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## Frances Bay Mooring Basin Upgrade works in 2022

Dear Stakeholder,

The Territory Government will deliver a \$20 million upgrade of the Frances Bay Mooring Basin lock.

The upgrade will deliver a new lock, entry gates, and approach walls, doors plus the mechanical and electrical systems upgrades to ensure the longer term sustainability, efficiency and safety of the facility.

A design and construction tender will be released in late 2021 for this project to upgrade key structural and operational elements at the mooring basin.

Construction of the new elements may require up to an 18-month closure of the mooring basin to all vessels from construction start in the 2022 dry season, until completion in late 2023.

DIPL will work with key stakeholders including industry groups and basin users over the next few months to develop strategies for relocation of vessels during the lock closure and maintaining operational continuity for lock users and the affected maritime industries.

DIPL is currently analysing options to deliver and maintain temporary infrastructure during the construction of the new lock facilities. This is likely to include temporary moorings, facilities for safe unloading and management of seafood cargo and options for vessel maintenance.

You will be invited to participate in an initial project briefing to provide information about the current status of the project and to contribute your feedback, and ask questions.

You will also receive regular project updates in coming months about the progress of contingency planning for the basin closure in late 2022, and then about the progress of construction works for the upgrade.

Should you have any questions about the basin upgrade project or if you would like to provide feedback, please call Communications and Stakeholder Engagement Manager Shannon Rice on 8936 5668 or email [dhip.dipl@nt.gov.au](mailto:dhip.dipl@nt.gov.au)