



Transport for NSW

# Crowdy Head Boat Harbour proposed infrastructure upgrade

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Crowdy Head Boat Harbour

The NSW Government is delivering major improvements to maritime infrastructure and facilities throughout the state to help the boating and wider community safely access, use and navigate our inland and coastal waters.

## Background

The NSW Government recognises the continued need to support the renewal and upgrade of boating infrastructure and facilities throughout the state.

Crowdy Head Boat Harbour is an important harbour on the Mid North Coast for boat users, as it is a safe and accessible harbour with no river mouth or coastal bars to cross.

The western jetty (Jetty 2) has been out of service since 2010 and with the eastern jetty (Jetty 1) nearing the end of its useful life, it is in need of some major maintenance or should be replaced.

In December 2020, the NSW Government announced \$2 million of maritime stimulus funding to replace the Crowdy Head Boat Harbour jetty.

## Benefits of the project

The project aims to deliver:

- Improved accessibility and safety for vessels using Crowdy Head Boat Harbour
- Increased safety for users of the harbour by upgrading infrastructure to meet relevant modern design standards and requirements
- Improved community access and use of the harbour.

## Project development

A proposal for the Crowdy Head Boat Harbour infrastructure upgrade has been developed as part of the early planning and development stage of the project.

The project team is currently developing the Review of Environmental Factors (REF) and concept plan based on the proposal.

The REF is a planning document outlining the proposed work, potential impacts and mitigation measures. The document includes an assessment of the existing environment and expected impacts of the project, including heritage, visual as well as noise and vibration impacts during construction.

The community and key stakeholders will have an opportunity to view and comment on the concept plan and REF display in the coming months.

All feedback received will be considered as part of finalising the design and environmental measures of the project.



## Construction approach

Construction is not expected to start until at least mid-2022. The proposed work is expected to take around six months to complete, weather and tides permitting. The work hours during construction will be **7am to 6pm Monday to Friday** and **8am to 1pm on Saturday**. Work outside of these hours would only occur to allow for tidal conditions and with relevant approvals, and we will notify you before any work outside the standard hours occurs.

## What are we proposing?

The objective of the project is to improve safety and accessibility for users of the harbour by upgrading the main harbour jetty (Jetty 1) and removing the decommissioned jetty (Jetty 2).

The proposal and REF will consider the following:

- Demolition and replacement of Jetty 1 with a new pontoon with water and electricity to each berth. The proposal provides up to 14 berths. The number of berths will be confirmed following further investigations, extra planning, your feedback and development of the project.
- Demolition of Jetty 2.

## Potential future work subject to funding availability

- Dredging of the harbour to improve the clearance depth for vessels.

## Early investigation work continues

Onsite investigations will continue until early 2022 as they are vital to inform the project development and environmental and other assessments in the REF.

The hours for investigation work will be between **7am to 6pm Monday to Friday** and **8am to 1pm on Saturday**. Work outside of these hours would only occur to allow for tidal or weather conditions and with relevant approvals. We will notify you before any work outside normal hours starts. Site investigations include:

- Land, water and utilities surveys
- Aerial drone imaging
- Underground and underwater scanning of the work area
- Environmental and biodiversity assessments to understand potential impacts
- Geotechnical sampling to understand ground conditions within the harbour.

# Project proposal for the Crowdy Head Boat Harbour infrastructure upgrade



## Next steps

We will be continuing with early planning and development. This includes:

- Completing all site investigations and development of REF.
- Complete a community “have your say” on the REF and concept plan in early 2022.

Feedback received as part of the “have your say” will be carefully considered and addressed in a consultation summary report.

The report will be prepared by Transport for NSW and we will let the community know as soon as the report is available to view on our website. Construction will only start once all approvals have been finalised and a determination on the project has been made by Transport for NSW.

## Contact us

If you would like more information about the project or would like to be added to our distribution list to receive email updates on the progress of the project please contact our project team:

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## Frequently asked questions

### Will both jetties be replaced?

At this stage, the priority and available funding is for Jetty 1 to be replaced with a new pontoon arrangement.

### How many berthing spaces will become available?

At this early stage of project development, we cannot confirm the number of berths that will be available. The proposal shows capacity for up to 14 berths on the replacement structure for Jetty 1. The final number of available places for vessels will be confirmed as the planning and development of the project progresses.

### When will construction start on the project?

Once project approval to proceed is provided, we expect to start construction by mid-2022.

We will keep the community informed of the progress of the project and notify you before any construction starts.

### Who will be managing berthing licences at Crowdy Head Boat Harbour?

From July 2020 Transport for NSW was given the responsibility to manage 25 Harbours across NSW, including issuing berthing licences. Crowdy Head Boat Harbour is one of these harbours.

### Can I apply for a berth now?

At this early stage of project development, we cannot confirm how many berths will be available in the harbour when the project is finished. For this reason, we are not issuing any new berthing licences or accepting any requests to be placed on a waitlist at this time.

As the project progresses and more details are available, we will update you on the process for applying for a berth at Crowdy Head Boat Harbour.

### Will I still be able to access the boat ramp during construction?

We will work with MidCoast Council to maintain access and use of the boat ramp throughout the construction period of the project.

## What onsite work is happening now?

Early site investigation started in September. This work will take up to four months to complete and helps to inform the planning and development stages of the project including the environmental assessments.

The survey work and sediment sampling has been completed. An underwater camera survey has also recently been completed. There will be on-going site inspections.

For more information on our early investigation work please see our notification on our website.

### What is happening to the old Fishermen's Co-op?

This project focuses on upgrading the berthing infrastructure within the harbour. The Old Fishermen's Co-op building is not part of this project.

Transport for NSW is now responsible for the management of the Old Fishermen's Co-op building. At this stage we have no plans for this property. We will keep you informed if there is any change to this.

### Will the car park or slipway be included in the project?

This project focuses on upgrading the berthing infrastructure within the harbour and the slipway and car park are not included in this project.

### Will the community have an opportunity to comment on the project?

We are developing the REF which will contain further defined project details. The community and key stakeholders will have an opportunity to view and comment on the concept design and REF in the coming months.

All feedback received will be considered as part of finalising the design and environmental measures of the project.



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