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\$69 MILLION FOR NEW BERTH AT PORT BOTANY

Ports Minister Joe Tripodi today announced the NSW Government is moving forward with plans to construct a \$69 million berth in Port Botany to handle the growing bulk liquids trade.

Mr Tripodi said the project will see a second berth built, doubling the capacity of the port to handle the trade.

“The NSW economy continues to grow, increasing the demand for petroleum, chemicals and gases by almost 18 per cent last financial year,” Mr Tripodi said.

“Almost 675,000 tonnes of bulk liquid moved through Port Botany last year - trade is expected to continue increasing the NSW Government is moving to match demand.

“Bulk liquid stevedore Vopak has prepared a development and environmental planning application to construct the new berth and double vessel capacity.

“This \$69 million infrastructure investment by the Iemma Government will allow trade to grow through Port Botany” he said.

Mr Tripodi said the project will see construction of a steel pier berth, marine loading arms, fire fighting equipment, onshore support facilities and pipelines from existing sites to the new berth as well as other infrastructure.

The environmental assessment has been prepared in consultation with industry, government and the local community, including the Botany Bay and Catchment Alliance, LaPerouse Precinct Committee, and the Botany and Regional Environment Protection Agencies.

Bulk liquid storage company Vopak has been heavily involved in the upgrade, project managing the environmental planning application.

Vopak managing director Ron Dickinson said the new terminal was strongly welcomed by the chemicals industry.

“This development is a critical commitment by the NSW Government for the movement of liquids through the Sydney port,” Mr Dickinson said.

“This ensures a vital improvement in the State's energy security needs and facilitates cost effective unloading, improving cost efficiencies of fuel delivery to NSW motorists and chemicals to local manufacturing sectors.”