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$500,000 FOR DREDGING WORK TO IMPROVE BOATING SAFETY

The NSW Government has allocated a further half a million dollars towards improving waterway conditions for boating enthusiasts.

Minister for Lands, Tony Kelly, today called on councils to apply for a share of the $500,000 funding package to help pay for dredging projects.

“This is on top of the $1 million I announced as part of the Waterways Program in August 2008,” the Minister said.

“The seven navigation dredging projects funded under that program are underway or have been completed.”

They are:

- Manning River Rowing Course – Greater Taree City Council;
- Myall River (western channel) – Great Lakes Council;
- Pipers Creek, Wallis Lake – Great Lakes Council;
- Summerland Point Boat Harbour – Wyong Shire Council;
- Brisbane Waters entrance – Gosford City Council;
- Port Hacking River, Swallow Rock boat ramp – Sutherland Shire Council; and
- Limeburner’s Creek – Port Macquarie Hastings Council.

Mr Kelly said as was the case with the above projects, funding will be made available to successful councils on a 50-50 basis.

“I urge all councils with recreational boating facilities in their area to consider the benefits of this opportunity,” the Minister said.

“The Waterways Program is delivering real results for the benefit of boating enthusiasts in NSW by ensuring our waterways are fully accessible for everyone to enjoy.

“By working together, we can achieve much more in terms of the health of our lakes and rivers, driving coastal economies and maintaining safer waterways.”