



# **Duncan Gay MLC**

## **Minister for Roads and Freight**

### **Leader of the Government Legislative Council**

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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **AMALGAMATED PORT AUTHORITY BEGINS OPERATIONS**

Minister for Roads and Freight Duncan Gay today announced the start of operations of the new Port Authority of New South Wales and welcomed the appointments of the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer.

“I am very pleased to announce that the Port Authority of New South Wales is now officially operating and it is with great pleasure that I welcome the Chairman Nicholas Whitlam and the CEO Grant Gilfillan,” Minister Gay said.

“The new authority was formed from the amalgamation of the Sydney, Newcastle and Port Kembla Port Corporations.

“The NSW Government’s port governance review of the three Port Corporations found there were opportunities to improve efficiency in this critical part of the NSW transport network.

“The amalgamated Port Authority of New South Wales will ensure these ports can continue to meet the needs of our port users efficiently and effectively,” Minister Gay said.

CEO Port Authority of New South Wales Grant Gilfillan said the amalgamation was a win for NSW businesses and port users.

“This enlarged single corporation will deliver a more efficient and robust ports business for the state with the benefits of commercial discipline provided under the state-owned corporation model,” Mr Gilfillan said.

“We have an exciting future ahead of us and I am confident the expanded corporation will deliver even better services and outcomes for our major stakeholders and the people of NSW.”

The Port Authority of New South Wales will continue to be responsible for harbour masters and pilotage, navigation services, dangerous goods and marine pollution and emergency response. It is also responsible for managing Port Jackson, Yamba and Eden, and the Hunter Valley Coal Export Framework.

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