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FUNDING FOR EDEN PORT JETTY REPAIRS

Minister for Lands, Tony Kelly, today visited Eden to inspect the fisherman's mooring jetty at the Port of Eden which received \$500,000 for repairs in the 2009/2010 budget.

Mr Kelly said that this money was part of the Rees Government's investment in statewide infrastructure announced in the recent budget.

"The project will involve the treatment of the jetty with a corrosion protection system to assist protect the facility in the aggressive marine environment," Mr Kelly said.

"As part of a \$1.5 million ongoing rehabilitation project for the jetty, \$400,000 has been allocated for works that are part of

"The other \$100,000 in funding has been allocated to repairs to fender chains on the mooring jetty that will benefit both commercial and recreational users."

"The replacement of the fender keeper chains will ensure structural integrity of the timber fender piles that protect the jetty from vessels.

Mr Kelly said tenders for the fender chain works are expected to be called in June and the work is scheduled to start this August, weather permitting.

"These works follow on from preliminary repairs carried out last year that were funded through the Lands' minor ports program," Mr Kelly said.

"These works will only benefit the local economy by allowing commercial vessels to continue using the jetty."

Mr Kelly said that Eden has one of 25 fishing ports along the coast under the management of the Department of Lands.

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