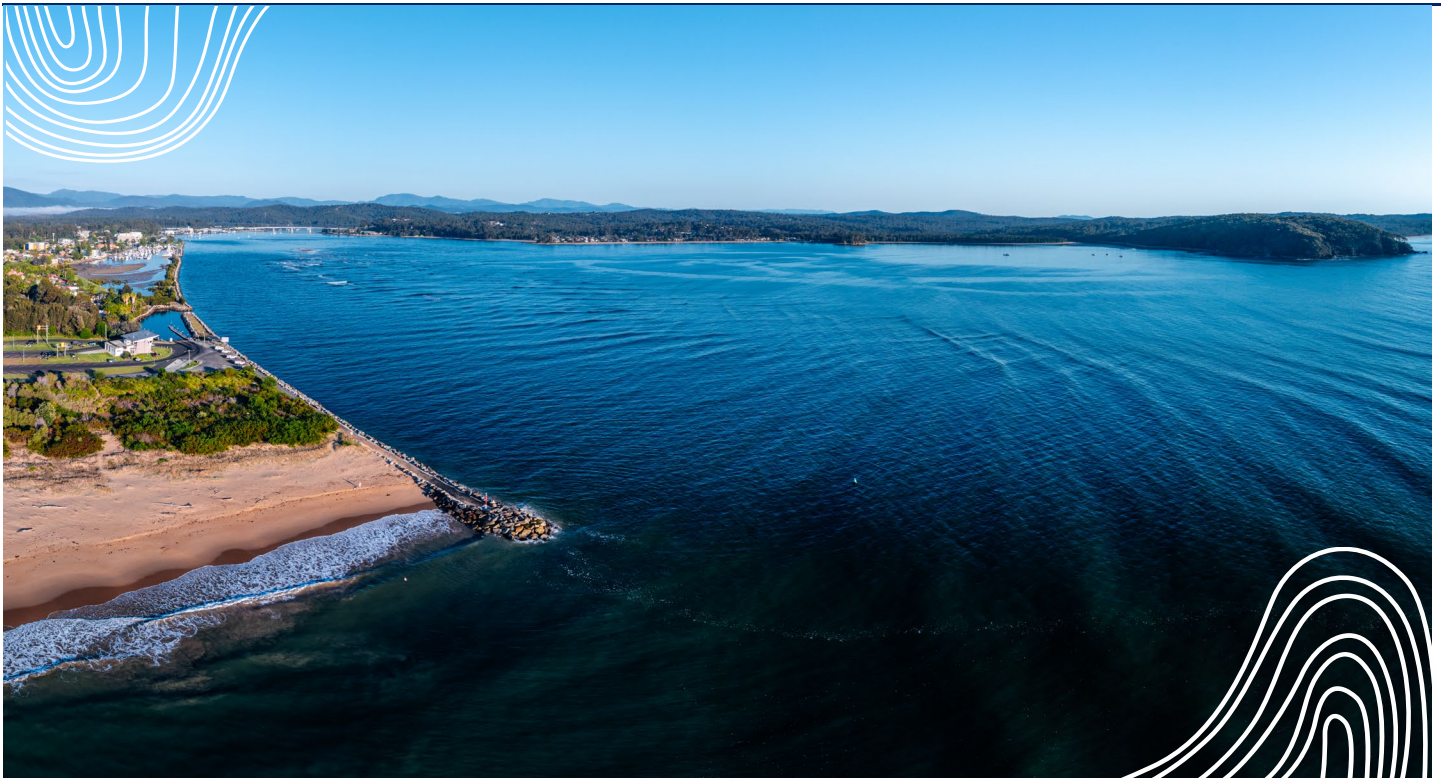




Batemans Bay Dredging

Start of work

October 2025



Transport for NSW is committed to improve and sustain accessibility to key coastal locations, river entrances and local waterways to improve navigation for commercial and recreational vessels.

Dredging is an important management activity that assists in maintaining navigation channels and provides access to maritime infrastructure that is otherwise restricted by natural sand shoaling.

