

Tuncurry Boat Maintenance Facility

Have Your Say

October 2025



Artist's impression of proposed Tuncurry Boat Maintenance Facility

Transport for NSW is committed to deliver improvements to maritime infrastructure and facilities to help the boating and wider community safely access use and navigate our inland and coastal waters.

Boat maintenance facilities are vital maritime infrastructure because they keep boats safe, support local jobs and tourism and protect our waterways.

In this update

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Transport for NSW acknowledges the Worimi people as the Traditional Custodians of the lands on which we work and pays respect to Elders past and present.



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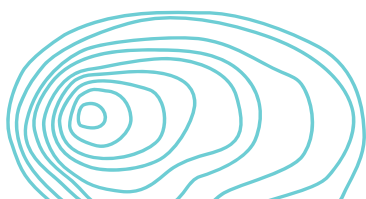
Transport for NSW has prepared a Review of Environmental Factors (REF) that will give us environmental approval to construct the proposed Tuncurry Boat Maintenance Facility.

Your feedback will inform the project

We have been working with the local council and other agencies during the development of the REF, and we would now like your feedback on the proposed Tuncurry Boat Maintenance Facility. Feedback closes **Monday 24 November 2025**.

The REF describes the key features of the Tuncurry Boat Maintenance Facility and assesses the potential environmental and social impacts during construction and operation.

Your feedback will help finalise our plans and the REF. We will then review all feedback and share a Submissions Report with the results.



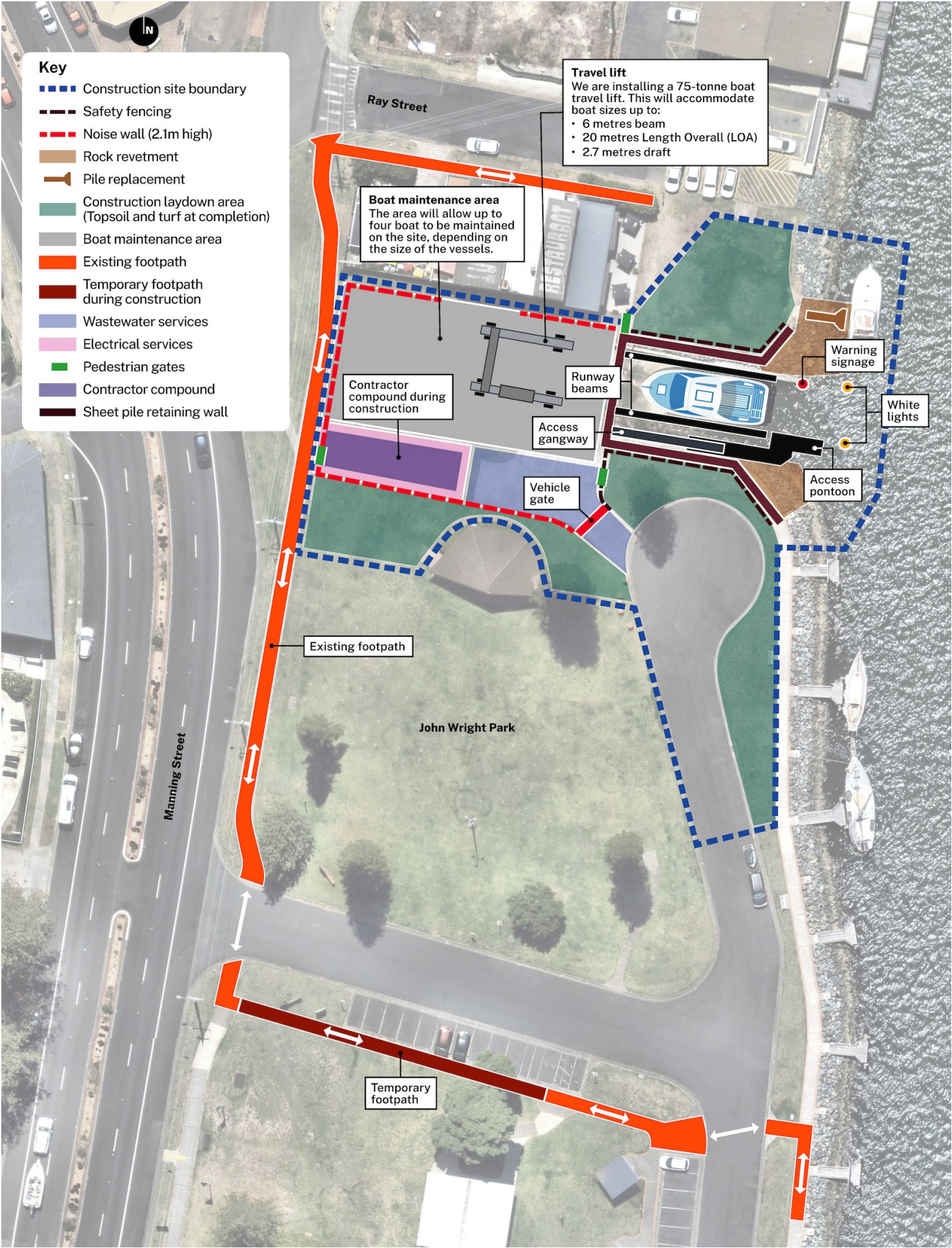
The proposal

The Tuncurry Slipway was closed in 2023 due to structural safety issues and environmental concerns. The facility had deteriorated over time and no longer met modern environmental standards. Key features of this proposal are:

