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PORT KEMBLA OUTER HARBOUR DEVELOPMENT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT UNVEILED

The Environmental Assessment (EA) for Port Kembla's development of the Outer Harbour will be open for public consultation and feedback this week.

Minister for the Illawarra, Paul McLeay and Member for Wollongong, Noreen Hay, today unveiled the Environmental Assessment and concept for the Outer Harbour Master Plan.

"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 development," Mr McLeay said.

"The Outer Harbour Master Plan has been designed to guide the development of Port Kembla's Outer Harbour well into the future (i.e. 25+ years)."

"This vision for the future growth of the port includes 7 new berths with associated container and multi-purpose terminals, supported by enhanced rail and road infrastructure."

"The development will be staged to meet the needs of customers and coordinated into the overall Master Plan to ensure efficient use of land."

Ms Hay said the EA process provides the community with an opportunity to have their say on the Master Plan.

"The EA considers the potential impacts of the development and the feedback received from consultations with government agencies, business and community stakeholders."

"The assessment includes detailed studies in relation to 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," Ms Hay said.

The Environmental Assessment will be available for public review from Thursday March 25 2010.

For information regarding availability and the submission process, contact Port Kembla Port Corporation www.kemblaport.com.au

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