

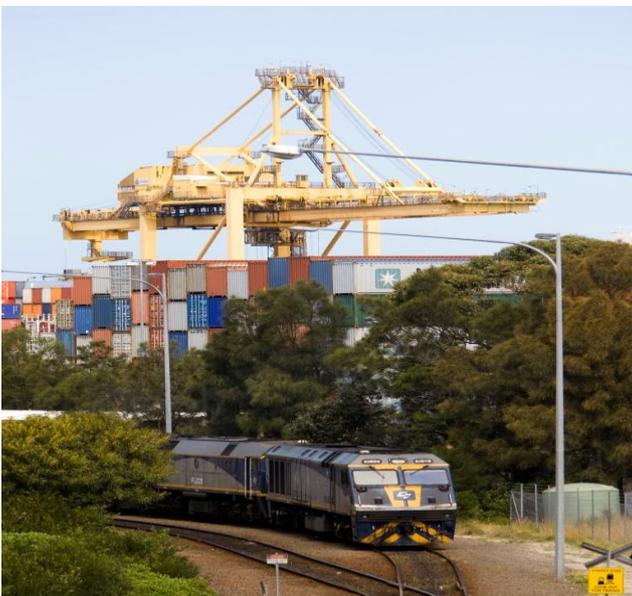
# Sydney Ports – PBLIS Rail Strategy

In March 2008, the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) recommended that the New South Wales Government use price and non-price initiatives “to overcome impediments to increased use of rail to and from Port Botany” and to “establish the Port Botany Rail Team to improve rail system performance at Port Botany”. The IPART report also recommended that “system performance KPIs should be established, monitored regularly, and high-level summaries reported publicly”.

Following the NSW Government response to IPART, the Port Botany Rail Team (PBRT) chaired by Sydney Ports Corporation (Sydney Ports) was established in November 2008. Participants include above and below rail operators, NSW Government representatives and stevedores. The PBRT, through Industry Trials, Workshops and formal meetings has instigated the following:

- Voluntarily agreed new operating protocols.
- Procured industry data, which is being used to monitor the performance of the port rail interface in order to improve the current system.
- A new Operations Performance IT system has been implemented to assist in performance monitoring and co-ordination & communication for the rail supply chain -
- A Rail Charter has been voluntarily agreed by PBRT and has been submitted to the ACCC.
- Members will use the Charter to agree a formal governance structure and new business rules to be authorised by the ACCC.
- A Rail Operations Coordination Centre (ROCC) has been established at Port Botany which will be governed by the industry agreed rules through the PBRT.

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The ROCC's main task will be to coordinate and communicate between the rail operators, stevedores and rail network providers, in order to improve the efficiency of daily rail operations in and out of the port. It will be facilitating port-rail operational planning, addressing operational issues, coordinating train services through Port Botany and maintaining a safety culture throughout the port precinct.

PBLIS will have overarching daily operational control of the ROCC. This will allow Sydney Ports to assist in the coordination of all modes within the Port Botany precinct. The PBRT will act as the strategy and governing body, providing the agreed business rules for PBLIS ROCC and ensuring decisions are made quickly, and more importantly executed in a timely fashion.

## Objectives

The key objectives for the ROCC team are:

- Coordinating the train services in and out of Port Botany
- Facilitating stakeholder management and communication between internal and external stakeholders
- Understanding the specific information requirements and driving the delivery of timely and accurate rail operational data and reporting
- Promoting transparency and independence within the port rail supply chain
- Facilitating future planning in port rail operations
- Proactively addressing and resolving port rail operational issues in a timely and efficient manner
- Driving a culture which maintains the importance of safety and ensuring compliance with all relevant rail safety provisions.

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Landside transport operations at Port Botany have been revolutionised under the most ambitious ports reform agenda ever put forward in NSW – the Port Botany Landside Improvement Strategy – this strategy initially focused on road and is now firmly centred on rail.

Sydney Ports is committed to ensuring rail volumes increase substantially and assists Port Botany to grow over the coming years.

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