In this update

Find out about:

- The start of our dredging work and key details
- Outcomes from consultation
- Our work hours
- Our monitoring program
- Next steps.



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

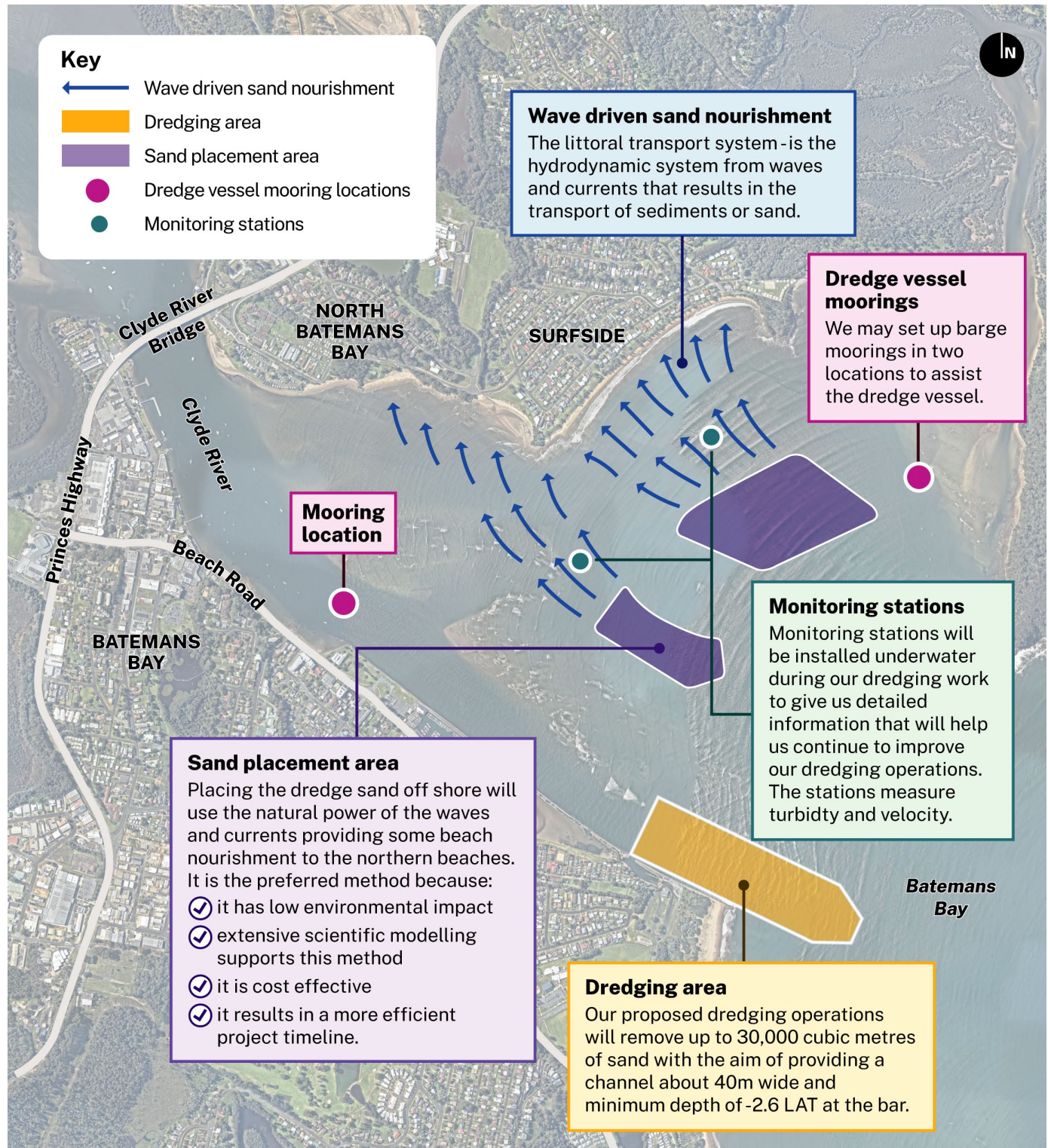
Dredging work to start

Our dredging work will start on around **Friday 17 October 2025**, weather permitting. This work should take about 4 weeks to complete.

