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## PKPC Overview – November 2011

### PORT KEMBLA

The port of Port Kembla was established in the late 1890's to facilitate the export of coal from the mines of the Illawarra region. Since that time it has rapidly grown to accommodate both the expansion of traditional industries along with the development of new ones.

The diverse commodity base of the port reflects the growth of the region and the port's capability to service the growing needs of its customers. Historically the port has serviced the needs of regional industries, predominantly coal (export) and steel (import of raw materials and export of steel products).

Having undertaken a major expansion in the last few years, the port has seen a diversification of its trade base to include general and break bulk cargoes, containers and motor vehicle imports. This development, has allowed the port to become the largest vehicle importing hub in Australia. It is also the principal grain export port for producers in Southern and South-Western NSW.

The ports capability continues to expand not only in the handling of a variety of bulk products but also in cargoes of various sizes, weights, and dimensions. With its heavy duty Ro-Ro ramp and two general cargo berths the port is able to cater for the largest and deepest vessels on the east coast and the needs of our customers from containers to bulk cargoes and all varieties in between.

### THE FUTURE

The Outer Harbour at Port Kembla is being developed to provide additional land and berthing facilities to cater for expected trade growth into the future. The development will proceed in a staged fashion based on port user requirements and is anticipated to take 25-30 years to complete.

In August 2011, the Minister for Ports and Roads officiated at the formal commencement of construction for the expansion of Port Kembla's Outer Harbour. This first stage of development will cater for the needs of two new customers who seek to access the site in early 2012.

The development (in the long term) allows for the reclamation of approximately forty two (42) hectares of land and the construction of seven (7) new berths to accommodate new port customers.

This proposed development has the potential to not only address the needs of new industry, but to cater for growth of existing trades long into the future