

MINISTER FOR SMALL BUSINESS, MINISTER FOR REGULATORY REFORM, AND MINISTER FOR PORTS AND WATERWAYS

OVERVIEW

<i>Agency</i>	<i>2007-08 Budget \$m</i>	<i>2008-09 Budget \$m</i>	<i>Variation %</i>
Maritime Authority of New South Wales			
Total Expenses	106.5	102.0	-4.3
Capital Expenditure	23.0	18.7	-18.5
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In addition to the agency above, the Minister is also supported by the Department of State and Regional Development (Section 19) for the Small Business portfolio area and the Department of Premier and Cabinet (Section 2) for the Regulatory Reform portfolio area.

MARITIME AUTHORITY OF NEW SOUTH WALES

The Maritime Authority of New South Wales works with the boating community, maritime industries and all levels of government to promote boating, maritime safety and other maritime based activities.

The Authority is also responsible for the management of its properties in Sydney Harbour, Botany Bay, Newcastle and Port Kembla.

RESULTS AND SERVICES

The Authority works towards a number of results for the community, including:

- ◆ Ports support a growing economy.
- ◆ Waterways are safe and sustainable.
- ◆ Infrastructure and access to waterways is improved.

Key services provided by the Authority which contribute to these results include:

- ◆ providing advice to the Minister on maritime and port matters
- ◆ regulating the safe navigation of recreational and commercial vessels
- ◆ administering Port Safety Operating Licences at the major ports and managing the regional ports of Eden and Yamba
- ◆ ensuring the protection of the environment in State waters and
- ◆ managing vested maritime properties.

The key services provided by the Authority and the way in which they are expected to contribute to these results are outlined in the following table:

Service Groups	2008-09 Budget Expenses \$m	Results		
		Ports to Support a Growing Economy	Safe and Sustainable Waterways	Improved Infrastructure and Access to Waterways
Ports and Shipping	6.1	✓	✓	
Recreational Boating and Regional Services	27.5		✓	
Commercial Vessels	8.7		✓	✓
Maritime Property	47.2			✓
Corporate Services	12.4	✓	✓	✓
Total Expenses Excluding Losses	101.9			

RECENT ACHIEVEMENTS

The Authority's major recent achievements include:

- ◆ new policies and guidelines for the management of its properties
- ◆ rejuvenating the infrastructure grants program, including the introduction of the Better Boating Program
- ◆ improving passenger access and safety at Manly Wharf

- ◆ upgrading of a number of Sydney Harbour commuter wharves, such as improvements to safety and access for people with disabilities at Taronga Zoo wharf and
- ◆ developing the Rozelle Bay maritime precinct including the re-alignment of James Craig Road.

STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS

The Authority is committed to working with all sectors of the boating community, maritime industry, government and the general community to strive for equity, safety and environmental sustainability in the use of our waterways.

The Authority has developed a number of strategies to meet this objective, including:

- ◆ reviewing the operation and audit mechanisms of the Port Safety Operating Licence
- ◆ investigating maritime incidents to identify safety and compliance issues
- ◆ coordinating Government policy with respect to maritime security for ports and for commercial vessels
- ◆ providing input into port planning
- ◆ providing safe commuter wharves
- ◆ a compulsory boating safety course for all recreational licence applicants
- ◆ using the audit process to ensure commercial operators fully implement effective safety management systems and
- ◆ developing a 10 year Maritime Infrastructure Program.

Commercial strategies developed for the Authority's property assets are:

- ◆ completing the implementation of the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal recommendations on rentals for private residential wetland leases
- ◆ introducing and implementing a commercial lease policy and
- ◆ ongoing development of maritime precincts in Sydney Harbour.

2008-09 BUDGET INITIATIVES

Total Expenses

Total expenses in 2008-09 are expected to be \$101.9 million. This includes providing recreational boating functions involving the promotion of safety and environmental protection on the water through boat licences and registrations, patrols, contributions to volunteer marine rescue organisations, education programs, seminars, publications, compliance and enforcement activities.

Funds will be spent conducting commercial vessel surveys, providing environmental services in Sydney Harbour and Myall Lakes, navigation aid maintenance, accident investigation, wharf and building maintenance, construction of key waterway infrastructure as well as conducting safety audits of commuter wharves.

Capital Expenditure

The total capital program for 2008-09 is \$18.7 million. This includes: refurbishment of commuter wharves; the Port of Eden development, including stage two of the cargo storage area; work on Ballast Point sewage pumpout and day berth facilities; and various projects in the redevelopment of the Rozelle Bay maritime precinct.