



**THE HON. JOE TRIPODI MP**  
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M E D I A R E L E A S E

## **Port Kembla first stop for car carrier**

Friday, January 23, 2009

Ports and Waterways Minister Joe Tripodi today welcomed the “MV Tomar” on its maiden voyage to Port Kembla.

“The arrival of the MV Tomar is a significant occasion for Port Kembla,” Mr Tripodi said.

“We wouldn’t be able to welcome this vessel without the \$170 million investment made by the NSW Government to upgrade facilities at the port.”

Mr Tripodi was joined by Minister for the Illawarra David Campbell and Port Kembla Port Corporation CEO Dom Figliomeni in welcoming the vessel.

The Captain of the MV Tomar, Sonjoy Sen, was presented with a commemorative plaque to mark the vessel’s first visit to Australia and Port Kembla.

This is a brand new vessel that was only commissioned by shipping company Wallenius Wilhelmsen in October 2008.

“The arrival of this vessel reflects the growing importance of Port Kembla in world trade,” Mr Tripodi said.

“The vessel is capable of carrying 6353 vehicles and will discharge 1055 vehicles plus 20 items of heavy equipment in Port Kembla.”

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