

Multi-user facility: Glebe Island

Project update June 2020

What is the multi-user facility?

There is an increasing demand in Sydney city for construction materials (including sand to make concrete) to service the NSW Government's infrastructure projects. To assist, Port Authority is building a multi-user facility at Glebe Island that will provide a low-impact and sustainable way to ship the materials – a single vessel can keep up to 1,500 truckloads off the roads.

The multi-user facility will be located adjacent to berths 1 and 2 on the eastern side of Glebe Island.

Once built, the operators of the multi-user facility will:

- facilitate taking the materials (sand and rock aggregates) off ships
- move the materials via conveyor belts to an enclosed storage building
- feed materials from the storage bays to an internal truck loading area, before being distributed to concrete batching plants in Sydney.

Port Authority is currently going through a procurement process to select operators for the facility once it is built. The facility has been designed to allow for multiple operators to use the facility.



Indicative multi-user facility location on Glebe Island, Sydney Harbour.

Why Glebe Island?

Glebe Island, as some of the last remaining deep-water wharves in Sydney Harbour, has played a key role in supporting Sydney's construction supply needs since the early 1990s.

The multi-user facility is consistent with the NSW Government's intent and strategic plans to maintain a working port at Glebe Island.

Planning process

The construction of the multi-user facility was granted having followed the NSW Government planning processes under Part 5 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*. To date, community consultation has occurred through the following:

31 JANUARY – 12 MARCH 2018

Review of Environmental Factors (REF) on public exhibition

A report detailing the environmental factors to be considered for the facility was provided for the community to comment on.



28 OCTOBER 2019

Release of Response to Submissions (RtS) Report

Around 300 submissions were received on the REF, primarily from the community. Port Authority reviewed and responded to the submissions in the RtS Report, which was released to the public. A series of information sessions were held to explain the RtS and its findings.

Noise and the facility's exterior appearance were identified in the consultation process as key concerns for residents. Below outlines how Port Authority is working to mitigate these concerns.

Noise mitigation

Port Authority has developed a draft Port Noise Policy as part of a commitment to managing noise impacts at Glebe Island and White Bay in a sustainable way. Residents are being invited to have their say on the policy until 10 August 2020 at portauthoritynsw.com.au/noisepolicy. Or email your feedback to glebeisland_multiuserfacility@portauthoritynsw.com.

In addition, during construction, noise will be kept to a minimum and out of hours works avoided where possible.

How the facility's exterior will look

Residents are invited to have their say on the facility's exterior finish by joining a consultative committee. To be a part of the committee register by 14 July 2020 at portauthoritynsw.com.au/glebeisland.

The committee will meet either online or face to face (dependent on the Government's COVID-19 restrictions in place at the time) to allow residents to provide feedback and to discuss possible concepts to inform the design.

Status of the multi-user facility

Construction of the facility is scheduled to start in July 2020. Before construction can start, site establishment will take place, including:

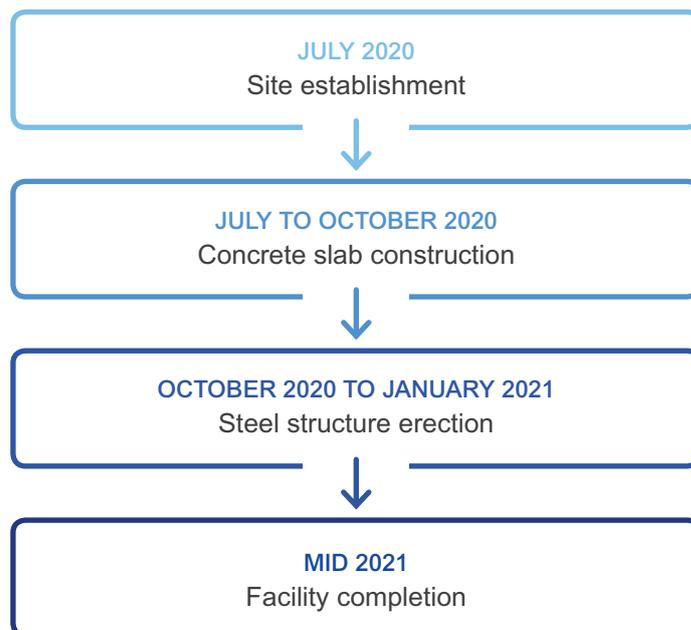
- installing temporary fencing around the worksite
- installing site sheds
- installing safety and project signage
- mapping out site area for facility.

The 15,000m² facility (equivalent to approximately five tennis courts wide and 20m high) will be constructed using structural steel frames, colorbond cladding, a precast concrete perimeter wall and concrete pile footing.

Construction is expected to be completed by mid-2021 and will include:

- preparing the hardstand (ground area and footing)
- pouring concrete pile footing
- installing a precast concrete perimeter wall
- erecting a structural steel frame, cladding and building services
- completing a road to service the facility.

Below is the expected construction timeline:



Construction hours will generally be Monday to Friday 7am to 6pm and Saturday 8am to 1pm. Port Authority will provide advance notification to the community should works be extended to weekends and Public Holidays in line with Ministerial Order *Environmental Planning and Assessment (COVID Development – Construction work days) Order 2020*.



Glebe Island multi-user facility artist's impression

Next steps

Port Authority is committed to keeping residents and members of the Glebe Island and White Bay Community Liaison Group informed of progress throughout the construction of the facility.

A Project Update will be letterbox dropped and available on the website in September 2020.

The Project Update will include details on:

- construction progress
- details of how the structure will be built
- outcomes from the consultative committee
- an update on outcomes from consultation on the Port Noise Policy.

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