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ENFIELD INTERMODAL A BOOST TO INFRASTRUCTURE

State Plan Priority P2: Maintain and invest in infrastructure

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The NSW Government has approved plans for the Enfield Intermodal Logistics Centre, which will eradicate up to 300 truck movements in the suburbs around Port Botany each day.

The centre will help to achieve the Government's target of doubling the volume of cargo transported by rail to 40%.

Strict conditions of approval mean that trucks will not use any local residential streets and traffic control measures will be subject to independent auditing.

Planning Minister Frank Sartor said the project approval followed detailed assessment and a report from an independent panel which investigated traffic impacts in more detail.

The Sydney Ports Corporation project will handle up to 300,000 shipping containers annually by rail to and from Port Botany, which would otherwise travel by road.

The project, worth \$150 million in capital investment, will generate around 170 construction jobs and 510 operational jobs.

"I am satisfied that this proposal has been assessed thoroughly and should be approved, for both environmental and economic reasons," Mr Sartor said.

"International container trade at Port Botany grew by 12% in 2006/07 and intermodals provide an efficient means of moving that cargo to Sydney consumers.

"However, the existing Sydney network is reaching capacity so now is the time to plan strategically for the most appropriate new intermodal sites."

The Enfield centre will include an intermodal terminal; railway lines, sidings and associated works; warehousing; container storage areas; a light industrial-commercial area; a community and ecological area, and on-site works.

Ports Minister Joe Tripodi said Port Botany was essential to the State's future economic growth and international competitiveness.

"The lemma Government will continue to plan for world-class ports infrastructure, while protecting the amenity of residents living near our ports," Mr Tripodi said.

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“Enfield will be a critical link in our intermodal network, connecting businesses in the western suburbs to the global market.

“This major piece of infrastructure will inject up to an additional \$80 million into the economy each year.”

The Environmental Assessment was publicly exhibited for 41 days and 331 submissions were received.

In addition, the Planning Minister Frank Sartor met with local MP Virginia Judge, Minister for Western Sydney Barbara Perry, the proponent, and community and council representatives to hear their concerns.

Benefits of the project include:

- A net saving in diesel fuel consumption of 368,000 litres per year, equating to 993 fewer tonnes of CO2 per year;
- Improved reliability of cargo delivery to NSW businesses;
- Reduced truck movements through increasing use of rail.

The more than 85 strict conditions applied to the project include requiring the proponent to:

- Provide \$1 million for community enhancement works in Greenacre and South Strathfield;
- Implement comprehensive measures to manage local traffic and prevent rat-running through residential streets in Greenacre, in response to strong community concerns;
- Submit to independent traffic and noise audits to protect local amenity and ensure best environmental practice;
- Enhance and manage an ecological area on-site, to provide habitat for the Green and Golden Bell Frog;
- Install barriers before construction to protect local residents from noise;
- Monitor dust; and
- Adhere to tough noise standards with further actions to be taken if they are not met.

The Enfield Intermodal project approval follows the Freight Infrastructure Advisory Board (FIAB) Report commissioned by the Government, which recommended an intermodal network with facilities at Enfield, Moorebank and Eastern Creek in addition to existing sites.

The Government broadly endorsed the FIAB recommendations.