

# Frequently Asked Questions

## Mordialloc Creek Maintenance Dredging



### FAQs

#### **Q: Why is DEECA dredging Mordialloc Creek?**

The dredging works will remove sediment that has built up over time within the Creek. The sediment build-up has led to boat owners reporting difficulty navigating the channel, and boats sitting in mud at low tide.

#### **Q: How long will the dredge take?**

The dredge will take approximately five months.

#### **Q: Why is DEECA only dredging part of the Creek?**

DEECA has received enough funding to complete a partial dredge of the Creek. About half of the total volume of sediment will be removed in 2024.

#### **Q: How did DEECA decide which parts of the Creek to dredge?**

In 2023, Better Boating Victoria funded an engineering feasibility study to inform cost effective dredging at Mordialloc Creek. The worst affected areas with the highest number of moorings were selected to maximise the public benefit with the available funding.

#### **Q: Will DEECA dredge other areas of the Creek?**

DEECA is exploring opportunities to secure additional funding to dredge a larger area of the Creek.

#### **Q: How deep will the Creek be after the dredge?**

The main channel depth will range from 1.5 to 2 metres. The depth of the channel around Lambert's Island will be 1.5 metres.

#### **Q: Is the dredged material dangerous to human health?**

While the dredge material is not classified as *clean fill*, it is not dangerous to human health.

#### **Q: Where will the dredged sediment go?**

The sediment will be bagged and temporarily stored at a closed section of the car park in Attenborough Park to dry. When dry, the dredged sediment will be taken to a licenced landfill site for safe disposal.

#### **Q: What time of the day will dredging occur and will it be noisy?**

The level of noise is expected to be similar to the noise generated by typical vessels travelling along Mordialloc Creek. If noise is causing concern while works take place, please contact DEECA. Call 136 186 or email [mordialloc.creek@delwp.vic.gov.au](mailto:mordialloc.creek@delwp.vic.gov.au).

#### **Q: Will the dredge improve navigation of boats in the Creek?**

Yes, the dredge will improve navigation, particularly during low tide.

#### **Q: Will the dredge improve the health of the Creek?**

Mordialloc Creek is a highly modified creek that experiences significant sediment build-up from the wider catchment. Although the dredge will remove contaminated sediment from the Creek, the primary objective of dredging is to increase water depth and improve navigation for the boating community.

**Q: I have a boat moored at Mordialloc Creek, when will you dredge near my boat mooring?**

Specific instructions will be provided to all mooring holders via email and SMS. If you are unsure if we have the correct mobile phone number for you, please contact DEECA as soon as possible. Email [mordialloc.creek@delwp.vic.gov.au](mailto:mordialloc.creek@delwp.vic.gov.au).

**Q: I have a boat moored at Mordialloc Creek. Where do I move it to?**

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**Q: Can I still navigate my boat down Mordialloc Creek when the dredging is happening?**

The dredging works are designed to minimise vessel interactions during dredging operations. The main channel of Mordialloc Creek will remain partially open during dredging works. The Lambert Island channel will be closed when dredging operations are underway in that section.

**Q: Attenborough Park carpark will be used while works take place. Where else can I park my car during the dredge?**

The western (downstream) half of the Attenborough Park carpark will still be available for parking during the works.

**Q: Who can I contact for further information?**

Email the Mordialloc Creek team at [mordialloc.creek@delwp.vic.gov.au](mailto:mordialloc.creek@delwp.vic.gov.au) or call DEECA's Customer Service Centre on 136 186.



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