

# Paul McLeay MP

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### **Port Kembla's Outer Harbour taking shape**

A major contract to conduct a detailed geotechnical survey of Port Kembla's Outer Harbour has been awarded.

Ports and Waterways Minister Paul McLeay revealed that Sydney & Brisbane based joint venture company SMEC (Snowy Mountains Engineering Corporation) and Cullen, Grummitt & Roe has won the contract to work with the Port Kembla Port Corporation (PKPC) to undertake site investigations, detailed reclamation design and preliminary berth design for the Outer Harbour development.

"The work will include a comprehensive geotechnical site investigation and analysis covering the total area of the Outer Harbour Master Plan – in excess of 40 ha of new port land" said Mr McLeay.

The Outer Harbour Master plan has been designed to guide the development of the Outer Harbour into the future, ensuring development of port facilities are synchronised with the needs of port customers.

Member for Wollongong, Noreen Hay praised the process saying the contract calls for the detailed design and documentation of the first 8 – 10 ha of the reclamation plus berth design alternatives, enabling construction tenders for the reclamation to be called in mid 2010.

"Construction of the first stage (reclamation) will require approximately 1.5 million tonnes of fill material. The Port has been working closely with local companies to find environmentally responsible ways to utilise waste material from coal mining along with the iron and steel making process," Ms Hay said.

Mr McLeay said this is the first of many steps in bringing the Outer Harbour Master Plan to life.

"The plan is about increasing economic activity and creating jobs in the Illawarra by making sure that land and berthing capacity is available at the port to meet demand. It will not only cater for the growth of existing trades and regional development but address the needs of new industry in the future."

Mr McLeay said specialist Maritime engineering consultants will work closely with PKPC Engineers to develop design options for the first shipping berth of this new development.

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