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OUTER HARBOUR DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY UPDATE

Port Kembla Port Corporation (PKPC) is progressing with plans for the development of Port Kembla's Outer Harbour. This is in line with its strategic Master Plan which includes developing additional portside and landside facilities to attract new trades, as well as increasing the volume of existing cargoes.

PKPC has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) and is seeking concurrent Concept Plan Approval and Major Project Approval from the Minister for Planning for the development.

Project background

With the Inner Harbour now fully leased, the demand for additional facilities has been the trigger to accelerate proposed development in the Outer Harbour. This project will promote the future growth of trade both within the port and the wider region. While the Inner Harbour areas have potential to cater for the growth of existing cargoes, the proposed development will provide opportunities to attract new trade.

A Master Plan to guide the future development of the Outer Harbour was completed in 2008 and this has formed the basis of the project description for the Concept Plan and Major Project applications for approval under Part 3A.

Project Description

The Outer Harbour development would be constructed in three stages, with ultimate completion anticipated by 2037. Two approvals are being sought in parallel, a Concept Plan for the full development and Project Approval for Stage 1 of the development. Planning approval to construct and operate Stages 2 and 3 of the Concept Plan would be subject to separate Project Applications.

The Concept Plan would include dredging and reclamation to create two new terminals, one devoted to the import and export of dry bulk, break bulk and bulk liquid cargoes (multi-purpose facilities) and the other devoted to container trade (container facilities).

Key Features

- At least 42 hectares of additional port area and 1770 metres total new berth length
- Seven new berths:
 - Four container berths
 - Two multi-purpose berths
 - A multi-purpose berth at the site of the existing No. 6 Jetty (Port Kembla Gateway)
- Retention of the existing oil berth on the northern breakwater
- Berthing basins and approaches with up to 16.5m water depth for new berths
- Road and rail infrastructure to support port expansion

Opportunities

- Port expansion would provide a significant opportunity to support investment in manufacturing
- The trickle down effect of port growth would have a significant economic impact on output, employment and earnings in the Illawarra and South Coast region

- Staged approach provides growth opportunities on an 'as needs' basis

Considerations

- Construction and operation impacts on community such as noise and traffic
- Short term impacts on aquatic systems following reclamation, dredging and wharf construction activities

Concept Plan

Subject to Major Project Approval, construction of Stage 1 of the Concept Plan would commence in 2010 and be completed by 2018. At the completion of Stage 1 the first multi-purpose berth would be operational and the majority of dredging and reclamation works would be finished.

Stage 2 would commence in parallel with completion of Stage 1 and would be constructed between 2014 and 2025. At the completion of Stage 2, the western container facility (container berths 1 and 2) and the second multi-purpose berth would be operational.

Stage 3 would commence at the completion of Stage 2 and would be constructed between 2026 and 2037. The eastern container facility (container berths 3 and 4) and the third multi-purpose berth would be operational as part of Stage 3.

Planning Approval process

The proposed Outer Harbour development falls under the provisions of Part 3A of the Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979 (EP&A Act). In accordance with these provisions, PKPC is seeking concurrent Concept Plan and Major Project Approval.

The EA has comprehensively assessed and provided strategies to minimise and manage any potential environmental, social and economic impacts that may arise from the proposed development. It also includes consideration of the feedback received from consultations with government agencies, business and community stakeholders.

As part of ongoing stakeholder consultation the EA will be on public exhibition between Thursday 25 March and Friday 7 May 2010. All stakeholders and community members are encouraged to participate in the process by providing feedback on the EA during this period. Submissions received during this period will be documented in a submissions report that would be considered by the Department of Planning along with the final EA.

Community Information Session

3.00pm – 7.00pm
Tuesday 20 April 2010

Port Kembla Port Corporation
Training & Conference Centre
Foreshore Road, Port Kembla

The community is encouraged to find out more about the project's EA findings and recommendations by attending the community information session.

Attendees are invited to listen to a short presentation at 3.30pm (repeated at 6.00pm), speak to project team members and make a submission by filling out a feedback form.

A determination would then be made on whether approval is granted for the Concept Plan and Major Project.

Where is the project up to in the Part 3A planning approval process?



NSW Minister for Ports & Waterways Paul McLeay MP says that all stakeholders and community members are welcome to read the EA and make a written submission on the proposal during the exhibition period.

"This planning and approval process ensures that major developments such as this are dealt with in an open and transparent manner allowing all port stakeholders and members of the community to have their say on the proposal."

How can I make a submission?

The public exhibition period is from Thursday 25 March to Friday 7 May 2010. During this time the EA will be available to view/download from the Port Kembla Port Corporation website www.portkembla.com.au. The EA can also be viewed during office hours at the following:

- Department of Planning Information Centre, 23-33 Bridge Street, Sydney
- NSW Nature Conservation Council, Level 2, 301 Kent Street, Sydney
- Wollongong City Library, 41 Burelli Street, Wollongong
- Warrarong District Library, Westfield Shopping Centre, Warrarong

Submissions can be made online through the Department of Planning's website or posted to Department of Planning GPO Box 39, Sydney, NSW 2001.

For more information about the project please call Andrew Dunne, General Manager Engineering and Environment, PKPC on (02) 4275 0134.



YOUR FEEDBACK

We would welcome your feedback about initiatives and activities around the port that you would like covered in 'Your Port'.

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