

Review of Environmental Factors | May 2022

# Darling Point Wharf Upgrade



Artist's impression of proposed Darling Point Wharf Upgrade

The NSW Government is proposing to upgrade Darling Point Wharf as part of the Transport Access Program.

The Transport Access Program is an initiative to provide a better experience for public transport customers by delivering accessible, modern, secure and comfortable transport.

Customers with mobility needs are currently unable to access Darling Point Road from Darling Point Wharf unassisted. The upgrade would make the wharf accessible to people with mobility requirements, parents/carers with prams and customers with luggage.

## The new Darling Point Wharf

The proposal includes a new uncovered hydraulic platform that would provide stable and safe access to the ferry during all wave conditions.

A covered gangway connects the platform to a covered waiting area with seating and glass weather protection for improved passenger comfort.

A new lift, pathway and stairs would provide an accessible route from street-level to the wharf. The upgrade also includes:

- a new kiss-and-ride zone with accessible kerb ramp connecting Darling Point Road to the path that leads to the lift entrance and stairs
- new bicycle hoops
- relocated Opal readers
- upgraded lighting and security.

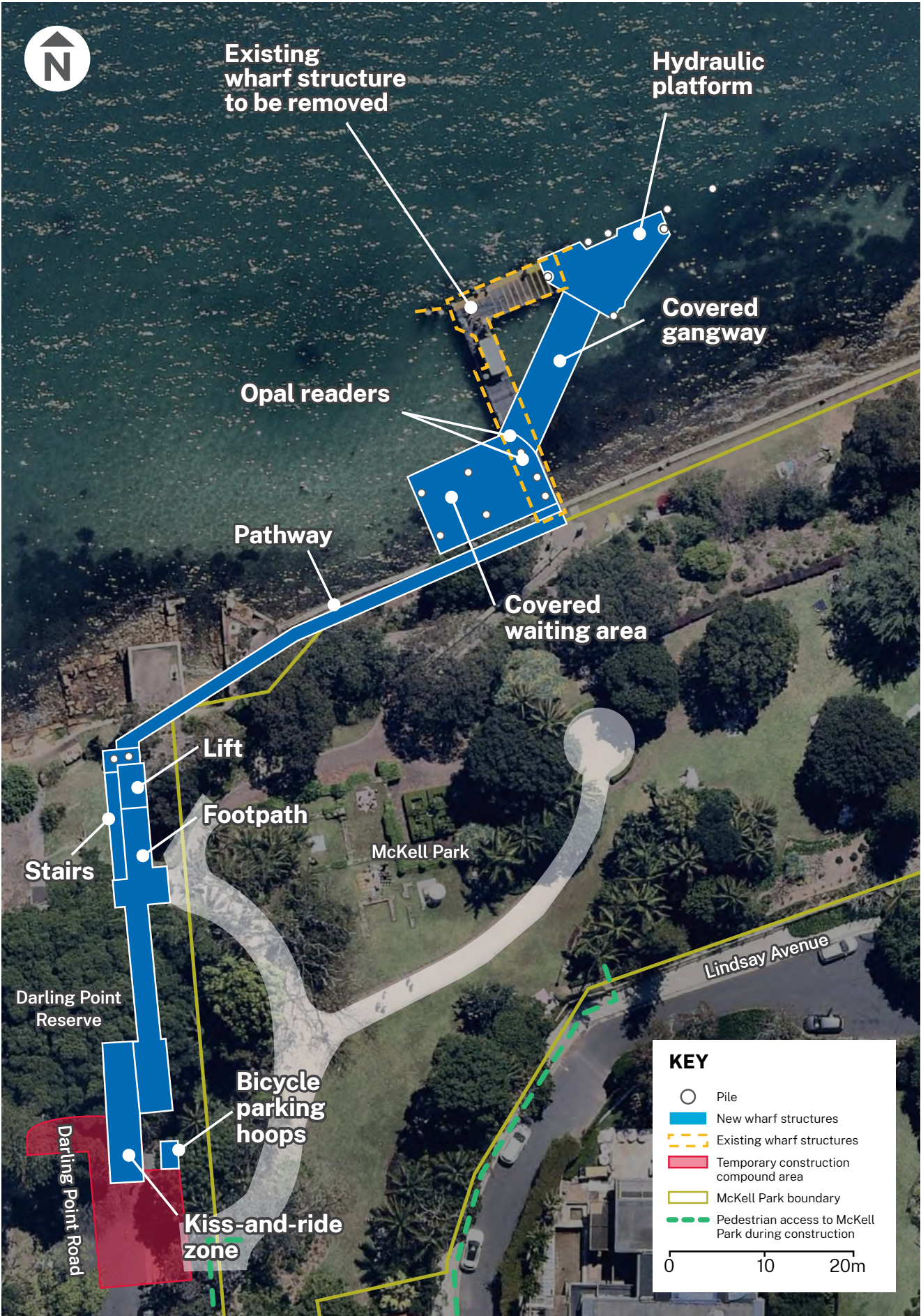
## Have your say

Following community feedback on the concept design in 2021, we have altered the design and prepared the Review of Environmental Factors (REF). It outlines the proposed work, potential construction and environmental impacts and mitigation measures.

