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DELIVERING ON COMMITMENT TO EXTEND EDEN BREAKWATER WHARF

Minister for Lands and Forestry Paul Toole joined Member for Bega and Minister for Transport Andrew Constance in Eden today to inspect the site of the planned Eden Breakwater Extension Project.

Mr Toole met with the project delivery team and other stakeholders and said he was looking forward to work beginning on the \$44 million project.

“In the next 12 months the NSW Government will be delivering \$24 million of a promised \$32 million for the wharf extension,” Mr Toole said.

“The benefits of completing this project are clear. Extending Eden wharf will open up the entire region to the cruise industry, driving economic growth across the Sapphire Coast and creating more than 80 jobs in tourism, hospitality and stevedoring.”

Minister for Transport and Member for Bega Andrew Constance said the investment in Eden was part of the NSW Government’s ongoing support for the NSW South Coast.

“NSW has one of the fastest growing cruise markets in the world and this project will allow some of the world’s biggest cruise ships to berth alongside the Eden Wharf, meaning more tourists for the region and a boost to the local economy,” Mr Constance said.

“We’ve worked hard to get this right and as work progresses we’ll continue engaging with businesses and residents through the Community Liaison Group.”

Federal Minister for Regional Development Fiona Nash said the project would help build a bigger tourist industry in the region.

“Eden and the Sapphire Coast will be discovered by visitors from around the globe when the cruise ships start landing,” Minister Nash said.

“This project unlocks huge opportunities for the Sapphire Coast region, its businesses and families. Projects such as this help diversify the local economy and create sustainable long term jobs.”

The Department of Industry - Lands & Forestry is the NSW Government Agency responsible for delivering the project which is expected to be completed in 2019. The Eden Breakwater Wharf Extension project is jointly funded by the NSW Government (\$32 million), Australian Government (\$10 million), and the Bega Valley Shire Council (\$2 million).