



**The Hon. Andrew Stoner MP**  
**Deputy Premier of NSW**  
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**Minister for Regional Infrastructure and Services**

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**CONTRACT AWARDED FOR COFFS HARBOUR EASTERN  
BREAKWATER**

Deputy Premier and Minister for Regional Infrastructure & Services Andrew Stoner today announced that a contract has been awarded for major repairs to the Coffs Harbour Eastern Breakwater.

Mr Stoner said it followed a tender process to attract businesses willing and able to supply and work on the project, with a total budget of around \$19 million.

“The contract was awarded to the JDS Group, an Australian construction and engineering company that helps support jobs in NSW,” Mr Stoner said.

“It is a big job, which involves widening the breakwater crest, so heavy machinery can gain access and place 2,000 concrete armour units, or hanbars, along the ocean side of the breakwater, and around the head and other zones exposed to the attack of ocean storm waves.

“The engineering process was subject to rigorous scrutiny through a value management study and the design was thoroughly tested with three dimensional modelling.

“The works have been designed for a 50 year service life and allow for sea level rise.

“The project is part of the \$51 million upgrade of regional ports and river entrances that the NSW Government commenced in 2011/12 and will continue for the next two years.

“This investment demonstrates the NSW Government’s commitment to regional infrastructure and communities.”

Member for Coffs Harbour Andrew Fraser said public access to the breakwater would be restricted during the construction period, but upon completion, the area would have a new look and would be much safer.

“It will be landscaped and include interpretive displays presenting the Aboriginal and European heritage aspects of the site,” Mr Fraser said.

“The armour units weigh between 16 and 28 tonnes and they will be topped off with a reinforced concrete crest along the top of the wall.

“The wide paved crest will provide improved access for fishermen and sightseers but the view may be filtered by the hanbars at some locations on the breakwall that are most vulnerable to storm wave attack and overtopping.

“The breakwater supports our local economy by protecting the outer harbour facilities and beach and foreshore areas, and the marinas, commercial fishing and Government services on the Coffs coast from ocean storms.

“The contract period is 78 weeks but the works may be completed sooner if weather conditions are favourable.”

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