

Berth Infrastructure Project

Start of work at the Overseas Passenger Terminal, Circular Quay

May 2026

Port Authority of NSW is working to protect and future-proof the berth facilities for modern-day cruise ships at the Overseas Passenger Terminal (OPT) in Circular Quay. This work involves removing accumulated seabed material and berth stabilisation work under the water next to the berth, which sits between the harbour and the OPT building.

We expect our work to take place from **Monday 11 May to September 2026**, weather permitting.

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Port Authority is improving the berth at the OPT to ensure efficient, safe and reliable berthing for cruise ships to meet current and future cruise vessel demands.

Our work

The changes will all take place underwater, on the seabed. Our work will involve removing accumulated seabed material around the OPT wharf to deepen the berth area and provide room for the installation of concrete mattresses along the wharf's base to protect the seawall from erosion. Berth stabilisation work will be enhanced by installing a layer of rock bags to protect the berth and the existing wharf structure. Some minor repairs to the existing structure will also be completed during this period.

Our work hours

We will work on the section in front of the OPT wharf and building generally during the day. Our work hours will be between **6am and 6pm Monday to Sundays**. We may need to carry out some work outside of these hours to avoid impacts to marine traffic in Circular Quay. We will write to you if we need to do this.

A period of **non-stop work for 24-hours a day across an expected five days** from **Monday 11 May to Friday 15 May** will be required to ensure the removal of the accumulated seabed material portion of the work is carried out most efficiently. We will work to minimise our noise impacts while we carry out this work.

Our work will take place mostly in the water, requiring minimal pedestrian and vehicle detours. You may see some machines and workers landside around the OPT building to help us facilitate this work.

Managing our impacts

Port Authority is committed to minimising disruption to the local community.

- Most work will stay within normal noise limits so nearby homes shouldn't experience unusual disruption.
- Equipment will be switched off when not in operation to minimise noise.
- Mammal observers will be used to avoid impact to local marine life.
- Silt curtains will be used to contain any seabed disruption during the works.

Escalator and lift upgrades in the OPT

From June 2026 until early 2027, we will also be carrying out upgrades to the lifts and escalators within the OPT. We will write to you with more details closer to when we start this work.

We thank you for your patience and understanding as we undertake these important works Circular Quay.
If you have any questions or concerns, please contact 02 9296 4962 or email enquiries@portauthoritynsw.com.au.

Work area at the Overseas Passenger Terminal



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