



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

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**\$1.9 MILLION FOR  
COFFS HARBOUR WHARVES AND BREAKWATER**

Deputy Premier and Minister for Regional Infrastructure and Services Andrew Stoner said \$1.8 million had been allocated under the 2012-13 NSW Budget to repair the Coffs Harbour Wharves and a further \$150,000 for investigation works on the Northern Breakwater.

“Stage two of the project to repair the wharves is being finalised and call for tenders will go out by September,” Mr Stoner said.

“The wharves are central to the operations of the Coffs Harbour fishing fleet for unloading catch and laying in provisions.”

“They are also used by the marina operator, the Coffs Harbour Fishermen’s Co-op and eco-tourism companies for whale watching and diving.”

Mr Stoner said that as part of the project the wharves, both built in the 1970’s, would have a cathodic protection system installed to arrest any corrosion in the reinforcing steel and prolong their life.

“Vital to tourism and small business in the Coffs Harbour region, the wharves are an important asset worth investing in,” Mr Stoner said.

Member for Coffs Harbour Andrew Fraser said \$150,000 in the Budget would go towards investigating options for upgrading the Coffs Harbour North Breakwater.

“The project aims to confirm the long-term structural integrity of the breakwater and reduce the risk to its users and damage to infrastructure within the Coffs Marina from wave attack,” Mr Fraser said.

“During north easterly ocean swells, waves regularly overtop this popular breakwater.

“Investigation and environmental assessment will commence by early 2013.”

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