

Remediation of Coffs Harbour Slipway

September 2015

The Coffs Harbour Slipway has continuously operated as a private business for more than 40 years on land leased from NSW Department of Primary Industries – Lands.

The lease expired on 31 July 2014 and vacant possession was provided on 1 September 2014.

Recent site assessments by the NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA) and DPI-Lands have identified that the slipway hardstand and sediments in the adjoining wet area are contaminated with a range of substances generated by past boat repair and maintenance activities.

Before DPI-Lands can enter into a new tenure arrangement for this site it must be cleaned up and remediated.

Site Assessment

The site assessment included extensive testing of both the marine and terrestrial environments.

Results of the tests have been used to develop a Remediation Action Plan.

The goals and objectives of the Remediation Action Plan are to identify procedures necessary to minimise risk to the environment and human health.

EPA has endorsed the findings of the Remediation Action Plan and will continue to offer assistance to DPI-Lands throughout the remediation process to ensure works are completed in a satisfactory manner.

A specialist engineering and environment consultant will be engaged by DPI-Lands to develop the detailed scope of work that includes the technical specifications for remediation.



Coffs Harbour small slipway in use

Interim slipway arrangements

To ensure that vessels that regularly use the slipway are inconvenienced as little as possible, DPI-Lands is working with the Coffs Harbour Fishermen's Co-operative to provide interim services.

Essential maintenance and navigation survey for smaller vessels (less than 8 tonne) will continue to be able to use the slipway.

Larger vessels will need to travel to other boat maintenance facilities such as Yamba.

Other options include craning vessels out of the waterway under licence and then to an offsite location for repairs and maintenance.



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Remediation works

The derelict slipway building has recently been removed to clear the way for the remediation works.

The next steps include obtaining planning approval and seeking tenders for the works.

Subject to obtaining planning approval, remediation of the site is expected to commence in late 2015 or early 2016 and will take up to five months to complete.

The remediation project is part of the NSW Government's Coastal Infrastructure Program that supports local economies and benefits commercial fishing fleets and leisure boating along our coastline through repairs to maritime assets on Crown land such as breakwaters, training walls, mooring and berthing facilities.

Future boat maintenance facility

A Request for Proposals will be sought for the redevelopment of the site as a boat retrieval and maintenance facility, with calls for proposal to begin this month (September 2015).



Coffs Harbour Marina

More information

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