



Tantabiddi Proposed Boating Facility

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Artist impression

The Department of Transport and Major Infrastructure (DTMI) is leading a project to relocate the boating facility at Tantabiddi to provide a safer access point to the unique tourism and recreational experiences at the World Heritage Listed Ningaloo Reef.

The new facility will be a significant regional coastal asset and modern tourism hub that will enrich the experience of visitors as well as meet current and future demand from the recreational and commercial boating sectors.

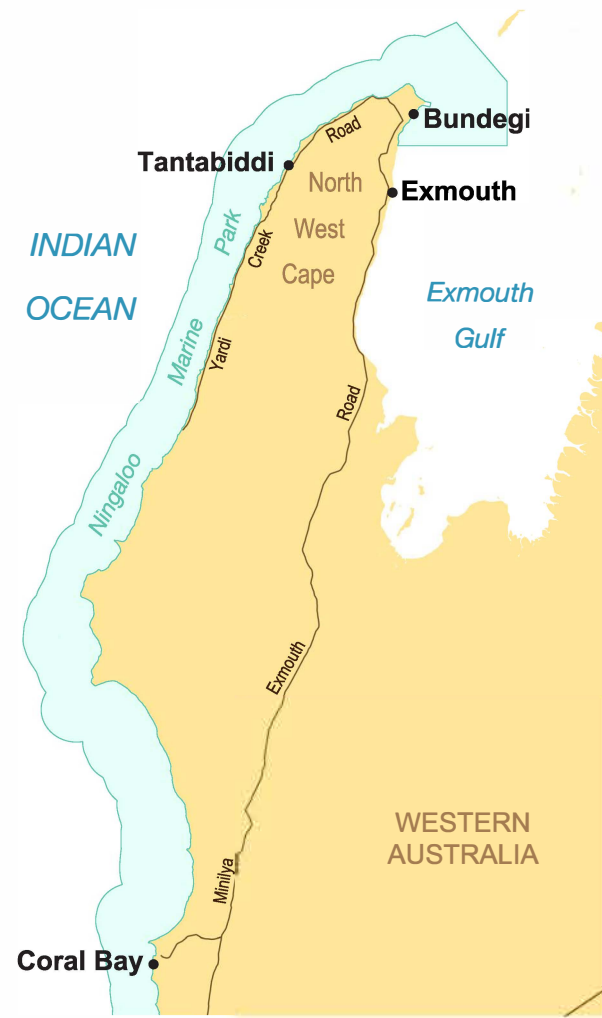
Updates

DTMI has completed a detailed business case and planning investigations that confirmed the suitability of the preferred site approximately 300 metres south of the current community boat ramp, on the west side of the North West Cape.

Public consultation and engagement with key stakeholders including the World Heritage Committee, traditional custodians, commercial operators and local interest groups has seen widespread support for the development.

With the preferred location confirmed and a concept plan prepared for the facility, DTMI will now seek approval for the proposed development from the State and Commonwealth environmental regulators.

In 2025, the WA Government committed \$116 million to deliver the new Tantabiddi boating facility (Ningaloo Reef tourism hub at Tantabiddi).



Concept features

- A four to six lane boat ramp facility.
- Up to 42 floating commercial boat pens with universal access for passenger transfer.
- Universal accessibility, designed to accommodate all users, ensuring safe and comfortable use for everyone.
- Increased sheltered water and clear separation of recreational boat users and commercial operators.
- Reduced risk of facility closure due to sediment build-up at the mouth of Tantabiddi Creek following heavy rain.



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Proposed design

Legend

Recreational Zone

- 1 Four to six lane boat ramp
- 2 Recreational boat holding jetty with universal access
- 3 Public fishing platform
- 4 Up to 240 car with boat trailer parking bays
- 5 General car parking
- 6 Toilet block
- 7 Multipurpose building

Commercial Zone

- 8 Commercial operators jetty
- 9 Dedicated parking bays for commercial users
- 10 Up to 42 floating commercial boat pens with universal access for passenger transfer
- 11 Bus pick up and drop off bays
- 12 Dedicated bus parking
- 13 Shelters, seating and footpaths
- 14 Interpretive and information area
- 15 Hydraulic Services
- 16 Renewable energy services
- 17 Tantabiddi Midden 1 is a culturally significant site identified through consultations with the Nganhurra Thanardi Garrbu Aboriginal Corporation (NTGAC). DTMI has collaborated closely with the NTGAC to minimise impacts on this important area.

