



# Yarra River Services Protection Project

## About the project

As part of the Channel Deepening Project in 2008-2009, the Yarra River Services Protection Structures were installed as a safeguard over three trunk services in the Yarra River downstream of the West Gate Bridge.

Port of Melbourne has recently undertaken an assessment and identified that the protection structure will need repairs to ensure its continued ability to protect the trunk services.

Dredging was undertaken to remove silt from the surface of the structure, so that remediation works can be undertaken.

For the duration of the project, our contractor, Polaris Marine, will undertake the dredging works, while the remediation works will be carried out by Professional Diving Services (PDS) in the area south of the West Gate Bridge, as shown in the image below:



Outside of work hours, PDS will utilise Pier 35 for their mooring operation.

## What to expect

To achieve efficiencies, remediation works will be undertaken in segments, with each segment inspected then remediated before moving on to the next.

During the works, an exclusion zone will apply to commercial **vessels greater than 50 metres length overall (LOA)** for set periods.

An exclusion zone will be issued by Safe Transport Victoria. A Notice to Mariners will cover the duration of the works period.

## Timing

- Scheduled start date: 16 September 2024
- Duration: anticipated to take between 6-8 months to complete, subject to weather conditions and actual extent of defects.

Works will require a **6-hour window** during daylight hours, Monday to Saturday with flexible commencement hours between **7:00 and 10:00**.

Should there be no scheduled shipping movements, the works window can extend out to 8 hours to expedite works without additional impacts to shipping.



During these times, access (to the area highlighted in the image on the left) will be restricted as described above.

## FIND OUT MORE

If you would like more information about the project and updates on timing and project progress, please email [David.habib@portofmelbourne.com](mailto:David.habib@portofmelbourne.com).

We are committed to keeping you up to date and aware of impacts throughout the project.