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T4 Project Update – Finalisation of T4 Master Plan design

Port Waratah Coal Services (PWCS) has confirmed the final Terminal 4 (T4) Project design which will be lodged as a Preferred Project Report with NSW Department of Planning and Infrastructure early in 2013.

PWCS will seek approval for a terminal with the capacity to handle up to 70 million tonnes per year in the initial stages of development, within a master plan with the potential to handle up to 120 million tonnes per year.

This approach limits the initial footprint of the proposed project to the Kooragang Island side of the south arm of the Hunter River.

When demand for capacity exceeds 70 million tonnes per annum, further development approval will be required to expand to the south bank of the river.

“The approval and execution of stages, within a long term master plan, is similar to the approach that has underpinned the successful development of the existing PWCS terminal on Kooragang Island,” said PWCS CEO Hennie du Plooy.

“To fulfil its obligations under Newcastle’s coal export plan (the long term commercial framework), PWCS is pursuing the T4 development to meet contracted coal industry demand for export capacity above what can be delivered from the existing terminals.

“Targeting a smaller initial approval supports delivering this capacity at the lowest possible cost for an industry that is adjusting to a changing economic environment.

“However, where it makes sense to provide for the whole of the master plan - for example in acknowledging and mitigating environmental impacts on Kooragang Island - we will continue to do so,” Mr du Plooy said.

The initial stage of T4 is estimated to cost approximately five billion dollars and deliver up to 1500 construction jobs.



It is expected that the T4 preferred project report and response to public submissions will be lodged with the NSW Department of Planning and Infrastructure in the next two to three months.

The T4 Project also requires approval from the Federal Government under the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act (EPBC Act).

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