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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **\$1.8 MILLION FOR DREDGING AT LOWER TWEED AND TERRANORA INLET**

Minister for Lands and Forestry Paul Toole today announced over \$1.8 million to dredge navigation channels at the lower Tweed River and the Terranora Inlet at Tweed Heads.

Mr Toole said the NSW Government committed the funding as part of its Coastal Dredging Strategy and the Dredging Priority Waterways on the North Coast program.

“This is a significant investment for the region and will ensure the channel remains safe and accessible for the many recreational and commercial vessels that travel through the area,” Mr Toole said.

“Dredging coastal river entrances provides a direct benefit for boating safety and the economy through maintaining access to waterways for both commercial and recreational boaters.”

Member for Tweed Geoff Provest has welcomed the funding.

“The lower Tweed River and Terranora Inlet are important waterways to the region and this work will help maintain safe navigational channels for both locals and visitors to the area,” Mr Provest said.

“Work is expected to commence this month and finish around mid-October, in time for the summer boating season.”

Around 25,000 cubic metres of sand will be dredged from the lower Tweed River and an additional 58,000 cubic metres from the Terranora Inlet.

Dredged sand will be dewatered and used to nourish Kingscliff Beach, with this work being done in partnership with the Tweed Shire Council which is completing other beach protection works.

Announced in 2015, the Dredging of Priority Waterways on the North Coast is delivering around \$10 million worth of dredging on the north coast over four years.

Other projects are currently underway or completed in the Tweed, Brunswick, Richmond and Evans River entrances, with planning in place for dredging at other river entrances.