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Solutions Sort For Cockle Creek

Manly Hydraulics Laboratory has been engaged to undertake the preparation of a Feasibility Study for Environmental Improvements / Management of Cockle Bay. The eighteen week contract is valued at \$65,580 for the initial stage with an option of additional work valued at \$12,700 dependent upon the findings of stage 1.

The brief has the overall objective to consider the advantages and disadvantages of disturbing sediments contaminated with heavy metals and suggest any suitable remediation measures with the aim of improving the environment as well as the recreational and commercial uses of Cockle Bay.

There has been some community debate as to whether some of the contaminated sediments should be removed or left undisturbed. Cockle Bay is infilling at a rate of 5 to 6 millimetres per year as a result of an estimated 23,900 tonnes of sediment per year being carried into the bay from Cockle Creek.

The technical team assembled for this project includes marine biologists, engineers, contaminated site auditors and environmental planners. The team will visit the bay this week for a briefing and commencement of the project.

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