

## NSW Ports BLB 2 – Official Opening

21 February 2014

**NSW Ports is proud to announce that this morning our second Bulk Liquids Berth in Port Botany was officially opened.**

Just over two years ago Sydney Ports Corporation started constructing the second Bulk Liquids Berth (BLB2) for Port Botany which was officially opened today by the Honourable Mr Duncan Gay MLC, Minister for Roads and Ports.

NSW Ports Chairman, Mr Paul McClintock AO also officiated at the opening and in his address to stakeholders, tenants and customers, Mr McClintock made mention of the “the vision and the tenacity of Sydney Ports to follow this project through”, which has enabled NSW Ports to inherit this piece of critical infrastructure.

The Hon Duncan Gay MLC also thanked construction company John Holland, who were the prime contractors and reiterated the importance of this facility to the NSW economy.

The original Bulk Liquids Berth (BLB1) at Port Botany has been in operation since 1979. This berth has been occupied on average between 50-60% of the time for the past ten years and more recently has experienced average berth occupancy levels in excess of 80%. The main products handled at BLB1 are refined fuels, gas and chemicals.

Currently the facility handles 90% of the state’s LPG requirements and 26% of the jet fuel requirements for Sydney Airport. This additional berth will now cope with the ever growing needs within the NSW market.

The BLB2 project comprised construction of a steel piled pier berth adjacent to the existing BLB1; associated infrastructure such as fire fighting equipment, onshore support facilities, loading arms as well as pipelines from existing user sites to the new berth.

The open access, multi user berth will operate on a 24 hour/ 7 day per week basis. BLB2 has been designed to accommodate 120,000 dead weight tonne vessels to a maximum of 270m length overall.

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The Hon Duncan Gay MLC, Minister for Roads and Ports with Mr Paul McClintock AO, Chairman of NSW Ports officially open NSW Ports' second Bulk Liquids Berth – BLB2



NSW Ports' second Bulk Liquids Berth at Port Botany – BLB2