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Port Kembla named 2008 Port of the Year

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Port Kembla Port Corporation was last night awarded the prestigious Port of the Year Award for 2008.

The Lloyds List DCN Australian Shipping and Transport Awards recognised Port Kembla Port Corporation for work on the major infrastructure project to transform Port Kembla Port into Australia's leading car import facility.

Ports and Waterways Minister Joe Tripodi said the award was recognition of the work and commitment of many people.

"Work has been ongoing over the past three years to ensure we meet the tight deadline for the relocation of the NSW vehicle, general cargo and Darling Harbour container trade to Port Kembla," Mr Tripodi said.

"More than \$170 million has been spent on the port upgrade which includes two new berths, bridges, road and rail realignment and cargo-handling facilities.

This is the second time that Port Kembla has received this award, having previously won the award in 2000.

Wollongong MP Noreen Hay said with the Inner Harbour project now complete, the focus is on developing and growing new business opportunities and in developing the Outer Harbour of Port Kembla.

"This major infrastructure project has proven to be a catalyst by which new businesses have been attracted to the port," Ms Hay said.

"With this in mind, a Master Plan has been prepared in order to guide the development of the Port Kembla's Outer Harbour well into the future."

The Master Plan provides for up to seven additional berths to be constructed at Port Kembla with 52 hectares of reclaimed land.

Mr Tripodi said that the increased land and berth capacity will allow Port Kembla to accommodate future growth.

"This will enable Port Kembla to capitalise on these new and exciting opportunities, securing the future of not only the port, but the region and the state."

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