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## **Port Kembla seeing benefits of trade relocation**

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Billions of dollars in economic benefits have been identified from the transfer of car trade from Glebe Island to Port Kembla.

Ports Minister Joe Tripodi, Minister for the Illawarra David Campbell and Wollongong MP Noreen Hay today released an Economic Impact Study showing the substantial benefit the port generates to the Illawarra region and state-wide.

“The positive impact of relocating the car trade to Port Kembla since last November has been greater than originally estimated,” Mr Tripodi said.

“The report shows the value of trade through the port has increased from \$4 billion per annum in 2005-06 to in excess of \$37 billion.

“The direct and indirect benefit just to the Illawarra region alone has grown by \$281.5 million per annum to \$839 million.

“Across NSW, the economic impact is estimated at more than \$1.1 billion – up from \$670 million three years ago.”

Local MP Noreen Hay said the increase in trade had created just over one thousand new jobs in the Illawarra area.

“The benefit to the Illawarra isn’t just in dollar figures, it’s in extra jobs for hard working families,” Ms Hay said.

“The flow on effect at a state level has seen employment increase from 3,241 jobs in 2005-06 to more than four and a half thousand -- an increase of 1,283 jobs.”

Minister Campbell said Illawarra residents will continue to see improvements in trade results and benefits to the region for years to come.

“In these tough economic times, it is particularly encouraging to see such excellent results for the Port,” he said.

“As trade continues to grow so will the economic benefits to the region.”

## **Economic Value:**

Port functions which have the largest impact are the 'ship loading/unloading' and 'land transport and storage' sectors. The value of output generated by each of these sectors was more than \$320 million for the Illawarra and more than \$400 million for NSW.

The land transport and storage sectors produced the largest increase in employment. The study shows there were almost 1,700 full time jobs generated in the Illawarra region and more than 2,000 within NSW as a result of these activities.

Port construction activity also generated new employment opportunities. Activity fluctuates from year to year but based on average annual capital expenditure, construction resulted in approximately 154 full time positions for a 12 month period in the Illawarra region and 254 within NSW.

Every \$1 spent by the Port has a multiplier effect of \$1.68 for the region and \$2.03 for NSW.

Each ship that comes into the Port creates 3.7 jobs in the Illawarra and 4.3 for NSW and contributes approximately \$1million to the NSW economy.

A copy of the full report will be available on the Port Kembla Port Corporation website.

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