression of proposed Darling Point Wharf Upgrade (for illustrative purposes)

The NSW Government is upgrading Darling Point Wharf as part of the Transport Access Program. An initiative to deliver modern, safe and accessible transport infrastructure across the state.

In May 2022, Transport for NSW invited the community and stakeholders to have their say on the Darling Point Wharf Upgrade Review of Environmental Factors (REF).

Thank you to everyone who provided feedback during this time.

Following consideration of this feedback, the project has received planning approval and we are proceeding with plans to upgrade the wharf.

Construction is planned to start in early 2023.

### Submissions report released

The submissions report summarises the feedback we received and our responses. We received 35 submissions with feedback falling into these main topics:

- proposal design
- transport, traffic and access
- landscape character and visual impacts
- social/amenity
- noise and vibration
- non-Aboriginal and Aboriginal heritage
- wharf management
- consultation
- proposal justification
- climate change
- biodiversity.

You can read the full report on our website at [nswroads.work/darlingpointwharf](https://nswroads.work/darlingpointwharf)





Artist's impression of new path and upgraded stairs in Darling Point Reserve (for illustrative purposes)

## Changes to the wharf design

During detailed design development and following community feedback, we have made some changes to the design.

A short summary is provided below, you can read more in the submissions report online.

### A new pathway in Darling Point Reserve

As part of the detailed design process, we found that the proposed pathway did not meet the accessibility standards as it was too steep.

We've changed the design to include a new pathway with one bend that goes over the Weeping Fig tree roots to ensure it can be used safely and provide a level connection with the park gate.

It would be made of a material with low visual impact and be suspended to protect the tree root system.

One Kentia Palm (*Howea forsteriana*) would need to be removed for construction of the pathway.

### Removing the stairs next to the lift in Darling Point Reserve

As there is already an existing pathway and steps down to the foreshore, and following community feedback on the overall large size of the wharf structures, we have removed the proposed staircase next to the lift.

Instead, we will upgrade the existing path and steps to minimise impact on the reserve and provide additional areas for recreational use.

### Relocation of entry to the waiting area

The entry to the waiting area has been moved to the end closer to the lift to reduce the length of the foreshore pathway and impacts to McKell Park foreshore.

### Repositioning the kiss-and-ride zone

Following community feedback on traffic impacts, the kiss-and-ride zone has been moved to the eastern side of the Darling Point Road cul-de-sac. It has been changed to an informal drop off zone to discourage parking and support traffic movement.

### Lift wall

Our Environmental Design (CPTED) assessment process recommended that a lift with glass walls be used for customer safety and security. Landscaping and plants will be used to help to integrate the structure with the leafy surrounds of the park.

### Other changes include:

- Lowering the lift height by approximately one metre to minimise visual impact of the lift
- Providing more seating for customer comfort
- Undertaking work to protect the existing sewer line in Darling Point Reserve, resulting in the removal of three trees
- Upgrading the existing wharf power supply through McKell Park; trenching work will result in the removal of one tree
- Additional options for site shed locations within Darling Point Reserve and/or McKell Park to reduce the area needed in the cul-de-sac.



Artist's impression of new path in Darling Point Reserve (for illustrative purposes)



**improved access**  
for customers with  
assisted and unassisted  
**mobility needs**



**Improved protection**  
from the wind, rain and sun



**Improved safety**  
for customers and staff



**Quicker and more efficient ferry**  
pickup and drop-off



# Alternative transport during wharf closure

Transport acknowledge that the wharf closure will cause inconvenience for customers. Planning for construction is underway. Once more is understood about the program for both Darling Point and Double Bay wharves we will provide more information on potential alternative transport options.

## Next steps

We are finalising the detailed design of the upgrade and plan to start construction in early 2023. Construction will take up to eight months, weather permitting.

We will notify the community and customers before starting work.

## Contact us

If you have any questions or would like more information please contact our project team:



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Artist's impression of the Darling Point Wharf Upgrade waiting area, gangway and wharf platform (for illustrative purposes)