Cockatoo Island Wharf upgrade

The NSW Government is upgrading Cockatoo Island Wharf as part of the Transport Access Program. Timing for the start of work will be advised when the planning process is complete.

The upgrade is part of the major progressive upgrade of ferry wharves across Sydney Harbour which aims to improve Sydney’s ferry services for customers, and deliver accessible, safe, comfortable public transport infrastructure with capacity for extra ferry services. New and upgraded wharves and interchanges are being delivered as part of the NSW Government’s Transport Access Program.

This program has most recently delivered upgraded facilities at Cremorne Point, Mosman Bay, Drummoyne, Balmain East, Sydney Olympic Park, Pyrmont Bay, Meadowbank and McMahons Point.

PLANNING PROCESS AND CONSULTATION

The Sydney Harbour Federation Trust (Harbour Trust) is responsible for planning and management of Cockatoo Island and is the Approval Authority for the majority of works related to the island, including the proposed wharf upgrade.

As part of the planning process Roads and Maritime Services has prepared and submitted the Review of Environmental Factors for the wharf upgrade to the Harbour Trust for assessment and approval.

The Review of Environmental Factors considers and assesses potential environmental factors including the important heritage significance of Cockatoo Island. Customer experience, operational requirements and feedback from key island stakeholders have also been considered in the planning process.

The Review of Environmental Factors will be on display for community feedback between Wednesday 23 November and Wednesday 21 December 2016.
THE NEW COCKATOO ISLAND WHARF

The new wharf would incorporate a new floating pontoon, aluminium gangway and concrete bridge, connecting to the existing Bundy Office structure. The pontoon would have a curved roof, new seating and glass weather screening. The bridge and gangway would be uncovered.

The heritage Bundy Office structure would remain in place with minor maintenance works carried out during the upgrade of the wharf.

The new wharf would provide:

- Protection from the wind, rain and sun
- Improved seating and waiting areas
- Improved safety for customers
- Quicker and more efficient ferry boarding and disembarking
- Improved access for mobility impaired customers and customers with prams
- Effective wayfinding signage and lighting.

Cockatoo Island Wharf would be closed during the upgrade. During the temporary closure, ferry and charter services would operate at Camber Wharf, on the opposite side of Cockatoo Island.

You will be able to plan your trip using the trip planner at transportnsw.info or calling Transport Info on 131 500.

WHAT TO EXPECT DURING THE UPGRADE

The timing for work to upgrade the wharf will be advised when the planning process is complete. Construction would take about four to five months to complete, weather and maritime conditions permitting.

The standard work hours would be 7am to 6pm Monday to Friday and 8am to 1pm Saturday. Early morning or night work would be required for some activities when the water is at its calmest. This will generate noise. We would notify nearby residents and businesses prior to any early morning or night work taking place.

Equipment for the construction of the wharf would include barges, cranes and service boats. New structures including the gangway and pontoon would be prefabricated and transported to the site and installed. A temporary construction compound would be established on land near the wharf.
ALTERNATIVE TRANSPORT DURING CONSTRUCTION
Cockatoo Island Wharf would be closed during the wharf upgrade and during the temporary closure ferry services and charters would operate to Camber Wharf. You will be able to plan your trip using the trip planner at transportnsw.info or calling Transport Info on 131 500.
HAVE YOUR SAY

The Review of Environmental Factors outlines details of the proposed upgrade, its potential impact, and how we would manage this impact. Community members can view the Review of Environmental Factors at the following locations:

- Roads and Maritime Services, 20-44 Ennis Road, Milsons Point
- Sydney Harbour Federation Trust, Building 28, Best Avenue (off Suakin Drive), Mosman
- Cockatoo Island Visitor Centre, Building 164, Cockatoo Island, Sydney Harbour
- Hunter’s Hill Council and Gladesville Library
- Lane Cove Council Civic Centre and Lane Cove and Greenwich Libraries
- Inner West Municipal Council and Balmain Library
- Canada Bay Civic Centre (Drummoyne) and Five Dock Library

Submissions are invited until 5:00pm AEST, Wednesday 21 December 2016 and should be sent to:

**Proposed Upgrade – Cockatoo Island Wharf**
Sydney Harbour Federation Trust
PO Box 607
Mosman NSW 2088
Email: consulttrust@harbourtrust.gov.au

NEXT STEPS

Construction is expected to start in the first half of next year following careful consideration of all feedback received and approval of the final plans by the Harbour Trust. Work to upgrade the wharf would take about four to five months to complete, weather and maritime conditions permitting.