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MAINTAINING OUR WORKING PORTS

Technical consultants, GHD, have commenced a five year contract to undertake a Marine Structures Inspection Programme across Sydney Harbour and Port Botany.

Ports and Waterways Minister, Paul McLeay said the ongoing assessment of marine structures was vital to ensuring the ongoing smooth operations of the busy ports.

“Ports are our economic gateway to the world. The role they play in our state’s prosperity cannot be overestimated,” Mr McLeay said.

“Approximately \$140 million in goods pass through our ports each and every day here in Sydney. Maintaining and growing our ports is the key to helping us build a strong future for the families and workers of NSW.

“That is why it’s essential to conduct detailed visual inspections and testing of the marine assets, to assess the condition and structural integrity of the port facilities, wharves, jetties, mooring and berthing platforms.

The work will be undertaken in locations across Sydney Harbour and Port Botany:

- White Bay
- Glebe Island
- Moores Wharf
- Overseas Passenger Terminal, Circular Quay
- Brotherson Dock, Port Botany
- Bulk Liquids Berth, Port Botany

Mr McLeay said the programme includes visual inspections and impact testing to identify degradation, structural damage, corrosion, and under-water conditions such as scouring of the seabed.

“The work is essential to the \$50 billion in domestic and international trade annually handled through Port Botany and Sydney Harbour.

“It will also help us continue to ensure the safe passage of 250,000 cruise passengers that visit Sydney Harbour each year,” Mr McLeay said.

“The NSW Government continually ensure our ports are maintained to the highest standard, for the safety and benefit of the public, tenants, passengers and customers.”

This programme is in addition to the existing regular maintenance inspections undertaken by the Sydney Ports Asset and Maintenance Team.

GHD were selected as the successful tenderer following a competitive Expressions of Interest and Tender process.

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