



New South Wales Government

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LAST CALL FOR COFFS HARBOUR DREDGING WORKS TENDERS

Minister for Lands, Tony Kelly, today said there were only a few days left to tender for \$500,000 worth of dredging works at Coffs Harbour.

Mr Kelly said the tenders close Friday 26 June, and the work is expected to take around eight weeks to complete.

“The NSW Government is organising the works under the minor ports program to improve safety and navigability of the approaches to the inner harbour,” Mr Kelly said

“Preliminary survey and site investigation work is already underway with dredging works expected to commence in July.

“Over the last two or three years, moving sand has caused problems at the entrance to the inner harbour.

“The situation was made worse during the recent storms.

“Some 25,000 cubic metres will be removed to restore depths in the outer navigation channel.”

Mr Kelly said the sand removed would be pumped to North Park Beach to restore the beach profile that was further eroded during recent storms.

“The Rees’ Government is committed to improving social, economic and environmental outcomes for coastal waterways, including improved navigation of significant river and port entrances along the NSW coast.

“Safe navigation of river and port entrances is absolutely essential for the regional economy and the government is working with local authorities to address these issues,” Mr Kelly said.

Tender documents are available on the e-tender website at www.tenders.nsw.gov.au or by contacting Mr Ron Main on 4920 5054.

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