



New South Wales Government

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EX-HMAS ADELAIDE TO SINK OFF CENTRAL COAST

Minister for Lands, Tony Kelly, announced that a \$5 million contract has been awarded to prepare ex-HMAS Adelaide as an artificial reef and dive site off Terrigal on the Central Coast.

“I am delighted to announce that McMahon Services Australia Pty Ltd has been awarded the major contract for the preparation and scuttling of the ex-HMAS Adelaide.

“Work will include stripping and cleaning of the ship in accordance with strict environmental standards and preparing the ship as a dive wreck before its scuttling off Terrigal.

“It is expected that the work will take around nine months to complete with the ship scheduled to be sunk around April next year, depending on weather conditions.

“The vessel will be scuttled in one piece with controlled explosive devices and it is intended to come to rest on the ocean floor in an upright position.

Mr Kelly said that the Lands Department will continue to manage the delivery of the project and its ongoing operations.

“Considerable progress has already been made on the project with a final resting place for the ship selected, environmental assessments underway, a plan of management well underway and the gazettal of the HMAS Adelaide Crown reserve.

“Once scuttled, the final resting place for the ship will be named the HMAS Adelaide Crown reserve that includes Crown land below the high water mark to the three nautical mile limit of state waters in an area between Terrigal and Avoca off the Central Coast.

“This project is the first of its kind in New South Wales and will put the Central Coast on the map as a tourist destination with only a handful of other dive sites in Australia.

“This site will be a national and international attraction for divers.

“The Rees’ Government is committed to encouraging more people to experience the great diversity of activities available through our Crown reserve system,” Mr Kelly said.

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