

Frances Bay Mooring Basin lock upgrade

Project update – February 2023

Works

- The Northern Territory Government is upgrading the lock at the Frances Bay Mooring Basin to extend the life of the lock.
- The upgrade includes new lock doors and modernised mechanical and electrical systems.
 - Off-site fabrication of new lock doors and components are underway.
- On-site establishment is planned in the second half of February 2023, including installation of a site office and temporary fencing. No disruption to Frances Bay operations is expected during site establishment.
- Construction works on site will start after site establishment, early March 2023.

Temporary lock closures

- 3-4 temporary lock closures will be required at separate times during the construction period spanning from mid-2023 to the second half of 2024 to enable required work to safely take place.
 - Each of the closures are for a maximum of four weeks.
 - The first lock closure will occur **in the second half of 2023**. A temporary closure previously tentatively scheduled for May 2023 will not occur. The construction schedule is currently being finalised, and lock users will be provided with at least 8 weeks' notice of the confirmed dates for temporary lock closures via email to the Frances Bay Mooring Basin user group, through notices posted on site at Frances Bay and via the project website <https://invest.nt.gov.au/infrastructure-and-key-sectors/infrastructure/frances-bay>

Temporary barge facilities

- During closure of the lock, temporary facilities to assist with handling of cargo will be provided at Fishermen's Wharf, including two barges with a mobile crane.
 - Transfer from the barges to Fisherman's Wharf will be subject to a packaging load limit of 2.5 tonnes (loading and unloading).
- Construction work is anticipated to be complete by the end of 2024.
- Should you have any construction related queries, please call 08 8936 5668 or email DHIP.DIPL@nt.gov.au