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M E D I A R E L E A S E

Port Kembla leads the way with Environmental Initiatives

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Ports Minister Joe Tripodi said an Environmental Assessment has been submitted to the Department of Planning for the future development of the Outer Harbour.

“An Environmental Assessment (EA) has been prepared which considers the potential impacts of the Outer Harbour development along with feedback received from consultations with government agencies, business and community stakeholders,” Mr Tripodi said.

“The assessment includes detailed studies on road and rail movements, aquatic ecology, water and sediment quality, noise, hydrodynamics, air quality, cultural heritage as well as management plans for green and golden bell frogs and waste.”

Port Kembla Port Corporation is seeking concurrent Concept Plan Approval and Major Project Approval under Part 3A of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 for the Outer Harbour development.

Mr Tripodi said the EA has been submitted to the Department of Planning and following an adequacy review it will be placed on public exhibition later this year.

He said there are a number of initiatives currently underway to ensure the environment is being taken care of in and around the port of Port Kembla and this weekend’s **Maritime Community Day** would be a great opportunity to find out more.

Wollongong MP Noreen Hay said the new Port Kembla Maritime Centre is a prime example of environmental management techniques put into practice.

“The official opening of the Port Kembla Maritime Centre is this Saturday, October 24, at the Maritime Community Day,” she said.

“The centre is one of the most energy efficient in Wollongong. The design aims to conserve energy and recycle water - reducing energy use, energy costs and greenhouse emissions.”

“People can see for themselves how environmental considerations were taken into account with both the design and construction of the new centre.

“There was a distinct focus placed on the sustainable management of existing and new infrastructure owned and operated by the Port Corporation.”

Using the Australian Building Greenhouse Rating (ABGR) scheme, the Maritime Centre achieves a base building rating of 4.5 (out of a potential 5) stars.

Specific environmental initiatives include:

- Passive solar design (sun shadowing of windows and appropriate orientation);
- Use of energy efficient single and double glazing window systems;
- Energy efficient lighting with sensors and dimmer controls;
- Eco cycle energy efficient air conditioning systems;
- Wall and roof insulation;
- Solar powered hot water heaters;
- Rainwater harvesting of up to 100,000L.

Port Kembla Port Corporation Sustainability Officer Trevor Brown will be available at the Maritime Community Day to share information about the Corporation’s environmental initiatives.

Visitors can inspect the Green and Gold Bell Frog pond and find out about conservation efforts as well as obtain information on the Illawarra region’s threatened plant species which can be found in and around the port.

The Maritime Community day will be held:

**10am – 1pm,
Saturday October 24
Port Kembla Maritime Centre
Outer Harbour, Foreshore Rd, Port Kembla
(near the Port Kembla Boat Ramp)**

The official opening of the Port Kembla Maritime Centre will be held at 11am.

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