



\$1 billion Port Botany expansion set to begin

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Premier Morris Iemma today announced the contractor for the biggest port expansion NSW has ever seen – the \$1 billion redevelopment of Port Botany.

Mr Iemma said the massive infrastructure project would see a 60 hectare expansion to cater for growth and reinforce the port's world class reputation.

"The Port Botany expansion is one of the NSW Government's most critical infrastructure projects, and today I can announce the joint venture of Baulderstone Hornibrook and Jan de Nul has been chosen to help deliver it," Mr Iemma said.

"Trade through Port Botany was worth more than \$40 billion last year, and that figure is expected to double over the next 20 years.

"The Port Botany expansion is set to deliver 9,000 jobs to NSW and boost the State's economy by \$16 billion during the next two decades.

"Expanding the port to accommodate that growth ensures Sydney's position as a world-class trading city.

"Trade is the lifeblood of our economy. The NSW Government is investing now to keep our economy growing in the future."

Ports Minister Joe Tripodi said Baulderstone Hornibrook, an internationally successful Australian construction company, had previously worked on projects such as the Anzac Bridge and the Warragamba and Nepean Dams Deep Water Recovery project.

"The State Government has worked throughout the whole tender process to ensure the best result for NSW taxpayers," Mr Tripodi said.

"We will work with Baulderstone Hornibrook to deliver this massive infrastructure project."

Mr Tripodi said construction on the site was expected to begin next year.

"The NSW Government will commence an international tender for a stevedore to operate in the expansion area early next year. The first berths will be ready for trade by 2012, well in time for forecast trade growth," he said.

"Port Botany handles a third of Australia's container traffic. We're ensuring our Port is keeping pace with our growing international trade."

More than 100 planning conditions have been imposed for the Port Botany expansion to protect the bay's environmental health and local amenity.