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## Ferry long wait at Rhodes

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Labor has criticised the lack of action on plans for a ferry wharf at Rhodes as the suburb continues to grow.

In October 2016, the Liberal Member for Drummoyne John Sidoti said: "You can pin this commitment on my chest." "A ferry wharf will be built on the Rhodes peninsula before the next election (March 2019) and we will not be backing away from that in any way, shape or form." Labor claims that three years later as the Rhodes skyline rises there has been little progress with only \$3,500 of planning and design money allocated to the project in the last budget.

NSW Labor leader Jodi McKay said the inner west is crying out for better public transport, as it grapples with overdevelopment.

"John Sidoti promised Rhodes East would get infrastructure before apartments go in, that clearly hasn't happened and it's not fair on this community," Ms McKay said.

Labor MLC Mark Buttigieg claimed Mr Sidoti has abandoned his electorate and so has the Berejiklian Government.

"The election was seven months ago, where is the wharf and interchange?" The NSW Government said RMS is awaiting the outcome of the Rhodes East Precinct Plan in order to complete the final design. The land adjacent to the proposed location is currently privately owned and an agreement is yet to be reached.

"The area is subject to community feedback on the draft precinct plan and subsequent finalisation by the Department of Planning and Environment," a Transport for NSW spokeswoman said.

"The proposed wharf design needs to consider the needs of the proposed surrounding development.

"Transport for NSW is in land use negotiations with adjoining land owners and the developer, for access arrangements to the proposed new wharf." "Once land access arrangements are in place, Transport for NSW will consult with the community to inform the detailed design."

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