



Budget 2009-10

Investing in Jobs

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Investing in port infrastructure and jobs

The NSW Government will invest more than \$450 million improving and upgrading port-related infrastructure, supporting jobs and the economic growth of NSW.

Ports and Waterways Minister Joe Tripodi said another \$262.6 million will be invested by Sydney Ports Corporation on the Port Botany Expansion Project, with the on-going construction of a new 60 hectare container terminal underpinning more than 500 jobs.

“Port Botany is the state’s premier port and Sydney Ports Corporation continues to invest in port infrastructure to ensure NSW is well positioned when the global economy emerges from the current economic downturn,” Mr Tripodi said.

“These investments are job generating projects and provide a massive boost to the economy.”

Mr Tripodi said Sydney Ports expects to begin construction of a second bulk liquids berth at Port Botany, with \$14.9 million to be spent in 2009/10.

“The project has an estimated total cost of \$52.7 million and together with the existing bulk liquids berth, these facilities will be key to protecting the State’s energy security. “

Other projects supported this year include:

- \$72.1 million for the Enfield Intermodal Logistics Centre;
- \$3.7 million to complete the construction of a new Port Operations Building at Port Botany for Sydney Ports’ Marine Operations and Pilot Service;
- \$2.2 million for a passenger gangway for the Overseas Passenger Terminal;
- \$25 million earmarked for a new cruise terminal to replace existing facilities at No 8 Darling Harbour.

Mr Tripodi said \$20 million would also be invested this financial year improving the capacity and efficiency of the Port of Newcastle - the largest coal export port in the world.

\$10.65 million will be invested to complete the upgrade of the former iron ore berth at Mayfield for general cargo and other trade.

Other Newcastle Port projects funded in the Budget include:

- \$3.2 million for the planned construction of a new Pilot Station Ports Centre;
- \$2.5 million for a new Pilot Cutter Vessel;
- \$820,000 to renew fenders at Kooragang No 3 Berth.

Mr Tripodi also announced the Capital Works Budget for Port Kembla for the 2009-2010 financial year would total \$15.705m – with most of the funding directed to work on the Outer Harbour expansion project.

The first stage of the program involves 8-10 hectares of land reclamation.



The Port Kembla budget also allows for the provision of a new tug facility while \$840,000 has been set aside for the purchase of a new pilot cutter vessel.

Mr Tripodi said the State Budget is complimented by Federal spending on port related infrastructure, including:

- \$42 million for rail links between Port Botany and Northern Line;
- Commitment of \$840 million for freight rail upgrades between Sydney and Newcastle.