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**NSW GOVERNMENT COMMITS TO RESTORING VITAL
BRUNSWICK HEADS WATERWAYS**

The NSW Government will provide funding to ensure the accessibility and health of the Brunswick Heads waterway, Minister for Natural Resources Lands and Water Kevin Humphries and Member for Ballina Don Page announced today.

Mr Humphries said the NSW Government will commit up to \$600,000 – which includes funding under phase two of the Rescuing our Waterways program – to undertake dredging work at the boat harbour and the Brunswick River channel.

“The NSW Liberals & Nationals are committed to restoring navigation and the health of key waterways across the State by funding key dredging projects that will in turn support local economies and tourism industries,” Mr Humphries said.

“This vital project aims to maintain navigation channels critical to the operations of industry, the commercial fishing fleet and tourism charter vessels.”

“The Brunswick Heads dredging is one of the first five projects in the NSW Government’s priority north coast dredging program that will be undertaken over the next four years.

“The NSW Government is extremely committed to supporting our local communities by restoring waterways along the North Coast with a commitment in this year’s Budget of \$10 million over four years to deliver priority dredging projects in waterways between Forster and Tweed Heads.”

Mr Page said the Ballina electorate would benefit enormously from the dredging works, which will be undertaken in the first half of next year.

“Waterways are the lifeblood of many Ballina communities and the NSW Government’s commitment of up to \$600,000 will mean that dredging work will now occur at the boat harbour and the Brunswick River channel,” Mr Page said.

“Hydrosurveys, geotech sampling and environmental assessments are expected to be completed early next year with the dredging to be done between March and July 2015.

“These waterways are so important to communities throughout Ballina and I am extremely pleased to be able to deliver funding for vital work that was long neglected by the former Labor government.”

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