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Boaters buoyed by ramp upgrades

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The Dundee Beach Boat Ramp upgrade is another step closer, with a tender for the planning and design of the project awarded to local company GHD.

Minister for Primary Industry and Fisheries Willem Westra van Holthe said the $4.5 million project is a key Country Liberals Government election commitment.

“We promised boaters of the Northern Territory we would improve all-year access to Dundee Beach and I’m proud to be part of a government that is delivering on this important project,” Minister Westra van Holthe said.

“The upgrade will improve all year-access for recreational boating, allowing boaters to launch their vessels themselves in protected conditions.

“Recreational fishing is a huge part of the unique Territory lifestyle that the Country Liberals Government is working hard to protect.

“As part of the planning and design, GHD will undertake consultation with stakeholders, detailed coastal engineering studies and the development of a preferred design solution.

“It’s important the appropriate amount of time is taken to get this design right. We want the ramp to be operational for decades to come,” Minister Westra van Holthe said.

Planning and design works will be completed in February 2016, with a construction tender expected to go out in March 2016.

Minister Westra van Holthe said works to improve the Shady Camp Boat Ramp are also progressing well.

“The Northern Territory Government has allocated $2 million to deliver a major upgrade to the existing public boat ramp and facilities at Shady Camp on the Mary River,” Minister Westra van Holthe said.

“A tender for the planning and design is currently open and is expected to be awarded in early September, with construction to start mid-2016.”

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