

Project facts

Crown Lands has taken over the care, control and management of the Empire Bay Marina following the cancellation of a private operator's licence due to significant and ongoing breaches.

We are committed to:

- Keeping the public safe by restricting access to the site due to structural defects.
- Undertaking a contamination investigation and remediating the site if required.
- Keeping the public informed about future plans for the site.

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Project update

Crown Lands has commenced a supplementary site assessment of the former Empire Bay Marina. Consultants engaged by Crown Lands are undertaking an additional investigation, sampling and assessments to guide the remediation of the site.

A NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA) accredited site auditor has also commenced an independent review of the contamination investigation, and will lead the additional sampling, testing and analysis.

Crown Lands will continue to liaise with the EPA on the assessment findings.

Following completion of the investigation and assessments, Crown Lands will consider any remediation requirements and future use options for the site.

A decision on the marina site will need to consider the significance of contamination, remediation requirements, building and environmental safety, and other factors including access, parking, planning and heritage requirements.

Background

On 8 September 2020, Crown Lands revoked the Empire Bay Marina operator's licence due to significant and ongoing breaches of the licence conditions, and the licence holder's failure to rectify the issues.

Crown Lands has since taken control of the site.

A Crown Lands building assessment identified a range of significant defects and found that the marina structures are unsafe. The boatshed, jetties and walkways have been fenced off, with public access restricted.

Consultation

Crown Lands will continue to consult about the future of this site. Community updates will be provided periodically and published on the project website:

<https://www.industry.nsw.gov.au/lands/public/notifications/empire-bay-marina>