

## Manly Cove

### Community Update

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Transport for NSW proposes to upgrade Manly Wharf 3 and enhance the area of Manly Cove West (the former Manly Sea Life site) to improve accessibility for all the community including those with assisted and unassisted mobility needs.

Manly Cove is an iconic and locally significant place. People and vessels have been part of Manly accessing the Cove by sea for centuries and continue to do so.

Transport is planning two projects, as part of the \$205 million NSW Government stimulus funding for maritime infrastructure and safety upgrades, to improve the accessibility to and along the Cove for all people including those with assisted and unassisted mobility needs. The projects involve an upgrade of Manly Wharf 3 and the enhancing the area of the former Manly Sea Life site.

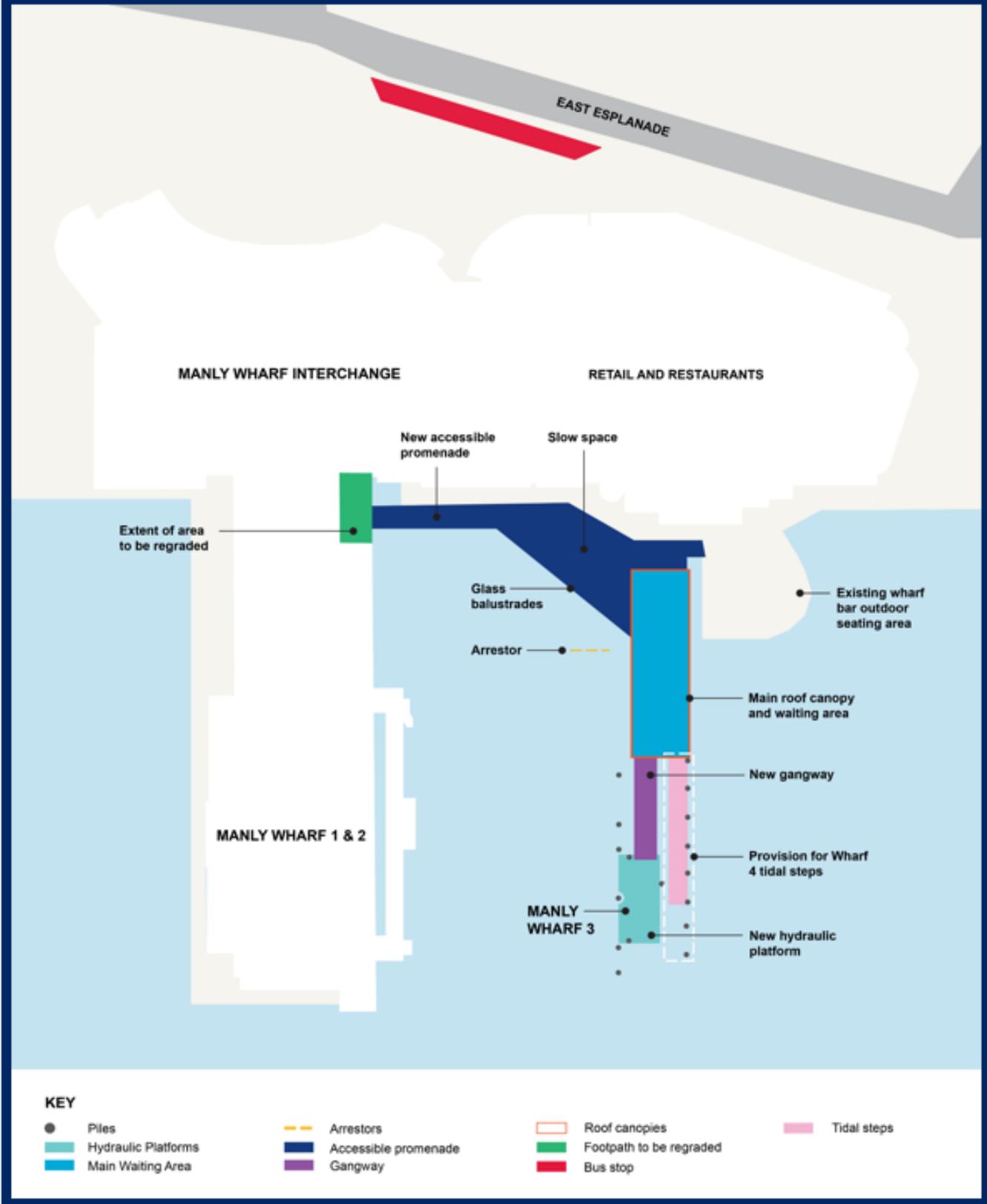
#### The Review of Environmental Factors for Manly Wharf 3 is on public display

