

Mandorah new marine facilities

Project update April 2022

- The Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics remains on target to deliver new marine facilities for residents and visitors to Mandorah, Wagait Beach and Belyuen.
- The masterplan for Mandorah's new marine facilities was released in November 2020 following several years of significant stakeholder and community consultation.
- The master plan is being delivered in stages. A design and construct tender to deliver the new facilities is currently at market and closes 27 May 2022.
- The tender close date was extended from the original closing date of 9 March 2022 to 27 May 2022 as there has been considerable interest and questions from prospective tenderers, and a range of innovative solutions are being explored by tenderers. Tenderers sought additional time to ensure they have sufficient time to innovate and put forth their best concept designs and solutions.
- Work is scheduled to start on site before the end of 2022, when detailed design is sufficiently progressed by the Contractor. Up to 50 direct and a number of indirect jobs will be supported.
- The project includes a more weather resistant dual berthing facility that can safely accommodate ferry vessels that operate between Darwin, Mandorah and the Tiwi Islands as well as future expansion.
- The new facilities will be safer for ferry users and will include *Disability Discrimination Act* compliant access for people with disabilities to board and alight from the ferry.
- An existing building near the new marine facilities will be renovated and repurposed to provide a ferry terminal offering shelter from the elements and public toilets.
- The elements of the facility delivered in stage 1 are anticipated to be operational by the end of 2024.

Environment

- A referral for the project works was submitted to the NT Environment Protection Authority (NTEPA) for assessment in February 2022.
- The NTEPA accepted the referral for a standard assessment in accordance with Environment Protection regulations on 23 March 2022.
- The referral is currently available on the NTEPA website for public comment until 22 April 2022 at <https://ntepa.nt.gov.au/consultation/mandorah-marine-facilities>
- An NTEPA decision on the referral is expected in mid-2022.

Development permit process

- A development permit application relating to the Mandorah project has been submitted to the Development Consent Authority (DCA). The application is currently on public exhibition on the Development Applications Online website <https://www.ntlis.nt.gov.au/planning-notices-online/notices#/> until midnight Friday 15 April 2022. Stakeholders and the public may make submissions through this process for the DCA's consideration.
- A DCA decision on the application is expected in mid-2022.

Scope of works

The key elements of the project to be constructed in the current scope include

- A safe harbour formed by two breakwaters – a large northern breakwater and a smaller southern breakwater.
- Capital dredging to create an access channel, turning basin and berthing area for the ferry, and also enable recreational vessels to safely access a new boat ramp.
- A new floating pontoon, gangway, jetty structure and causeway to enable access to the ferry from land. These facilities will include an engineering solution to transport mobility impaired persons to the pontoon. A design for this solution will be finalised in the D&C stage, and will include relevant stakeholder user group consultation to ensure it is fit for purpose.
- The re-purposing of an existing building on the site to function as a ferry terminal.
- New carpark, short connecting road, pedestrian paths, and minor modifications to the existing carpark to improve access.
- A new single-lane boat ramp, connecting to the existing car park. If this element cannot be included in the stage 1 scope within budget, it will be included in a second stage of the project.

Access to the existing Mandorah jetty will be maintained during construction and operation of the new marine facilities to provide recreational fishing access until a purpose built fishing platform is built in the second stage of the project.

The existing jetty will also be utilised to ensure that ferry access is maintained throughout construction of the new facilities.



Cultural Heritage and Traditional Owners

- Registered Aboriginal sacred sites are located south of the project site. An Aboriginal Areas Protection Authority (AAPA) certificate is in place for works associated with the project and identifies two Restricted Work Areas (RWAs) that protect known Aboriginal sacred sites.
- The Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics will work with the Northern Land Council and Traditional Owner groups to provide opportunities for local employment during the construction and to ensure that sites of cultural significance remain protected.

Stakeholder engagement

- Stakeholder engagement has continued across multiple project stages, including project development, concept design, value engineering and design development. Feedback gained through these engagements has influenced the project's scope significantly.
- Most recently, DIPL met with 13 key project stakeholders and representative organisations in the second half of 2021 to provide a project update and an opportunity to listen to feedback. DIPL was not able to meet with Belyuen Council in person due to COVID 19 restrictions, and instead provided maps and written information about the project to be discussed at a Council meeting. DIPL will arrange an in-person briefing for Belyuen Council at the earliest opportunity post D&C contract award.
- DIPL will continue to engage with all key project stakeholders and for probity reasons will offer the next briefing meetings post Design and Construct tender award in 2022.

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Should you have any questions at any stage of the project, please contact the project Communications and Stakeholder Engagement Manager on 08 8936 5668 or email DHIP.DIPL@nt.gov.au