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More “TruckCams” at Port Botany

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Ten new TruckCams have been introduced at Port Botany to provide real time information to suppliers and to improve the performance of road operations.

“TruckCams have been used at Port Botany since November 2007 and now an additional ten cameras have been installed in truck queuing zones and at critical road intersections within the port precinct,” Ports and Waterways Minister Joe Tripodi said.

“These TruckCams will play an important role in ensuring the Government’s port reforms are implemented by the ports industry.”

TruckCams provide timely information on traffic movements to help road operators manage their business and assist with traffic control and road monitoring by Sydney Ports and terminal staff.

Images of truck access areas at the Patrick and DP World container terminals in Penrhyn Road and Friendship Road can be viewed live via the Sydney Ports’ website.

These images are automatically refreshed to provide timely information for port users.

Mr Tripodi said TruckCams blend two technologies – solar power and 3G telecommunications.

“Cameras mounted on poles driven by a solar panel transmit images using a 3G network. This is the first time these two technologies have been used together in Australia,” Mr Tripodi said.

TruckCams allow container terminal operators to be more responsive in managing truck movements outside their facilities and allocating resources within the terminal to minimise the impact of queues on the port’s road network.

The TruckCam images also provide an opportunity for third parties, such as road carriers and freight forwarders, to monitor real-time information on traffic at the port.

“Our ports reform package, in response to the IPART review, includes greater transparency within the industry,” Mr Tripodi said.

To view Truckcam visit: www.sydneyports.com.au

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