- Removing the old slipway infrastructure
- Installing a 75-tonne boat travel lift. This will accommodate boat sizes up to:
 - 6 metres beam
 - 20 metres Length Overall (LOA)
 - 2.7 metres draft
- Allowing up to four vessels to be maintained on the site depending on vessel sizes.
- Constructing of overwater lift platforms
- Installing service pontoons and access gangways
- Constructing a level bunded hardstand area with new pavement surface and drainage.
- Installing a commercial wastewater treatment system.
- Removing contaminated materials as part of remediation work.
- Installing a new 2.4 metre high solid fence or noise wall to provide screen for visual noise and water spray purposes

It is expected that construction will take about 14 months to complete.

The Tuncurry Boat Maintenance Facility Proposal



This map includes the proposed design for the Boat Maintenance Facility and construction areas that will be needed to build the project.



Aerial image of the slipway site where the new Tuncurry Boat Maintenance Facility will go.

Frequently Asked Questions – on the REF

Why are you installing noise walls and fencing?

There are a few important reasons why a tall noise wall-style fence is being proposed:

- **Improving safety for workers and the community:** As this is an active boat maintenance facility, pedestrian access needs to be restricted to ensure the safety of both workers and members of the public.
- **Reducing potential environmental impacts:** The fencing helps contain maintenance-related noise, spray and debris within the site, preventing it from affecting surrounding areas and waterways.

Why are you expecting to remediate contaminated soils?

This site has a long history of boat maintenance, and it's common for older slipway areas to have some soil or sand contamination from historic activities. A Remediation Action Plan (RAP) has been developed to ensure the work is carried out safely and with minimal impact.

How are you honouring the maritime history of the site?

The Tuncurry slipway has been part of the community since 1875, beginning as a sawmill and shipyard that helped shape the town's early settlement. For nearly 150 years, it supported local boating and maritime activity.

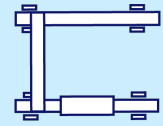
This project celebrates that legacy by continuing to use the site for the maritime industry and upgrading the boat maintenance facility to meet modern safety and environmental standards. We'll also develop a Heritage Interpretation Plan to retain and share the site's heritage value with the community.

What are your work hours?

The work hours during construction will be **7am to 6pm Monday to Friday** and **8am to 1pm on Saturdays**. We do not work Sundays or on public holidays. Work outside of these hours would only occur to allow for tidal conditions and with relevant approvals. We will notify you before any work outside the standard hours occurs.



For more information the Review of Environmental Factors (REF) document is available online at www.transport.nsw.gov.au/TuncurryREF



Travel lift

A **travel lift** is a modern piece of plant that safely lifts boats in and out of the water using strong slings attached to a motorised steerable lifting frame. It's a big improvement over traditional slipways, which rely on extracting boats on a large cradle on steel rails fixed to a partially submerged ramp. Here's why travel lifts are better:

Safer for boats and people

Lifts boats gently through a controlled movement, reducing potential damage and improving safety.

Environmentally friendly

Helps prevent pollution entering the waterway and keeps maintenance works contained for treatment.

Handles more boats

Works with different sizes and shapes, making it more versatile.

Supports modern boating

Upgrading to a travel lift supports modern boating needs and helps keep the facility running smoothly for years to come.

Have Your Say



Scan the QR code to provide your feedback on our REF and project proposal.

Next steps



Develop Review of Environmental Factors (REF) assessment

October 2021– October 2025

WE ARE HERE

Have Your Say -Seek community feedback on proposal and REF

3 November – 24 November 2025



Obtain environmental approval and publish the REF Submissions Report

Early 2026



Seek and Award Tenders

Early 2026 – Mid 2026



Start Construction

Mid 2026 – 14 months' work



Finish Construction

Mid 2027

View the REF

The REF will be on display at the following locations from **Monday 3 November 2025** until **Monday 24 November 2025**:

- **Forster Library**, 4 Lake Street, Forster.
- **MidCoast Council**, Yalawanyi Ganya, 2 Biripi Way, Taree.

You can also view and download the full REF from our project website or Have You Say website.

Information Sessions

We will be available for you to drop by to chat with the project team at **Forster Civic Centre**, Wallamba Room, 4 Lake Street, Forster.

- **Wednesday 12 November 3 pm to 6 pm**
- **Thursday 13 November, 11 am to 2 pm**

How to give your feedback

The feedback closes **Monday 24 November 2025**.

You can provide your feedback in the following ways:

- Online – Have your Say website
- Email
- Phone
- Mail

Details in the contact us below.



Contact us



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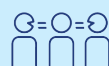
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