NSW Roads and Maritime Services has a statutory responsibility to assess the environmental, social and economic impacts of its infrastructure projects as part of the planning approvals process.

The wharf upgrade will have temporary impacts during construction. These will be carefully managed and measures put in place to minimise these impacts, including:

- Informing commuters of alternate transport options
- Minimising the disturbance of sediments and rocks on the harbour bed
- Minimising disturbance to aquatic life
- Minimising temporary noise impacts on nearby residents wherever possible
- Notifying nearby residents and businesses of early morning and night work
- Keeping nearby residents, businesses and commuters up to date.

The historic usage of the wharf as a ferry wharf since the 1910s will be retained, with the recommencement of ferry services on completion of the upgrade.