

DARWIN SHIP LIFT FACILITY

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The Northern Territory Government is delivering the Darwin Ship Lift Facility to establish Darwin as a thriving maritime services industry hub.

The ship lift facility will establish Darwin as a key maritime maintenance centre in northern Australia servicing South East Asia, and capitalising on the Territory's strategic position in the Asia Pacific region.

The Defence industry is a key stakeholder and potential future user of the ship lift facility to support naval operations in northern Australia.

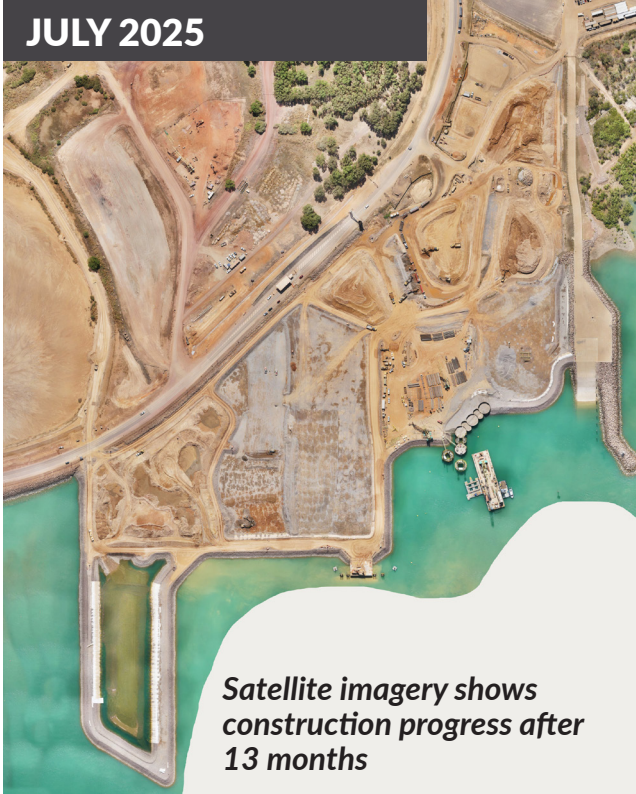
Below is an update on how the Darwin Harbour Infrastructure Project (DHIP) team is continuing to progress the Darwin Ship Lift Facility project.

Ship Lift Activity Progress

Activity	 Complete  Underway	Progress	Target completion
Backhoe dredging with BHD Nulla Nulla completed		100%	February 2025
Design self-propelled modular transporter (SPMT) systems completed		100%	March 2025
Construction of temporary access bunds progress		100%	March 2025
Delivery of sheet piles complete		100%	March 2025
Landside building construction starts (Administration Building)		100%	July 2025
Quarry material stockpiling underway from May 2024		Ongoing	Ongoing
Land reclamation to build the ship hardstand area and earthworks to level the site to design levels underway from May 2024		Ongoing	Ongoing
Environmental monitoring water sampling underway from August 2024		Ongoing	Ongoing
Procurement for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> reinforcing steel and concrete supply precast stormwater drainage and other precast elements structural steel supply electrical services supply 		99% 95% 85% 40%	Q4 2025
Detailed design for Ship Lift Platform		95%	Q3 2025
Blast and paint facility construction to start		0%	Q4 2025
Backhoe dredging with BHD Woomera progress		99%	Q3 2025
Land reclamation progress		40%	Q4 2025
Caisson construction to form the seawalls progress		13%	Q2 2026
SPMT system engineering, procurement and construction		60%	Q3 2026
Heritage interpretive signage project progress		15%	2026
Gain Defence Qualification for the facility		15%	2026
Ship Lift Facility operational in stages		10%	2026 - 2027



Darwin Ship Lift Facility progress over 13 months



FAST FACTS

- **6 caissons** have been constructed to form the seawalls
- Approx **40%** of land reclamation complete
- **99%** of backhoe dredging complete
- Approx **61.4%** local Territorians employed

