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Port growth continues to provide opportunities

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Two new areas to store and process cars are under construction at Port Kembla's Inner Harbour creating construction jobs and future employment opportunities.

Ports Minister Joe Tripodi joined Wollongong MP Noreen Hay to tour the new Pre Delivery Inspection (PDI) facilities which will service the car trade through the port.

Landside development is currently taking place to provide approximately 10 hectares for PDI facilities where imported vehicles will be prepared prior to delivery to motor dealerships.

"There are currently 45 workers on site constructing the new PDIs. At the peak of construction it is anticipated that this number will be in excess of 100," Mr Tripodi said.

With the official relocation of NSW's motor vehicle trade to Port Kembla occurring in November last year, the resulting growth of the port continues to provide significant opportunities for both the port and the region.

"We are really starting to see the benefits that the relocation of trade has brought to the region," Wollongong MP Noreen Hay said.

"Projects such as this reaffirm the Government's investment in the port of Port Kembla - delivering real jobs supporting the economy and the people of the Illawarra."

The development is being undertaken by Australand and will involve laying asphalt and concrete paving totalling almost 100,000m² in area plus construction of offices and workshops and the provision and installation of all necessary services and facilities to the site.

With the completion of this construction project, two further PDI operators, Ceva Logistics (for Mazda) and AutoNexus, will commence operations.

"Once the facilities are up and running, these two organisations will employ 25 personnel each," Mr Tripodi said

The project is due to be completed in August 2009.

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