Tenders Called for State of the Art Boat Ramp

Tenders have been called for the new $2.8 million boat ramp at East Arm.

Minister for Primary Industry and Fisheries, Mr Chris Natt, today visited the site of the new East Arm boat ramp and said it will be a welcomed addition to fishing infrastructure in the Top End.

"Recreational fishing is part of our lifestyle in the Top End and this new facility will provide anglers with a fantastic facility to launch into the Darwin Harbour," Mr Natt said.

"This will be a state of the art facility and will incorporate a floating pontoon so that anglers can keep their feet dry when launching and retrieving their boats.

"In addition there will be a facility for disabled access so that everyone can enjoy a great day on the harbour.

"As part of this development industrial land will become available. These lots could be utilised in the future for support for marine based industries such as boating repair or supply facilities."

Land fill for the ramp and the industrial land will be sourced from the Darwin Business Park with over 7,500m² of rock armour protection required to protect the work against waves and tides.

The project is valued over $2.8 million and will include:

- 8m x 68.5m concrete ramp;
- 50m floating pontoon / walkway alongside the ramp for boat and passenger access;
- Additional works adjacent to the site include car parking for 30 boat/trailer combinations and 15 car spaces;
- Lighting for the access road, car park, ramp and pontoon; and
- A toilet block, shade structure and a disabled persons loading/unloading ramp.

In addition to the boat ramp the tender includes the provision of filling and servicing five industrial lots on Hamuara Road with power, water and drainage.

Completion of the facility is anticipated for March 2007, depending on the wet season. Tenders close on 3 October 2007.
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