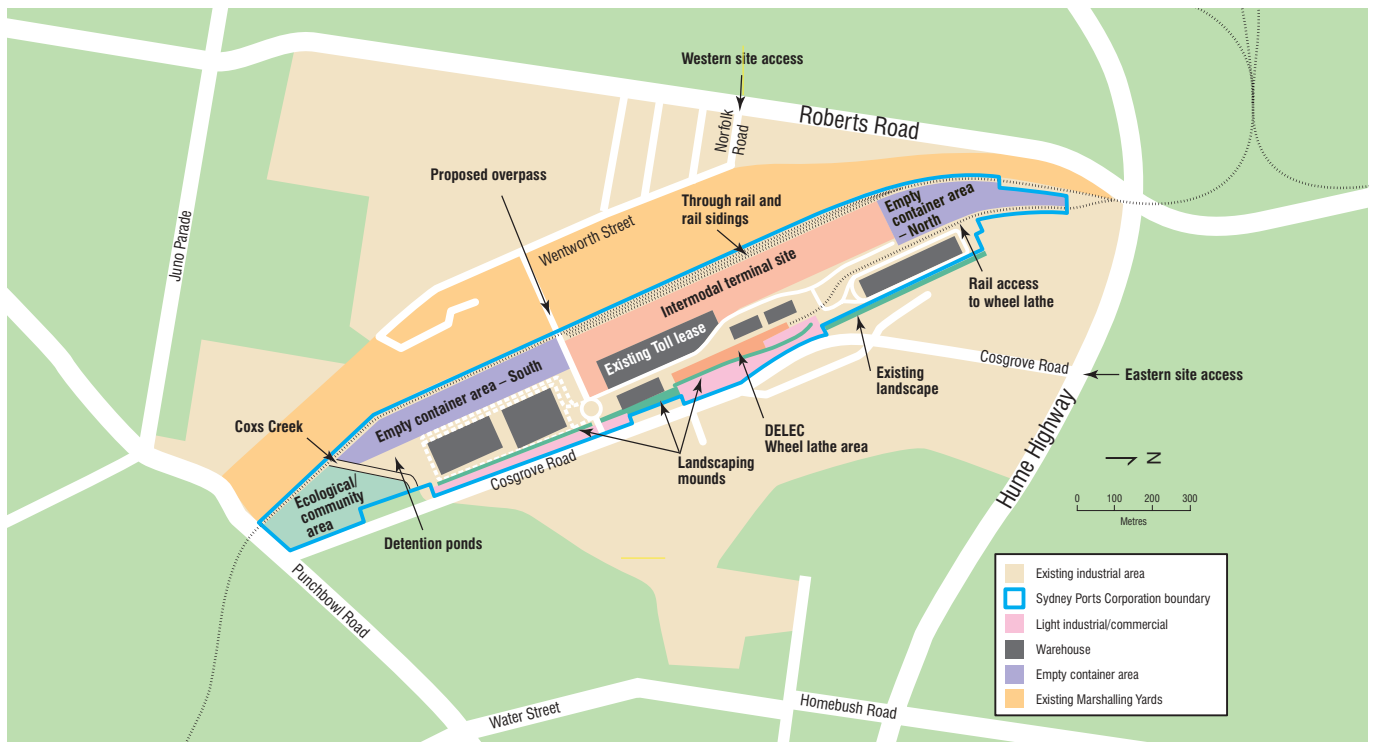


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project newsletter

an update from Sydney Ports Corporation

This is the second newsletter to keep you up to date with Sydney Ports' new proposal for an Intermodal Logistics Centre on the former Enfield Marshalling Yards site.



A new proposal for an Intermodal Logistics Centre Sydney Ports is currently preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for its proposed Intermodal Logistics Centre (the Centre). Newsletters, together with regular information in local newspapers, will provide you with information about the Centre, the progress on the EIS preparation and how you can continue to have your say on Sydney Ports' plans.

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What is the proposal?

The proposal by Sydney Ports is for a logistics centre with a facility where containers will be moved on and off trains and trucks. The site is serviced by a dedicated freight rail line to Sydney's ports and is close to major arterial roads such as the Hume Highway and Roberts Road.

The main features of the proposal are:

- 40% fewer containers than the 2001 proposal;
- warehouses where containers from trains can be stored and unpacked for delivery, and freight coming into the Centre can be packed into containers for export;
- empty container storage facilities;
- a light industrial/commercial business area along Cosgrove Road; and
- an ecological/community area.

This proposal has been designed with the concerns of residents in mind.

The indicative layout of the site is given on the front page.

The network to handle freight in Sydney

The NSW Government has set up the Freight Infrastructure Advisory Board to advise on the design of a network of intermodal terminals to improve freight distribution, along with a target of moving 40% of containers by rail by 2011.

Sydney Ports is committed to getting trucks off our streets and is working towards moving more freight by rail. This Centre will complement an existing network of intermodal terminals, and importantly be part of the network of new such facilities designed to serve the needs of Sydney into the future. Additional facilities are likely to be located in the south west and west of Sydney.

The planning process for the proposal and how you can have your say

As mentioned in the last newsletter, Sydney Ports has commissioned the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for this proposal. The process for this is shown on the chart to the right.

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Environmental impact studies

The range of studies being conducted by technical experts as a part of the EIS include air quality, ecology, economic, heritage, landscape, urban design and visual impact, land use and planning, noise assessment, preliminary hazard and risk analysis, social impact assessment, services and utilities, traffic, water quality, hydrology and hydraulics, flora and fauna, energy and greenhouse gas emissions.

Current issues

Feedback to date and comments received from a community information session held on 7 May indicate that controlling noise, managing traffic and air quality are priority issues.

Sydney Ports now has a Traffic Working Group with representatives of Strathfield Council, Bankstown City Council and the RTA to look at strategies to minimise traffic impacts in the local area.

Traffic studies are being conducted to look at current and future traffic conditions - with and without the centre, how intersections on surrounding roads operate as well as public transport services.

The new proposal also incorporates features to control noise such as the location of noisier activities at the centre of the site, retention and maintenance of earth mounds at the south of the site and allowing entry and exit of vehicles through industrial areas only.

Community information and feedback session

On Saturday 7 May 2005, Sydney Ports held a community session at the Greenacre Citizen's Centre. The EIS team were present to answer questions and receive feedback. Information provided on the day can be viewed on the website www.sydneyports.com.au.

Key issues raised on the day were also traffic, noise and air quality. As indicated above specialist studies are being undertaken into these aspects of the proposal and the feedback is being considered before the EIS is finalised.

We are holding another information session on **Saturday 25 June** – at **Centro Bankstown, North Terrace Bankstown, from 11am till 2pm** (located next to Michel's Patisserie). If you need more information please come along and ask the Sydney Ports staff in attendance.

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The ecological/community areas, future use?

Let us have your ideas.

We want your ideas on possible future uses of this part of the site including ideas about the future uses of the tarpaulin shed.

This area is located at the southern end of the site (refer to the layout map – ecological/community area on the front page).

Some of the ideas we have received to date include developing the shed for community use, recreational use or removing the shed.

Getting involved and having your say

Community members have already phoned, faxed, emailed and written in with their views and suggestions about the proposal. We would like to hear from you. Your local knowledge is important in helping experts who have been undertaking studies to identify issues and ways to manage them.

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