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Extra Capacity for Port Hedland Channel

Friday, 13 November 2015

- Port innovations and efficiencies increase capacity by 16 per cent
- More efficient shipping for port users

The State Government has identified ways to increase the shipping capacity in Port Hedland's channel by 16 per cent over the next three years, Transport Minister Dean Nalder announced today.

Mr Nalder said new modelling by the Pilbara Ports Authority and independent maritime engineering company OMC International had pinpointed opportunities to increase the port's forecast capacity from 495 million tonnes a year to 577 million tonnes.

"The extra capacity is a direct result of port innovations and efficiencies," he said.

The Minister said the modelling was a powerful tool to evaluate potential port investments and operating scenarios, maximising throughput at the port.

"The modelling looked at recent operational changes at the port including the use of innovative maritime technology, which has resulted in increased sailing drafts, the shipper's move to larger and more draft efficient vessels, and the port's ability to sail more ships on a tide," he said.

"The end result is more efficient shipping for port users and ultimately more royalties back to the State."

Acknowledging the potential for further growth in shipping tonnages, Mr Nalder encouraged port users to work with the port authority to maximise their terminal efficiencies, landside operations and loading times.

The Port of Port Hedland, which saw a record annual throughput of 447 million tonnes in 2014-15, is responsible for about 30 per cent of the global seaborne iron ore trade. This contributed $2.6 billion to State royalties last financial year.

Fact File
- The annual capacity entitlements for each port user will remain the same
- All users can access more capacity above their allocated tonnages through the use of D-class shipping protocols
Harbour has Bumper First Year

Augusta Boat Harbour, celebrating its first birthday this month, has been the catalyst for significant economic growth in the marine sector and delivered numerous benefits to the South-West in its first year of operation.

Marking the first anniversary of the opening of the $34.6 million Royalties for Regions-funded facility, Transport Minister Dean Nalder said the harbour was a success story with pen occupancy rates well beyond the first-year targets.

"Of the 40 boat pens, 28 have been hired on an annual basis by recreational and commercial vessels," Mr Nalder said.

"In addition, the number of vessels using the short-term casual hire pens has reached 30 short stay visits, with more custom anticipated over the busy summer months ahead."

Five charter vessels operated from the harbour during the recent whale watching season and passenger numbers increased by up to 1,500 over the previous season.

The new wharf allows fishing industry pen holders to transfer larger catches in less time, greatly increasing efficiency and productivity. A shark and wet line fisherman can now be at sea for three days, travelling to new fishing grounds, benefiting from improved safety during unloading of catch and reduced environmental risk during refuelling operations.

Mr Nalder said the harbour had proven its value as a safe haven, with several rescues recorded including one incident involving a 25 tonne ship en route to New South Wales that was towed to the harbour for repairs.

Regional Development Minister Terry Redman said the activity at the harbour had provided an economic boost for the region and this was likely to continue as the facility grew in reputation and attracted visitors.
"The boat harbour is another example of Royalties for Regions enhancing opportunities for regional businesses and communities through the delivery of key economic infrastructure," Mr Redman said.

Fact File

- The Department of Transport (DoT) managed the construction of the harbour which was officially opened by the Premier on November 21, 2014
- DoT now manages the operation of the harbour
- For more information, visit http://www.transport.wa.gov.au/imarine/augusta-maritime-facility.asp

East Arm Logistics Precinct Expands Further with New Northline Facility Opening

Media Release

David Tollner
Minister for Lands and Planning

13 November 2015

The East Arm Logistics Precinct continues to expand as a major transport and logistics hub after Northline officially opened a new Darwin facility today.

“This is another significant development at the Land Development Corporation’s Darwin Business Park at East Arm, which has seen a continual flow of investment and development activity since commencing in 2004,” Lands and Planning Minister David Tollner said.
“The Land Development Corporation worked closely with Northline to accommodate specific land requirements including size, access and services to develop an all weather 14,500 square metre warehouse.

“The site will also include a full service workshop and under roof freight operations.”

The new Northline facility will employ in excess of 60 staff. It will also provide additional capacity enabling Northline to expand its remote delivery services throughout the Territory.

Northline Chief Executive Craige Whitton said the new facility provides a significant boost to Northline’s Top End operations with easier access to sea, road and rail connections through its location within Darwin’s leading industrial precinct.

“The distribution centre’s location with sea, road and rail links located conveniently nearby, along with the improved efficiencies of the new facility, will be of significant benefit to our customers, improving our service offering and reducing turnaround times,” he said.

“The new Darwin facility will act as a central hub for Northline to service some of the most remote parts of northern Australia where staying connected is vital to the local community’s health and economy.”

Over the past 18 months, in excess of $74 million has been invested in new supply and logistics facilities at East Arm for Shell Prelude, Toll/INPEX, Qube/Conoco Philips and Northline.

“The growth of the Darwin Business Park in the East Arm Logistics Precinct further enhances the expanding capabilities of our local industry providing transport, supply and logistics support for major projects,” Mr Tollner said.

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