HERITAGE CONSULTANT APPOINTED FOR WOLLONGONG HARBOUR

A specialist heritage consultant has been appointed to complete a Conservation Management Strategy for Wollongong Harbour following its recent listing on the State Heritage Register.

Minister for Lands, Tony Kelly, said after seeking proposals from a range of experienced heritage consultants, Jean Rice of Angel Hayes Pty Ltd has been appointed.

"Ms Rice has had experience in completing similar works for sites including historic convict areas on Norfolk Island, the Mount Kembla Mine site, and convict built structures at Circular Quay and Cockatoo Island," the Minister said.

"I am determined to establish a framework for the practical future maintenance and limited sensitive development of the harbour that is compatible with the heritage listing and protective of the important heritage elements.

"Many of these elements are in need of attention to ensure they are retained for future generations.

"A Conservation Management Strategy will define how we best achieve this."

Member for Wollongong, Noreen Hay, welcomed the announcement.

"Following completion of the Strategy in mid August, it will be submitted to the NSW Heritage Council for approval," Ms Hay said.

Former NSW Government Architect, Chris Johnson, has been retained to oversee the process.