



A press release from our local member for Terrigal Adam Crouch

## **DREDGING TO COMMENCE AT ETTALONG**

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Ettalong Channel is set to become a hive of activity, as dredging works commence next week to reopen it for the benefit of passenger and recreation vessels.

Member for Terrigal Adam Crouch said a \$660,000 contract had now been signed for the emergency works.

“The NSW Government has committed to substantial emergency dredging of the Ettalong Channel to ensure it is safe and accessible for all waterway users,” Mr Crouch said.

“The project is anticipated to remove around 20,000 cubic metres of sand, which will clear the way for boats and ferry services.

“The method and equipment being used for this work will achieve the best results and should keep the Channel open for longer.

“This will provide the opportunity for the Department of Industry – Lands and Water and Central Coast Council to work together in developing a long-term dredging strategy.

“The dredging will be completed as soon as possible, but is dependent on weather conditions.

“Thank you to the residents and community groups in Hardys Bay, Killcare and surrounding suburbs, as well as the community on the southern side of the Channel, who have made representations to me for assistance in this matter.”

Mr Crouch said the works were being funded through savings made on other projects in the region.

“Savings from projects, such as The Entrance Rock Groyne project, which falls in the same Local Government Area as Ettalong, has meant the Department has been able to redirect funds for the emergency works,” Mr Crouch said.

Central Coast Council has submitted an application for Rescuing our Waterways funding, which is currently being assessed.

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