Following community feedback on the concept design earlier this year, we have updated the design and prepared a Review of Environmental Factors (REF). We invite the community to provide feedback on the REF by **Friday 23 December 2022**.



Artist impression of proposed works at Manly Cove

## Key features of the proposed Manly Wharf 3 Upgrade



## Manly Wharf 3 Upgrade

The upgrade of Manly Wharf 3 will be delivered under the Ferry Wharf Upgrade Program (FWUP), which forms part of the Transport Access Program. In October 2020 the Local Member for Manly announced \$25 million in funding towards the planning and construction budget for the upgrade of Wharf 3.

Key features of the proposed upgrade include:

- a widened public promenade that allows easy access from the Manly Wharf 1 and 2 building to the proposed new wharf
- a covered customer waiting area with seating
- a hydraulically controlled vessel boarding platform to allow accessible boarding for all customers
- a gangway connecting the main waiting area to the hydraulic platform
- vessel navigation and safety piles.



View of the existing Manly Wharf 3

The new design will provide improved customer amenities, and improved accessibility for all customers using the wharf including those with assisted and unassisted mobility needs.

## Changes to the design

Following community and stakeholder feedback an area to accommodate a future Wharf 4 structure has been included in the design to allow for safe drop-off and pick-up for small commercial vessels (e.g., water taxis) and recreational vessels at a range of tidal levels, which can be delivered as part of a staged delivery approach for the project.

We have also made the following changes to the design to minimise visual impact:

- removal of the proposed shade coverings along the proposed public promenade between the Manly Wharf 1 and 2 building and the proposed new wharf
- removal of the roof from the gangway of Wharf 3.

## Detailed design

During the detailed design process, we will:

- consider opportunities for Aboriginal heritage interpretative signs and images
- consider opportunities to promote colonisation of habitat forming species at sea level
- investigate construction methodologies to minimise impacts to heritage fabrics
- investigate sustainability initiatives
- carry out additional inspections for evidence of Little Penguin nesting
- carry out Maritime archaeological investigations

## Review of Environmental Factors (REF)

A 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 Manly Wharf 3 Upgrade project webpage [nswroads.work/manly-cove](https://nswroads.work/manly-cove). Please contact us if you have any issues accessing the REF.

## Heritage considerations

We respect that Manly Cove is an area which is rich in culture and heritage.

The proposed upgrade of Manly Wharf 3 will consider opportunities to celebrate the Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal heritage of the area in the design. We are currently working with a number of stakeholder groups to identify and consider aspects of cultural heritage in our proposal.

Following early consultation, opportunities for Aboriginal storytelling are being considered and integrated into the design. We have also engaged an independent consultant, so the project is compliant with the Government Architect New South Wales *Connecting with Country Draft Framework* (2020).

The Manly Wharf precinct and Manly Cove West (adjacent to Manly Pavilion) are State Heritage listed. A Statement of Heritage Impact (SOHI) has been prepared for Manly Wharf 3 to assess impacts. The findings from this document are included in Chapter 6 (Section 6.1.1) and Appendix I of the REF.

## Construction considerations

It is anticipated construction of the wharf will be carried out during 2023 pending completion of the final detailed design and outcome of the REF.

Construction may take up to eight months, weather and maritime conditions permitting.

Wharf 3 will be closed during construction. Access to Wharf 1 will be maintained during construction; however, access to Wharf 2 may be impacted at times. Private ferry services may also be impacted during construction. Transport will work with ferry operators to minimise the impact of construction.

Where ferry services are impacted, alternative transport would be considered, and every effort would be made to minimise disruption to the community, private ferry operators and surrounding businesses, including restaurants, at the existing wharf.

