

# Crowdy Head Boat Harbour Upgrade

## Frequently Asked Questions – June 2022

### Will both jetties be replaced?

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

### How many berthing spaces will become available?

The current concept design shows 18 berths, plus one short term berth.

### When will construction start on the project?

We are in early stages of planning and development of the project. Construction can start following project approval to proceed is gained and a contract is awarded to complete the work.

We will keep the community informed of progress 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?

As the project progresses and more details are available, we will update you on the process

for applying for one of the new 18 berths 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.

From time to time, for safety reasons, there maybe be intermittent closures of the boat ramp or areas of the harbour as needed. We will notify you of this before any changes.

### 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 be upgraded as part of the project?

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

## Will Crowdy Head Road be upgraded?

The funding for this project has come from \$205 million maritime stimulus funding to be used on maritime infrastructure projects. This project focuses on upgrading the berthing infrastructure within the harbour.

Crowdy Head Road is a local road, and any maintenance or upgrade would be carried out by MidCoast Council.

## Why are floating pontoons used for the new jetty instead of a replacement fixed structure?

Floating pontoon structures are the preferred industry standard for multi-use berthing facilities in harbours as they provide better accessibility and safety for users entering and exiting their vessels. The original fixed jetties within Crowdy Head harbour were specifically built for the commercial fishing industry whereas the proposed project is designed to cater for a more diverse user group. The proposed floating pontoon structure will be constructed of more heavy-duty units, similar to a marina than the floating pontoons of the boat ramp.

The local wave conditions in the harbour have been taken into consideration in the design development. The floating pontoon structure is designed to ride over these waves with little surge or sway motions as they are constrained by the piles. Additionally, as the pontoon will rise and fall with the water level, it will make the mooring of vessels in the harbour safer as the mooring lines are not going to a cleat on a fixed wharf and will remain horizontal to the pontoon.

## Why can't Jetty 2 remain as a fishing platform?

Jetty 2 was decommissioned as a working vessel jetty in 2010 for safety reasons. It has remained in the harbour until funding was available to remove it. Since then, we understand that it has been used by the community as a fishing or viewing platform, although that is not why it remained at the harbour. Since 2010 it has had no maintenance and has continued to deteriorate and is beyond repair and needs removal for safety reasons.

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