DARWIN SHIP LIFT

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The Northern Territory Government is delivering the ship lift to establish Darwin as a thriving maritime services industry hub.

The ship lift will establish Darwin as a key maritime maintenance centre in Northern Australia and servicing South East Asia, and will capitalise on the Territory's strategic position in the Asia Pacific region.

The Defence industry is a key stakeholder and potential future user of the ship lift facility to support naval operations in Northern Australia.

Below is an update on how the Darwin Harbour Infrastructure Project (DHIP) team is continuing to progress the Darwin Ship Lift project.

Ship Lift activity progress

Activity	Complete Underway	Progress	Target completion
Site investigations activities	Ø	100%	January 2023
Design contract awarded to WGA Consulting Engineers	Ø	100%	March 2023
Site WWII unexploded ordnance (UXO) clearance activities	Ø	100%	May 2023
Completing navigation simulations for the ship lift facility with WGA and Smartship Australia	\oslash	100%	May 2023
Completing 3D hydraulic modelling of the ship lift facility design with WGA and Manly Hydraulics Laboratories	\bigcirc	100%	May 2023
Scoping long lead items for ship lift and self-propelled modular transporter	\oslash	100%	May 2023
International supply/early works market testing and hosted vendor workshops for ship lift and transfer systems	\oslash	100%	June 2023
Gained final Ministerial environmental approvals with the Northern Territory Environment Protection Authority (NT EPA)	\oslash	100%	August 2023
Early works contract tender, planning and release	\bigcirc	100%	Q3 2023
Negotiated and awarded contract for construction	②	100%	September 2023
Gained Australian Government Environmental Approvals for Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act	\bigcirc	100%	October 2023
Development Application submission	②	100%	November 2023
Heritage clearance activities	\bigcirc	95%	Q3 2023
Procuring Principal Arranged Insurances for the works, marine transit and extreme weather	\bigcirc	75%	Q3 2023
Early works including:	\checkmark	10%	Q3 2023 - Q1 2024
Long lead procurement items tender planning, procurement and award: • ship lift system • self-propelled modular transporter	⊘	85% 85%	Q4 2023





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Department of Treasury and Finance consent for negotiated project securities, bonding and foreign exchange elements with the various providers, particularly international supply items	⊘	80%	Q4 2023
Detailed design progress	\bigcirc	75%	Q2 2024
Heritage interpretive signage project	\bigcirc	10%	Q4 2024
Gain Defence Qualification for the facility	\bigcirc	15%	Q1 2025
Discussions with Defence Regional Maintenance Centre team in Darwin	Ø	Ongoing	Q1 2025

Local opportunities for Darwin ship lift project

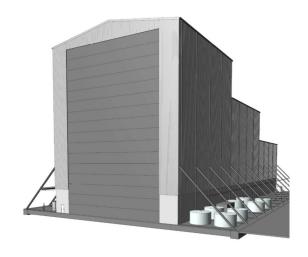
Procurement is under way for construction of the Darwin Ship Lift Facility Project at East Arm.

Local subcontract opportunities for supply and services include dredging, quarried material and steel supply as well as the main electrical package, pre-cast concrete, labour hire, local transport and steel fabrication for buildings on site.

The largest building on site at the ship lift facility will be the Blast and Paint Facility (pictured on the right), which will need to be big enough to accommodate the height of a range of design vessels.

The Blast and Paint shed will be about 96 metres long, 32 metres wide and 40 metres high - equivalent to a 10 storey building based on each storey being four metres high.

The building will be used for blasting, painting and other maintenance activities and will require a ventilation system to meet work, health and safety and Australian Standards.



Tenders have been submitted to supply the ship lift component (pictured) and the self propelled modular transporter, which will be used to transport the vessels around on land once they have been lifted out of the water.