## Have your say

We invite the community to provide feedback on the REF by **Friday 23 December 2022** by:



**1800 770 973**  
(during business hours)



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## Environmental considerations

We recognise the importance and sensitivity of the local Manly Cove environment. Our current design and REF carefully consider the potential impacts of the construction footprint on the local environment, particularly the aquatic ecology.

The REF and associated specialist studies for the project have been carried out in accordance with Part 5 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 (EP&A Act).

Specialist reports include impact assessments on Biodiversity, Socio-Economic, Noise and Vibration (including underwater assessments), Landscape Character and Visual, and Maritime Archaeological assessment.

As part of the REF, a number of environmental safeguards and management measures have been identified to minimise adverse environmental impacts, which could potentially arise as a result of the proposal. These measures would be incorporated into the detailed design phase, as well as construction and operation should the project be approved. The safeguards and management measures identified for Manly Wharf 3 are summarised in Chapter 7 of the REF.

## Manly Cove flora and fauna

We acknowledge the Manly area is home to a number of unique marine species including the Little Penguins, *Posidonia australis*, and White's Seahorse, and these species are valued strongly by Northern Beaches Council and the local community.

A Biodiversity impact assessment, which considers potential impacts on flora and fauna, has been prepared as part of the REF (Appendix J).

## Manly Cove West

### Story Walk at the former Manly Sea Life building

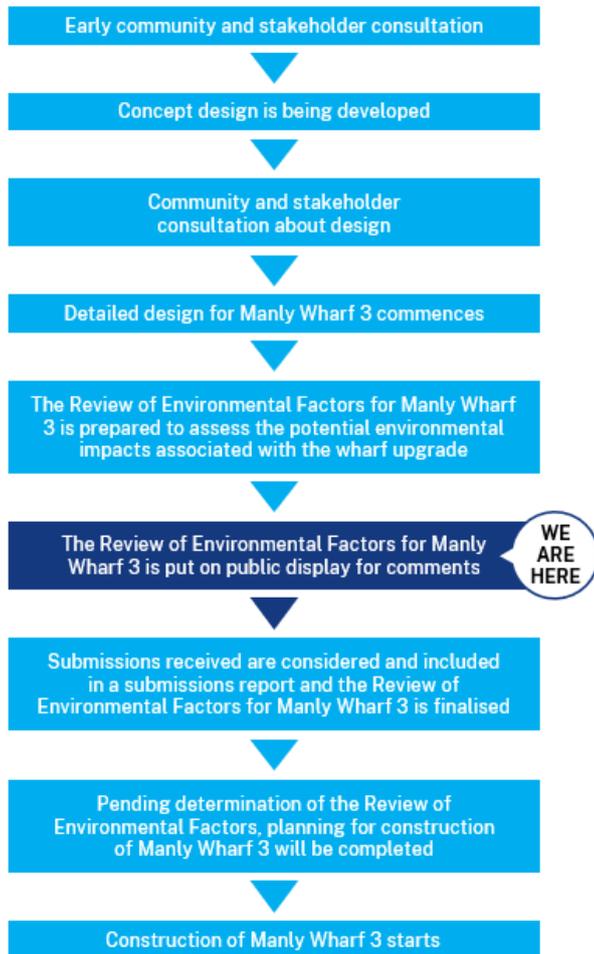


View of the former Sea Life building where signs will be installed around the ground floor

Transport recognises the importance of creating a place, which respects the local cultural heritage, connects people to land and water and creates a prominent waterfront location in Manly.

We are pleased to have installed a *Story Walk* around the former Manly Sea Life building for the community to view the history and future of this Manly Cove area.

It showcases images and designs as a **storybook** focusing on heritage, history, the environment, and Transport's upcoming plans for Manly Cove.



## Next steps

### Manly Wharf 3 Upgrade

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

### Manly Cove West

Technical and environmental investigations are currently ongoing.

Detailed design and a REF will then be prepared and will be placed on public display early next year.

## Contact us

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

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## Community drop-in sessions

We invite you to come along to a community drop-in session 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.

**Where:** Entrance of Manly Wharves 1 & 2

**When:** Thursday 1 December from 8am to 11am

Saturday 10 December from 11am to 1pm

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