

Multi-user facility: Glebe Island

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What is the multi-user facility?

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

Once built, 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.



Multi-user facility perimeter footprint marked up, adjacent to berths 1 and 2 on the eastern side of Glebe Island.

Noise mitigation

On 15 June 2020, Port Authority released the draft Port Noise Policy and invited residents to have their say on it. Submissions closed on 10 August 2020 and around 80 submissions were received.

All submissions are being reviewed and will be responded to in a Response to Submissions report. This report will be published at portauthoritynsw.com.au/noisepolicy. The amended Policy will be finalised and published with implementation scheduled for January 2021.

How the facility's exterior will look

Residents were invited to have their say on the facility's exterior by joining a consultative committee.

The consultative committee met on 4 August 2020 to discuss what they would like to see on the facility's exterior, this included:

- having an attractive, modern building that sits appropriately within its environment
- softening the appearance with greenery, such as including a partial green wall
- representing local history, in particular Aboriginal history
- potentially using timber from old wharves/boats to reflect maritime heritage
- breaking up the exterior by having sections with different designs and/or materials used
- avoiding bright, reflective materials and not using one colour
- using this an opportunity to do something iconic and to inspire the community.

Draft concepts for the facility's exterior appearance that incorporate this feedback are being developed. Once these draft concepts are ready, a second workshop will be held to gain the committee's feedback.

Construction progress – update

Construction of the facility started in August with site establishment occurring prior.



Multi-user facility construction site with perimeter footprint marked up.

The following construction activities have been completed:

- site amenities, including a site office and bathrooms, assembled at the north eastern corner of the site
- underground electrical services isolated
- service pipes for electricity and water installed
- pavement surface stripped around the facility's perimeter
- foundation pile casings (270mm diameter steel tubes) delivered and stockpiled on site
- excavations commenced for new internal road within the facility
- six existing light towers removed, to be replaced once the facility is constructed
- two obsolete electrical sub-stations removed.

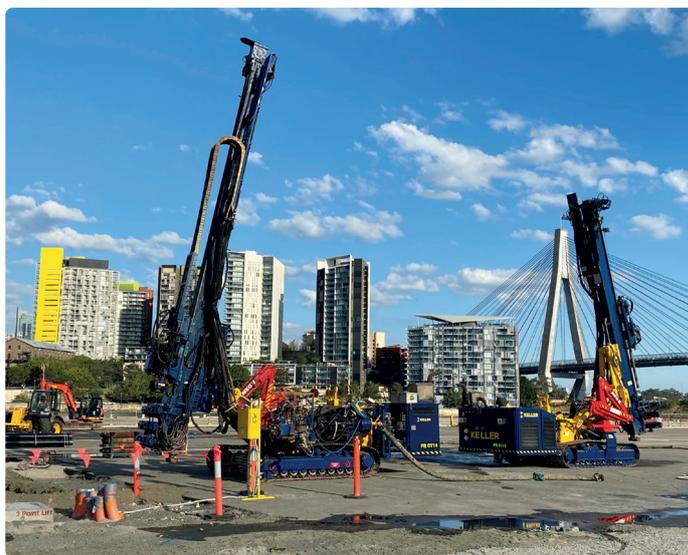


Closer look of the perimeter of the facility's footprint.

Over the next three months the following construction activities will occur:

- installing underground electrical and water services
- drilling holes to a depth of natural rock (up to 26m)
- pouring concrete to form a foundation to support the facility
- installing a 4m precast concrete perimeter wall
- putting up structural steel columns, beams, rafters and roof frame to build the 20m high facility (equivalent to a 5-storey building)
- installing roof cladding (insulation).

Completion of the facility remains on schedule for mid-2021.



Preparing the ground for the pile drilling.

Construction hours

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](#).

Operations update

At the same time as constructing the facility, Port Authority is in negotiations with potential operators of the facility. Protocols developed by Port Authority will ensure operators understand and meet the conditions of approval for the facility.

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.

The next project update will be issued in January 2021 and will include details on:

- construction progress
- an update on the Port Noise Policy
- further outcomes from the visual amenity consultative committee.

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