

BOWEN WHARF

PROJECT



North Queensland Bulk Ports Corporation (NQBPC) is replacing the Bowen Wharf with a modern, purpose-built public jetty that will deliver a valuable new community asset for locals and visitors alike.

The new public jetty, developed after extensive community consultation, will meet modern safety, accessibility and operational standards, providing a long-term facility that supports recreation, tourism and community use.

The \$68 million project is made possible thanks to \$50 million from Queensland Government and \$18 million from NQBPC.

DEVELOPMENT PROGRESS

A concept design for the new jetty was released in June 2024, following extensive community consultation.

Geotechnical investigations were completed in December 2025.

NQBPC is now undertaking environmental studies that are required for planning approvals as well as further refining the design to enable the construction of the facility.

The next step in the design process will be the release of a Reference Design, which translates the Concept Design into a more refined design that aligns with budget and operational requirements. Further work will then be undertaken to develop the Final Design for construction.

At the same time, NQBPC will undertake a competitive tender process for construction, with local procurement to be a key priority.



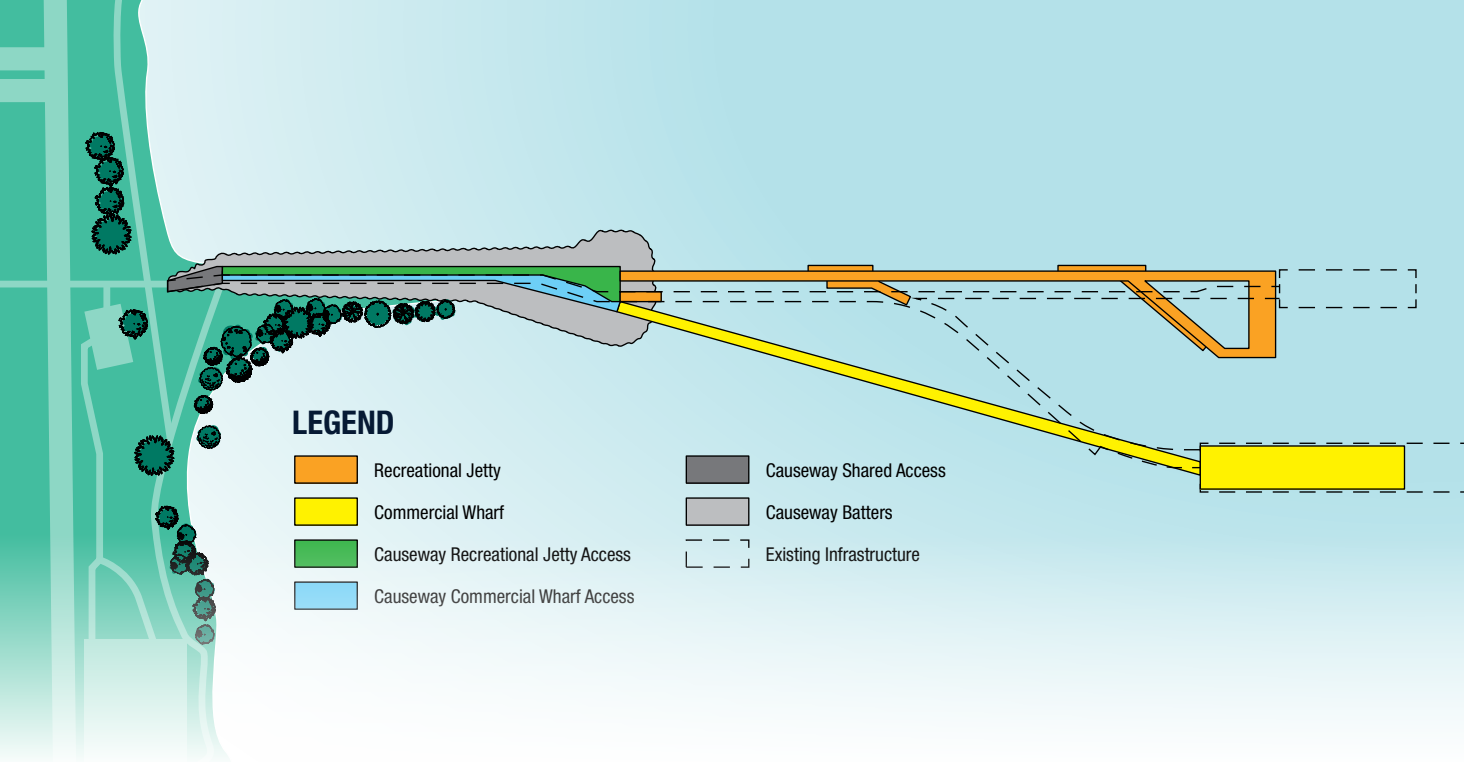
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COMMERCIAL OPERATIONS

Following an extensive options assessment on Abbot Point towage operations, NQBPC plans to replace the commercial arm alongside the new public jetty in Bowen. Like the public jetty, the current infrastructure is reaching the end of its 150-year life.

The decision to focus on developing a business case for towage infrastructure at Bowen was made following a comprehensive review of economic, safety and stakeholder considerations.

This will ensure that towage operations continue to be based in Bowen, maintaining critical marine services that support safe port and maritime activities in the region, and local economic benefits.



NEW PUBLIC JETTY AND COMMERCIAL WHARF

Construction of a commercial wharf for towage may result in additional benefits for the public jetty, such as a wider and higher causeway.

Construction of the new commercial wharf is subject to regulatory and funding approvals. Pending approvals, both Bowen Jetty and Abbot Point towage construction will be progressed in parallel.

The commercial wharf will have its own dedicated budget. No money from the public jetty will be used for this project.



NEXT STEPS

The new Bowen Jetty is moving through these stages:

