WORK TO START ON COCKATOO ISLAND WHARF UPGRADE

Member for Drummoyne, John Sidoti today advised that work to upgrade the existing Cockatoo Island Wharf will start on 10 May as part of the NSW Government’s Transport Access Program.

“The Transport Access Program is an initiative to deliver safe, modern and accessible public transport infrastructure across the state with the upgrade of Cockatoo Island Wharf expected to take around five months to complete, weather and maritime conditions permitting,” Mr Sidoti said.

“During construction ferry services will operate from the Camber Wharf on the southern side of the Island.

“When completed, the upgrade will make getting on and off ferries easier, especially for our less mobile customers. The upgrade will also provide customers with better protection from the elements and improved seating areas.

“The existing wharf will be demolished, with a new pontoon and gangway created to connect to the existing jetty.

“The new pontoon will allow two ferries to berth simultaneously while also providing additional space for other vessels to berth on the southern side.”

A Review of Environmental Factors (REF) document, which outlined the proposed changes their potential impact on the local area, was available for public feedback earlier this year.

Eleven submissions were received during this time and the submissions report can be viewed at www.rms.nsw.gov.au/cockatoo-island-wharf.

Construction will not affect the timetable for ferry services to other wharves, however customers are advised to plan their trip using the trip planner at transport.info or call Transport Info on 131 500.