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Minister for Trade and Investment  
Minister for Regional Infrastructure and Services

**Duncan Gay MLC**  
Minister for Roads and Ports  
Deputy Leader of the Government  
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## MEDIA RELEASE

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### **NSW GOVERNMENT COMMITS \$1.5 MILLION TO DREDGING**

Deputy Premier Andrew Stoner and Minister for Roads and Ports Duncan Gay today announced NSW Government funding of up to \$1.5 million for coastal dredging under the second phase of the Rescuing our Waterways program.

Mr Stoner and Mr Gay said the program, part of the Government's Sustainable Dredging Strategy, provided a coordinated approach to improve the accessibility and health of our waterways.

"These waterways are the lifeblood of many communities and the NSW Liberal & Nationals Government is pleased to be able to provide additional funding for dredging in estuaries neglected by the former Labor Government," Mr Stoner said.

"Rescuing our Waterways will deliver enhanced recreational boating access and continued viability for commercial vessel operators and their support industries, while providing flow-on benefits for tourism and local economies.

"Under the first phase of the program, over \$1.5 million was committed for dredging projects including Wallis Lake, Lake Cathie and at the Myall River.

"The Government will provide up to 50 per cent of the funding for each project under phase two, with local councils providing the remaining funds or in partnership with stakeholders."

Mr Gay said funds would be made available for both preconstruction activities and implementation.

"Councils will be asked to submit detailed dredging proposals and take charge of all aspects of project planning and execution.

"Local stakeholders, including local businesses or chambers of commerce and commercial operators or boating clubs, are also invited to apply.

"Demand for the dredging funding is expected to be extremely competitive. Priority will be given to applications that address the assessment criteria and are compatible with the estuary management planning process of the local council."

Full details are available at [www.crownland.nsw.gov.au](http://www.crownland.nsw.gov.au) and applications must be received by 5pm, Monday 14 April 2014.