



Dear Stakeholder

Update on port activities as at Friday 2 November 2007 for the next 24 hours

Port Botany has recently seen the busiest period yet in the history of the port with a record 159,000 TEUs traded in October. Trade in the months of August and September was equally busy – averaging some 150,000 TEUs each month.

While we have all been working together to ensure the port continues to operate efficiently with minimal delays to both waterside and landside operations, there have recently been instances when truck queues and waiting times have been longer than desirable, with Patrick acknowledging delays at their terminal.

Recent traffic control measures introduced by P&O Trans Australia (POTA) for its empty container facility are working, and while it is still early days, we should not see a repeat of the traffic problems experienced last month. The main issue here has been truck queuing and not truck turnaround time.

The busy period is far from over and in the next 24 hours the port is scheduled to handle 24 vessel movements – an unprecedented number and nearly twice the average of 13 movements per day.

These movements include a cruise vessel, car ships, crude oil and bulk liquids vessels and of course a number of container vessels. We do have a full contingent of pilots rostered to handle these movements provided there are no changes to the booked times.

However, the resultant pressure on the landside could mean a very busy Monday morning.

Sydney Ports urges your help with this situation by maximising your use of a number of initiatives which have been introduced recently:

- the 24/7 operations at POTA's Sydney Haulage site;
- weekend truck operations offered by the two stevedores; and
- Sunday rail operations.

Your help in assisting with landside port operations both this weekend and between now and Christmas is appreciated.

Please feel free to give any of your contacts at Sydney Ports a call if you have any questions.

Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "B. A. Filipowski".

Barbara Filipowski
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