We invite the community to provide feedback on the REF by **5pm on Sunday 29 May 2022**.



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## Changes to the wharf design

Following community and stakeholder feedback on the proposed over-water boardwalk, we have changed the design so that the new lift, stairs and waiting area are connected via a path along the park foreshore instead. A gate will be provided for access to the existing sandstone steps that lead to the water.

This option will be further refined during detailed design as we work to minimise impacts to trees and heritage items. The memorial pond will not be impacted.

We have also removed the proposed concrete pathway in Darling Point Reserve between the existing stairs and the proposed new stairs to reduce the impact on the reserve.

## Detailed design

During the detailed design process we will also investigate the preferred option for the lift wall design (such as a living wall with plants, stone wall or glass wall), which will be based on the feedback we received during the concept design consultation along with the feasibility of each option.

As we undertake site investigations and further develop our designs, we may need to make changes. We will keep the community updated on the results of the investigations.



Artist's impression of the new pathway along the park foreshore connecting the lift and stairs with the waiting area



Artist's impression of proposed Darling Point Wharf Upgrade, view looking east. Pictured is the glass wall lift option and new path along the foreshore

## Review of Environmental Factors

The REF is a planning document outlining the proposed work, potential impacts and mitigation measures.

The document includes assessments of the existing environment and expected impacts of the project on traffic and transport, flora and fauna, aquatic ecology, visual impact, noise and vibration, and heritage.

A copy of the REF can be found on the project webpage [nswroads.work/darlingpointwharf](https://nswroads.work/darlingpointwharf) Please contact us if you have any issues accessing the REF.

## Potential construction impacts

Construction of the proposal may take up to eight months to complete, weather and maritime conditions permitting. It is expected that temporary construction impacts would include:

- wharf closure during construction
- for safety reasons, reduced pedestrian access to the lower section of McKell Park (along the foreshore) and Darling Point Reserve (including the existing stairs)
- installation of a temporary construction compound at the Darling Point Road cul-de-sac
- some truck movements and traffic changes on Darling Point Road for land based work.



During construction we will use on-water equipment, like what is pictured here, to install the new piles

We do not anticipate any impacts to vegetation or to the McKell Park access point from Darling Point Road.

We will work closely with Woollahra Council to minimise impacts to McKell Park users and potential noise impacts for events held within the park.

We would notify the community before starting work.

## Closure of the wharf and alternative transport

Darling Point Wharf would be closed for up to eight months during construction.

During construction, customers would be able to catch the **328 Bondi Junction to Darling Point via Edgecliff (Loop)** weekday bus service from Thornton Street, where they can then connect with city and other services at Edgecliff Station. The 328 bus service also connects to Double Bay Wharf, which is another alternative for customers during construction. There may be a period of overlap between the temporary closure of both Double Bay Wharf and Darling Point Wharf. If this was to happen, Transport would work to minimise any disruption during this period and keep the community informed of alternative transport options.

On weekends, customers could catch the 324 or 325 bus services from Edgecliff Road or Edgecliff Station bus stand. Train services are also available seven days a week from Edgecliff Station.

Customers would be encouraged to plan their trip by visiting [transportnsw.info](https://transportnsw.info) or phone Transport Info on **131 500** before starting their journey.

## Work hours and potential noise impacts

Our standard work hours would be between **7am** and **6pm Monday to Friday** and between **8am** and **1pm** on **Saturdays**. Some of the work during these times would be noisy. No work is planned for Sundays or public holidays.

Some out of hours work including work at night or early in the morning may be required for safety reasons. We would notify impacted residents before carrying out any out of hours work.



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### Community drop-in sessions

We invite you to come along to a community drop-in session in Darling Point, where members of the project team will be available to answer questions and provide information about the REF. There will be no formal presentation so drop in at any time.

Please register your interest in attending by emailing us. This will help us to put in place COVID safe measures and contact you if the situation changes.

**Where:** Entrance to McKell Park, Darling Point Road, Darling Point

**When:** Thursday 12 May between 7am and 9.30am  
Saturday 14 May between 1pm and 3.30pm

### Have your say

You can ask questions and share your feedback via



**Our online survey:**  
[nswroads.work/darlingpointwharf](https://nswroads.work/darlingpointwharf)



**1800 770 973**



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We encourage you to ask questions and give your feedback on the REF by **5pm on Sunday 29 May 2022.**



An artist's impression of the Darling Point Wharf Upgrade, view looking west

### Contact us

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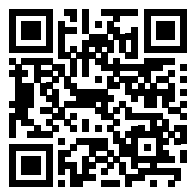
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### Next steps

We will consider all feedback received during the public display period and prepare a submissions report that summarises the feedback we received and our responses. This report will be made available on our website and emailed to subscribers.

Detailed design has begun, with construction expected to start in the fourth quarter of 2022 pending determination of the REF.

### Project timeline

