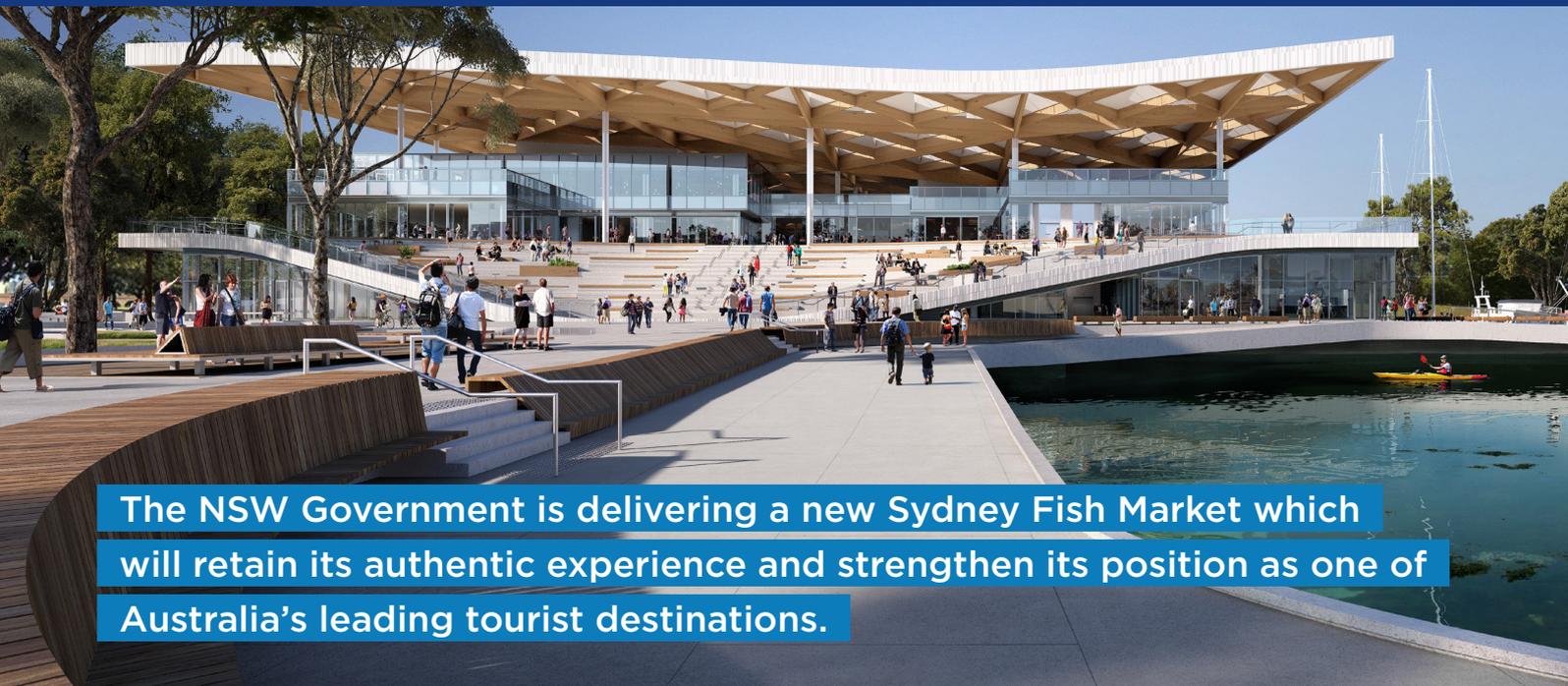


New Sydney Fish Market project update



The NSW Government is delivering a new Sydney Fish Market which will retain its authentic experience and strengthen its position as one of Australia's leading tourist destinations.

^ Artist impression of the new Sydney Fish Market - eastern waterfront

As part of the project, the foreshore will be returned to the public, and more than 6,000 square metres of public space will be opened.

Construction update

Multiplex, the main works contractor has taken possession of the site and has started site establishment and preparation work. Recently completed and current work on site includes:

- A full depth silt curtain has been installed to control sediment disturbance and will be secured to the perimeter of the site.
- Several test piles are being installed on site to verify rock depths and geotechnical conditions ahead of the pile installation works.
- The remaining piles within the site are being extracted ahead of the main building works. These works will continue into October 2021.
- The existing seawall is being replaced with a safe and structurally sound revetment. These works involve demolition of the existing seawall.

Working hours

- Monday to Friday – between 7:00am and 5:30pm.
- Saturday – between 7:30am and 3:30pm.
- Under the NSW Government's COVID-19 Guidelines, work is now allowed on Sundays and public holidays up until Christmas to make up for any time lost from the construction pause, should it be required.
- Any requirement to work on Sundays or Public Holidays will be communicated with the community.



^ Site of the new Sydney Fish Market. Since September 2020, the Hanson wharf deck, Finger wharf deck, Blackwattle Bay wharf deck and Coal Loader structure have been demolished and removed.

Managing impacts

Movement around the site and water activity will begin to increase. The community should expect to see barges, cranes and other equipment on site to carry out works.

Construction works are expected to be noisy. All feasible and reasonable measures will be taken to minimise noise and other impacts during these works, including scheduling pile driving activities to provide respite.

Installation of Seabins

As part of the project's commitment to cleaning up the bay, seabins will be used around the site of the new Sydney Fish Market in Blackwattle Bay. Seabins are essentially garbage bins for the ocean with each unit connected to a water pump capable of drawing water from up to 50 metres away. The bins will filter water and capture debris (including microplastics, plastic fibres, oil and more) in a catch bag. The bins are emptied by a Seabins Environmental technician each day.

In every 12-month period, the two Seabins at the site of the new Sydney Fish Market will:

- collect approximately three tonnes of marine litter, which is equivalent to 75 wheelie bins
- filter approximately 430 million litres of water, capturing oil, fuel, micro plastics and plastic fibre.

Smoking ceremony

A traditional Aboriginal Smoking Ceremony was held prior to the start of works.

Smoking ceremonies are an ancient custom among Aboriginal Australians in which native plants are burnt to produce smoke and acknowledge the ancestors and pay respect to the land, waters and sea of country.



Cleaning up the bay

Multiplex has started removing, disposing and recycling debris located on the seabed. Some of the items to be cleared include wharf structure items, a sunken pontoon, hire bikes, trolleys and fishing nets and other miscellaneous items such as rope, steel wire and steel plates.



^ Above: Some of the debris removed from the seabed

Want to know more about the project?

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