

APRIL 2023

## Frances Bay Mooring Basin Lock Upgrade

### Works

- A local fabricator is constructing the new lock doors and components off-site and fabrication and painting of the sea side cofferdam gate is approximately 80% complete.
- On-site works at the lock are well underway and all foundation piles for the sea side crane pad are complete. Both sea side and basin side crane pads are due for completion in time for a mini-closure of the lock in June so it can be used to install the new sea side and existing basin side cofferdam gates.

### Temporary lock closures

- **Mini-closure** – The first mini-closure of the lock will be for 11 days from **23 June 2023 to 3 July 2023**.
- **Major closures** – The **tentative dates** for 2 major closures are:
  - Major Closure 1 for Sea Side Gate Replacement from **August 2023 to September 2023** (4 weeks)
  - Major Closure 2 for Basin Side Gate Replacement from **October 2023 to November 2023** (4 weeks).
- This will mean that all vessels will not be able to enter or exit the lock on and during these dates. Vessels that wish to remain inside the lock will be permitted to do so for the duration of the closure.
- Lock closure dates have been discussed with stakeholders and the contractor. Lock users will be provided with at least 8 weeks' notice of the confirmed dates for temporary lock closures via email to the Frances Bay Mooring Basin user group, notices posted on site at Frances Bay and via the project website <https://invest.nt.gov.au/infrastructure-and-key-sectors/infrastructure/frances-bay>

### Temporary barge facilities

- During the mini-closure of the lock, temporary facilities (similar to past annual lock maintenance closures) to assist vessels handling cargo will be provided at Fisherman's Wharf, including 2 mooring barges and a mobile crane to load/offload cargo.
  - Transfers from the barges to Fisherman's Wharf will be limited to a maximum aggregate load limit of 2.5 tonnes (loading and unloading).
  - For efficiency, the 2 barges will remain in place ongoing from mid-June to mid-December 2023, however the crane will only be accessible during the lock closures.
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