

TOLL BERTHING AND INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT

WEBB DOCK, PORT OF MELBOURNE

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PoM/TOLL Info Sheet - Webb Dock East Berth 1 Berthing Infrastructure Upgrade

Why is the Project required?

Toll ANL Bass Strait Shipping Pty Ltd (TOLL) operates a sea-freight and logistics service between the Port of Burnie in Tasmania and the Port of Melbourne. It currently employs two roll-on roll-off vessels between Webb Dock East Berth 1, Melbourne and No.4 Berth, Burnie. To accommodate increased demand for the service TOLL will replace these ships with two new, larger vessels. Upgrades and improvements to existing infrastructure at Webb Dock East Berth 1, Melbourne and No.4 Berth, Burnie and dredging of the berth pockets will be required to accommodate the larger vessels.

What are the benefits of the Project?

Toll's Bass Strait freight service is a vital link between Tasmania and Victoria, transporting fresh produce and processed goods from Tasmania as well as into Tasmania from all over mainland Australia on a daily basis.

- ◆ The new vessels will allow for 40% more freight capacity.
- ◆ The new vessels and wharf redevelopments will have lower emissions.
- ◆ The project will generate about 120 jobs during construction and additional personnel are expected to be required to handle the increased freight volume.

Project Approvals

The proposed berthing infrastructure upgrade has undergone an environmental review and the final regulatory consent is expected to be granted in the near future. Dredging and the disposal of dredged material will take place under an existing approval held by Port of Melbourne.

What will the Project involve?

Infrastructure upgrades to Webb Dock East Berth 1 will include an upgraded loading ramp installation, modification to the existing ramp substructure, upgrades to the existing mooring system, and upgraded fenders to strengthen the wharf to accommodate the larger vessels. Works will also include dredging at Webb Dock East Berth 1 and the removal and replacement of concrete scour-pad protection. Dredging works will be required to ensure adequate draught for the vessels both at the wharf and the berth approaches for safe vessel manoeuvring.

Dredge spoil will be disposed of at the Port of Melbourne Dredged Material Ground in Port Phillip Bay.

How will the Project affect other port users?

As works from the upgrade project will be confined to the upper section of the Webb Dock and are relatively minor and of only short duration, it is not expected that there will be any significant impacts on other port users. TOLL and Port of Melbourne have been actively engaging with relevant port users to coordinate activities and minimise disruption to normal operations and will continue to inform other port users of daily activities through the standard port communications network.

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How will the Project affect local communities outside of the port precinct?

Studies have been undertaken to inform the project environmental risk assessment and in support of project permit applications. The risk assessment has concluded that the upgrade project is not expected to impact local communities or result in adverse environmental effects. Environmental management procedures have been prepared to guide the construction workforce including undertaking regular monitoring of activities against regulatory standards.

Start date and duration

Construction works have commenced at Webb Dock East Berth 1 and dredging, to be undertaken by Port of Melbourne, will commence in November 2018. The project is expected to be completed by Autumn 2019.

Project progress updates will be regularly posted.

Need more information?

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