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**TENDERS CALLED TO DREDGE CLYDE RIVER ENTRANCE
BAR**

Minister for Primary Industries, Katrina Hodgkinson and Member for Bega, Andrew Constance have announced a tender for dredging the Clyde River Entrance Bar at Batemans Bay.

“The NSW Government is providing funds to dredge and improve navigation conditions for the boating community entering and exiting the Clyde River at Batemans Bay,” Katrina Hodgkinson said.

“Dredged materials will be placed at Corrigans Beach in accordance with agreements reached with Eurobodalla Shire Council and considerations arising from an Environmental Impact Assessment.

“The NSW Government is committed to maintaining and investing in coastal infrastructure and this dredging project is central to ensuring the viability of our regional coastal communities.”

Andrew Constance said the completed works will enhance the useability of the channel for boat owners.

“In recent times the entrance bar has caused difficulties for boaters and dredging will provide safe and reliable access for those navigating the river.

“The bar area is highly dynamic but this dredging project will improve navigation for recreational, commercial and rescue vessels.

“All care will be taken to limit inconvenience to the local boating community during these dredging operations,” Mr Constance said.

Ms Hodgkinson said the proposed works will commence next February and are expected to be completed within a couple of months.

Details of the tender are available at www.tenders.nsw.gov.au and interested parties must submit a tender by 16 December, 2011.