A dredge vessel will arrive and a mooring area will be set up for when it's not operating.

Our key details of the work are:

- Dredging at the Clyde River Bar to maintain a navigable channel
- Dredging about 40 metres wide and to a depth of -2.6 metres Lowest Astronomical Tide (LAT)
- Removing about 30,000 cubic metres
- Placing the dredged sand offshore, about 600 metres from the Surfside Beach shore.





Outcome from consultation

We would like to thank everyone who provided feedback on our dredging proposal and REF during the public consultation process. A total of 52 submissions was received. Key themes raised during consultation included:

- Erosion at Surfside Beach
- Sand placement strategies
- Need for navigation dredging

We acknowledge that erosion at Surfside Beach is a significant concern for residents. In response, we undertook additional modelling which shows that strategically placing dredged sand offshore can, over time, allow natural coastal processes to transport sand toward Surfside Beach delivering some beach nourishment benefits. Similar modelling techniques are used to inform dredging methodologies across the state.

Importantly, this community engagement has sparked interest from other agencies, who are now exploring collaborative solutions to help minimise and improve erosion outcomes in the area.



Refer to REF Submission Report for more detail.
www.transport.nsw.gov.au/baysubmissions



Our work hours

Due to the size of the dredging vessel we are using, weather and tides can affect when we are able to work.

Because of this, our project has special work hours which are:

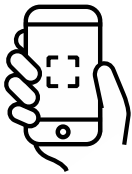
- **Monday to Sunday, 5am to 10pm, (7 days a week).**

This extended work hours allows us to plan our work around the tides, and during periods of bad weather and still maintain getting a full days work.

Work is expected to take about **4 weeks**, weather permitting.

If you have any issues with these work hours or are impacted by noise during our work, please call our friendly team to discuss this further.

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Next steps



Develop environmental approval document (REF)

June 2024 – May 2025



Have Your Say - Seek community feedback on dredging proposal and 10-year environmental approval (REF)

12 May – 2 June 2025



Obtain environmental approval and publish the Submissions Report

September 2025

WE ARE
HERE

Start first dredging campaign

October 2025



Finish first dredging campaign

November 2025



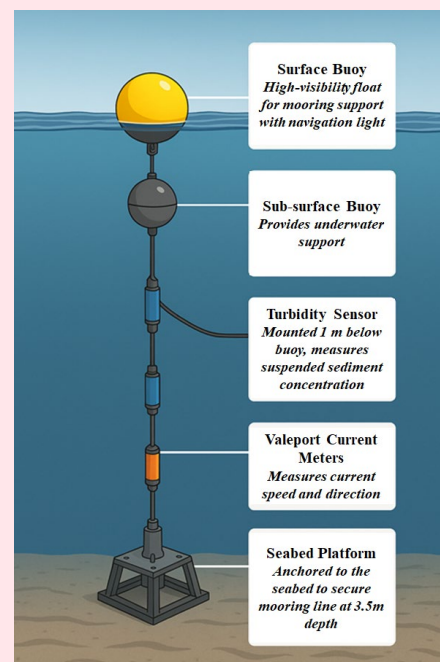
Monitor the area and assess when dredging is needed next

Ongoing

The monitoring program.

As a result of feedback during the consultation process, we've committed to post dredging monitoring to assess the project's impacts and inform our future dredging activities. Our monitoring program will include:

During dredging – two monitoring stations will be installed to give us detail during our dredging work. They will measure; velocity-how fast the water is moving and what direction and turbidity which measure sediment transport.



After dredging – hydrographic surveys or also known as bathymetry mapping will be completed regularly to allow us to track the sediments movement. This will give us a better picture of how the sand moves over a longer period after our work is done.

Contact us



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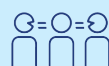
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