

Media Release

SPC TO TRACK CONTAINER MOVEMENTS

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A new study commissioned by Sydney Ports Corporation will investigate in detail the movement of shipping containers into and out of Port Botany.

“This research will focus on Port Botany and will have direct benefit for every stakeholder involved in using the port,” the Chief Executive of Sydney Ports, Grant Gilfillan, said today.

“If we can find out exactly where containers are packed and unpacked and the routes the trucks take, we will have invaluable information to offer Government for its strategic infrastructure planning, particularly in road and rail transport.”

Mr Gilfillan said that the primary objectives of the study, to be carried out by consultants IMIS (a partnership of the Institute for Logistics and Supply Chain Management and Victoria University), are to determine:

- the ultimate origins and destinations within the Port Precinct, Sydney Metropolitan Area and regional NSW of import and export containers, including empty containers;
- the routes and transport modes used to move containers to and from Port Botany;
- the location, significance and volume of intermodal terminals, empty container parks, and container freight stations;
- the breakdown of ‘peak’, ‘non-peak’ and ‘weekend’ vehicle movements on Sydney roads; and
- where LCL containers are packed and unpacked and where cargo origins and destination are located.

Mr Gilfillan said that Sydney Ports was seeking wide industry support for the study. Data was being sought from transport operators, stevedores, rail operators, empty container parks, intermodal terminals, container freight stations, Australian Trucking Association (NSW), Shipping Australia, Customs Brokers and Freight Forwarders Council Australia, Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service and the Australian Customs and Border Protection Service.

“I am pleased to note that a number of stakeholders have already indicated their support for this study and I seek the co-operation of everybody who might be approached for information,” Mr Gilfillan said.

“This study will have real benefits and learnings for industry.”

Once the report has been received and Sydney Ports has had time to assess its findings, industry will be provided with a summary of the report’s main findings.

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