



# Kevin Humphries MP

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### **DREDGED COFFS OUTER HARBOUR IMPROVES BOAT ACCESS**

Minister for Natural Resources, Lands and Water Kevin Humphries and Member for Coffs Harbour Andrew Fraser today announced major dredging of the Coffs Harbour outer harbour has finished, with 30,000 cubic metres of sand transferred to Park Beach.

“The sand nourishment of Park Beach and dune re-profiling has also been completed,” Mr Humphries said.

“Fencing and vegetation is being arranged to reduce the impacts of sand drift from Park Beach to adjoining foreshore land.

“The dredging cost \$410,000 and was funded by the NSW Government under our commitment to maintaining safe boating access into NSW ports.”

Member for Coffs Harbour Andrew Fraser said the dredging at the entrance to the boat harbour demonstrated the NSW Government’s commitment to sustainable dredging on the north coast.

“In the recent State budget the NSW Government provided \$10 million for north coast dredging projects over the next four years, highlighting the importance of this work,” Mr Fraser said.

“The outer harbour dredging has improved boating access to the inner harbour and marina and replenished the sand at Park Beach that was adversely affected by erosion.”

During the visit to Coffs Harbour as part of the NSW Nationals week-long Parliamentary Bus Tour of northern NSW communities, Mr Humphries and Mr Fraser also announced work on upgrading the southeast and southwest breakwaters at Coffs Harbour will commence on July 28.

“The work involves placing additional rock to fill voids created by environmental wear and tear and to widen the breakwaters and place material on the crests to improve pedestrian access,” Mr Humphries said.

“The job is expected to take up to six weeks to complete at a cost of around \$350,000 funded by the NSW Government.”

Mr Fraser welcomed the news saying the pathway along the breakwater was enjoyed by locals and tourists.

“The project objective is twofold - to enhance public safety by strengthening the breakwalls and to improve access for harbour users and visitors,” Mr Fraser said.

“Maintaining the breakwater is very important to Coffs Harbour and the local community.”

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