

# Paul McLeay MP

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### PORT KEMBLA'S RECORD FIGURES IN MAMMOTH MAY

Records have been broken at Port Kembla, with more ships and more revenue tonnes passing through the port than ever before.

Minister for Ports and the Illawarra today announced Paul McLeay trade for the 11 months from July 2009 – May 2010 had hit **28.6 million revenue tonnes – an all time record for the port.**

“This is a fantastic result - ports are our economic gateway to the world.

“The role the port plays in our State’s prosperity can not be over estimated. Continued port growth is the key to helping us build a strong future for the families and workers – across the Illawarra and NSW,” Mr McLeay said.

“The previous record of 27.3 million revenue tonnes was achieved over a 12 month period in 2007/8. We’ve smashed that record – and in 11 months rather than 12!”

These strong results were highlighted by (year to date) **total exports of 16.8 million tonnes**, up 1.6 million tonnes for the same period last year.

Parliamentary Secretary Assisting the Minister for State and Regional Development and Member for Wollongong, Noreen Hay said the other record to be broken in May was for the number of vessel visits.

“Port Kembla has recorded 913 vessel visits for the period July 2009 to May 2010. Previously the record number was 862, which again was for a 12 month period – not 11 months.

“The diversity in cargoes coming through the port is contributing to these figures,” Ms Hay said.

“Coal and Coke accounts for 46% of the trade, imports of iron ore accounts for 25% of port trade and motor vehicles and other machinery account for approximately 13% of the ports trade”.

“These results are not only good for the port but for the entire Illawarra region” said Ms Hay.

Mr McLeay said with planning for the development of the ports Outer Harbour well underway, there is a potential for these records to be broken in the future.

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