Community notice

Mandorah Marine Facilities

July 2020

Progress update

In 2019 the Territory Government announced the construction of a new facility to replace the existing jetty at Mandorah as a priority project to be fast-tracked for construction.

In 2019-20, the Department consulted with key stakeholders, community groups and key government agencies to finalise the preferred concept that is supported by the community.

While in general, the majority of the key stakeholders appreciated the concepts addressing their concerns including compliance with the *Disability Discrimination Act 1992*, there were very strong views on incorporating an enhanced land based fishing facility in the form of public access to groyne structures. The adoption of this requirement into the final design meant expansion of project scope with estimates exceeding the available budget.

The design elements of the new Mandorah marine facilities include:

- breakwater structure / rock groyne;
- gangway and floating pontoon to improve access for mobility impaired users and users with prams;
- piles / pylon to support the floating pontoon;
- boat ramp;
- a fishing facility from landside; and
- onshore supporting infrastructure featuring car park and trailer parking.

To finalise a design that meets community expectations, the Department will collaborate with key industry experts to incorporate innovative construction techniques and develop a design that still fits within the budget.

COVID-19 has also put several restrictions on how this industry collaboration will occur to optimise the design. Due to this, the earlier announced project timeframes will not be met. It is expected that the design will continue through 2020-21. The timeframes for the next stages of the project will be determined upon finalisation of design.

The existing Mandorah Jetty and boat ramp will require ongoing works, to maintain current services. The Department will continue with these works to ensure public safety and maintain the existing level of service until new facility is built.

For further information on the project please contact 8924 7118 or transport.planning@nt.gov.au.

