

Community Update

Swansea Channel Dredging

December 2023



Transport for NSW acknowledges the Awabakal people of Galgabba as the Traditional Custodians of the lands on which we work and pays respect to Elders past and present.

Progress Update

Transport for NSW continues dredging the Swansea Channel and we expect the work completed to date will greatly improve access for many boaters.

Due to adverse weather conditions and mechanical issues with the dredge, we will need to return to finalise dredging in January.

Dredging of the Dog Leg area is complete, with the results of our hydrographic survey now available on our website. The work on the Dog Leg involved the majority of sand movement and improves navigation through the channel.

We have completed some dredging at the Drop Over, before moving to the Swan Bay entrance for better protection from incoming adverse weather. We will continue working in that area until 24 December.

From 24 December, the dredge will demobilise so the public can enjoy using the channel during the holidays.

Navigational markers have been put in place this week, and to assist boaters in determining if the area is safe and navigable for their vessel, we will share an updated survey at the end of this week when all work is completed for this year.

We would like to remind boaters that conditions and depths can change regularly so caution should be used when navigating in the area.

Our contractor will be back on site to remobilise the dredge and resume works in January.

We apologise for any inconvenience and thank the community for their ongoing patience.

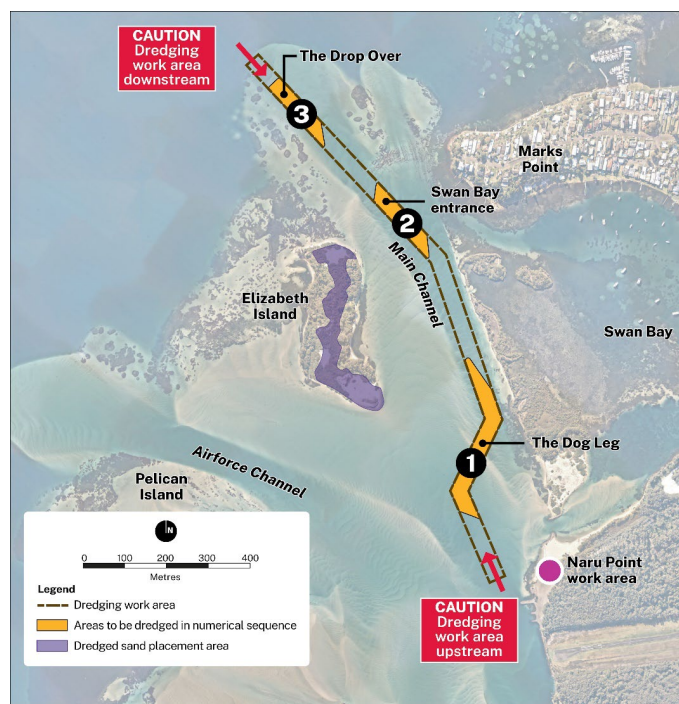


Image 1 Swansea Channel

Protection of Little Terns nesting

As part of the Swansea Channel dredging project, and in accordance with our environmental approval, the dredged sand is being placed on Elizabeth Island to create a desirable habitat for shorebirds.

As part of our Shorebird Management Plan, we have been carrying out regular monitoring of the area and have identified endangered Little Terns nesting and recently hatched offspring.

We have now installed exclusion fencing on the island to protect the Little Terns and their offspring. We ask you to please follow the directions of signage and make sure you and your dogs keep out of the fenced off exclusion areas to help us protect this endangered species.

This fencing will be in place until after the breeding season in February. If you can avoid Elizabeth Island until after this time, please do.

Please note that disturbance of endangered species or their nest can result in a fine of \$330,000 and/or two years imprisonment. Biodiversity of conservation act 2016.

You can report any issues on **1800 271 100**.



Image 2 Signage on site



Image 3 Little Terns and their eggs

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