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BUDGET'S \$450,000 FOR DREDGING CLYDE RIVER ENTRANCE

Deputy Premier Andrew Stoner said \$450,000 was allocated under the State Budget to dredge the entrance bar of the Clyde River at Batemans Bay.

"The works will commence in late July and significantly improve the safety of crossing the Clyde River Entrance Bar," Mr Stoner said.

"It is estimated that 10,000 cubic metres of sand will be removed.

Initially up to 7,500m³ of the dredged material will be placed on Corrigans Beach with the residual to be held in stockpile until completion of Eurobodalla Shire Council's Coastal Zone Management Plan identifies its best use.

"While the dredging continues over a two-month period there will be limited inconvenience for the local boating community.

"The dredging will be done by Dredging Systems which was awarded the contract after tenders were called earlier this year."

The Member for Bega, Andrew Constance, said he welcomed news that the dredging will finally get underway.

"It is great to see the NSW Government funding this important upgrade to our maritime infrastructure," he said.

"The Government appreciates the cooperation offered by Eurobodalla Shire Council in assisting with management of the dredged materials once they are placed on land."