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ULLADULLA HARBOUR INVESTIGATIONS UNDERWAY

Minister for Lands, Tony Kelly, today advised that an excavator will be on site at Ulladulla Harbour this week to continue investigations into necessary repair works to the tuna wharf.

“The inspection using the excavator will be assessed in conjunction with previous testing to confirm the extent and cause of the current problem and determine required repair works.

“Meanwhile as part of further investigations, the excavator will undertake some trial excavation works to help assess the feasibility of potential sites for a floating pontoon.

“These investigations are part of the broader development of a long term plan for the harbour.

“Lands has been working closely with council, other Government agencies and local stakeholders to explore options for the harbour and will continue to do so.

“Over the last five years, the NSW Government has invested some \$1 million into the maintenance of Ulladulla Harbour.

“We remain committed to carrying out our maintenance and management responsibilities for Ulladulla Harbour.

“The Department of Lands remains open to initiatives from the private sector to explore acceptable improvements within the harbour”, Mr Kelly said.

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