



## Support For Clean Up Australia Day



The Coal Terminal is pleased to be a part of this worthwhile clean up activity, with employees volunteering to support by picking up rubbish

The Port Kembla Coal Terminal supported the Friends of the Tom Thumb Lagoon and Conservation Volunteers Australia by both sponsoring and practically participating in the Business Clean-up Australia Day in February 2008 at the Tom Thumb Lagoon Wetland.

Rubbish was collected, with six out of the ten most common types of rubbish found being recyclable items, including drink cans and bottles. The rubbish enters the Tom Thumb Lagoon Wetland from stormwater drains and waterways within the catchment and if not removed it could pollute Port Kembla Harbour and could cause harm to native water birds, fish, frogs and crustaceans.



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## Coal Terminal Seeks Efficiency Improvements

The Port Kembla Coal Terminal operates two loading berths at Port Kembla Harbour, the coal berth, which last financial year loaded 11.7 million tonnes of coal and the bulk products berth, which loaded 540,000 tonnes of bulk products. The Coal Terminal receives coal from twelve mines in the Illawarra and Lithgow regions via both road and rail, which is stockpiled and then loaded onto ships, with over 90% destined for export markets.

The Coal Terminal operates 24 hours per day, 7 days per week (24/7) to meet shipping requirements. However, a restriction on road transported coal

is during the hours of 7.00am to 6.00pm Monday to Saturday. The current restriction was developed over 25 years ago, and much has

fleets have been made quieter, cleaner and safer. The Coal Terminal considers that it is time for a review of this old regulation in the context of today's operating environment.

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under a State Government planning policy developed in 1982 limits the Coal Terminal to receiving coal via public road to 11 hours per day, 6 days per week,

changed since then. Trucks now use different routes, roads have been significantly improved with noise attenuation and jersey barriers, and truck

Approval is being sought from the Minister for Planning to permit the Coal Terminal to receive coal deliveries via public roads 24/7 which will enable efficient operations

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and result in a more constant spread of coal trucks on the roads over a 24 hour period. No other changes will be made to the existing Coal Terminal operations as a result of this 24/7 approval request.

Over 50% of coal is currently received at the Coal Terminal by rail. The mines that deliver coal by road have either no or limited access to rail lines and are limited to road transportation by a combination of terrain, land constraints and economic viability. On average, there are 420 coal truck movements to the Coal Terminal 6 days per week. It is noted that coal trucks represent a small percentage of total traffic on Mount Ousley and Springhill Roads, at 1-2%. Moreover, coal trucks represent between 8-16% of total heavy vehicles on Mount Ousley and Springhill Roads.

Volumes of coal (tonnes) and numbers of trucks are not currently restricted, however, the proposed change will result in a 10 million tonne per annum cap on the volume of road transported coal. It is envisaged that trucks will be spread more constantly over each 24 hour period, and the result should be fewer trucks per hour during peak



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commuter times at current volumes.

Restrictions do not apply to the times trucks can operate at any other industry or port operators in Port Kembla, only the Coal Terminal, which is clearly not equitable.

An Environmental Assessment of the change to 24 hour, 7 day deliveries is currently being developed to support the application to the Department of Planning. The preparation of the Environmental Assessment has involved multiple specialist environmental studies to

assess likely impacts of the proposal. The Environmental Assessment is likely to be on public exhibition during June/July 2008. In the interim, if you would like further information on the Coal Terminal's current operations or proposed changes, please contact the Community Hotline on 1800 111 448 or email: [communitylinks@pkct.com.au](mailto:communitylinks@pkct.com.au).

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