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\$3.2M FOR COASTAL INFRASTRUCTURE WORKS IN EDEN AND BERMAGUI

Deputy Premier Andrew Stoner said more than \$3.4 million has been set aside in the State budget for major coastal infrastructure works in Bermagui and Eden.

Mr Stoner said \$1.65 million would go towards upgrading Bermagui's dilapidated moorings with safer, wet-pen pontoon facilities.

He said a further \$1.8 million was allocated for major works on the Eden Mooring Jetty and Eden Wharf.

"Bermagui is an extremely popular centre for recreational fishing hosting regular tournaments of national significance," Mr Stoner said.

"The works will bolster regional tourism by providing a higher standard of mooring facility which will in turn attract higher visitation."

"Eden Mooring Jetty and Eden Wharf are both important port facilities utilised by the commercial fishing industry, small cargo vessels and recreational craft with Snug Cove an important safe haven used mid point in the Sydney to Hobart Yacht Race," he said.

Mr Stoner said the Bermagui project would also involve civil works including, new car parking, lighting, power and water services as well as road access improvements.

"And a further \$20,000 has been allocated to investigate the extent of concrete degradation in the Bermagui Mooring Jetty and to identify the best design for a cathodic protection system," Mr Stoner said.

Tenders are currently being assessed for the civil works with the award of a contract expected in July, and tenders for pontoon systems will be called in late June.

Member for Bega, Andrew Constance said a single contract has been awarded to Savcor for works on the Eden Mooring Jetty and Eden Wharf with works expected to be completed in February 2013.

"Work on the mooring jetty entails the installation of a cathodic protection system, a network of electrical cables that applies a current to the entire structure and inhibits degradation of the concrete within the jetty,' Mr Constance said

“And work on Eden Wharf involves preparation and repainting of the steel caissons that form the seaward edge of the wharf structure.

“Works will be programmed to minimise inconvenience to the commercial fishing industry and to avoid conflict with visiting cruise ships which occasionally use facilities in Snug Cove,” he said.

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