

## The Hon Andrew Stoner MP Deputy Premier of NSW Minister for Trade and Investment Minister for Regional Infrastructure and Services

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## \$300,000 UPGRADE FOR TUNCURRY MOORINGS

Deputy Premier and Minister for Regional Infrastructure and Services Andrew Stoner said \$300,000 has been allocated under the 2012-13 NSW Budget to fund improvements to the Tuncurry moorings on the NSW Mid North Coast.

Mr Stoner said the \$300,000 in funds has been allocated to upgrade the 14 moorings used by Wallis Lake commercial fishermen.

"The 14 moorings, built in 1982 for the ocean fishing fleet operating out of Wallis Lake, are to have their catwalk decks replaced and brought up to current standards," Mr Stoner said.

"Tenders for the project are currently being assessed and we expect to award a tender in July this year."

Member for Myall Lakes Stephen Bromhead welcomed news that works on the Tuncurry moorings were close to getting under way.

"The moorings are important to the effective operation of the fishing fleet which employs local people and is a key part of our regional economy," Mr Bromhead said.

"They are a worthy asset for the Government to invest in.

"This funding shows the ongoing commitment of the NSW Government to the people of the Forster-Tuncurry region," he said.

Mr Stoner said these works are part of the \$51 million upgrade of coastal ports and river entrances the NSW Government will carry out over four years.

"This project is a part of the NSW Government's commitment to regional infrastructure and recognition of the value it provides to local communities," Mr Stoner said.