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SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS TO RIVER FORESHORE INFRASTRUCTURE IN PORT MACQUARIE AREA

Minister for Primary Industries Katrina Hodgkinson and Member for Port Macquarie Leslie Williams today announced \$340,000 in funding to improve safety measures for people using river foreshore infrastructure in the Port Macquarie area.

Katrina Hodgkinson said the funding will be used for necessary maintenance work on the Dunbogan and North Haven breakwalls located at the entrance of the Camden Haven River and at the Port Macquarie town wharf moorings.

The funding will be made available under the NSW Government's Minor Ports and River Entrances Program.

"This program demonstrates the NSW Government's commitment to maintaining and investing in coastal infrastructure," Katrina Hodgkinson said.

The proposed safety improvements involve a number of activities including:

- installation of new fencing along a large section of the Dunbogan breakwall to prevent accidental falls onto the rocks below, minor rock and crest repairs and safety signage (estimated cost \$80,000);
- placement of rocks along the river side of the North Haven breakwall (estimated cost \$120,000); and
- remediation works to improve drainage and prevent ground subsidence behind the boardwalk adjacent to the Port Macquarie town wharf moorings (estimated cost \$140,000)

Port Macquarie and the Camden Haven are popular tourist havens and the sites offer locals and visitors safe and access to some of the State's best and most-loved fishing spots.

Mrs Williams said work is expected to commence in the coming days and will be supervised by the Soil Conservation Service of the Department of Primary Industries.

"These works are of vital importance to coastal communities to ensure public safety, access for commercial and recreational vessels, tourism and maintaining coastal amenity," Mrs Williams said.

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