



New South Wales Government

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NEW BIODIESEL PLANT FOR THE ILLAWARRA

Minister for Lands, Tony Kelly today announced planning approval had been given to commence construction for a \$243 million soybean processing and biodiesel production facility at Port Kembla.

Mr Kelly was speaking at a ceremony attended by local Wollongong MP Noreen Hay and National Biodiesel Chairman, Mr Edward Dutton.

“This is the first integrated soybean processing and biodiesel production facility in Australia and is a major boost to the Illawarra, Mr Kelly said.

“The project is expected to generate \$977 million in revenue and in addition to the 235 new permanent full-time jobs, will provide approximately 725 jobs in related industries and a further 500 jobs during construction of the facility.

“The National Biodiesel plant will produce 288 million litres of biodiesel a year; along with 850,000 tonnes of soy bean meal for poultry and livestock feed.

“In July 2007 the NSW Government implemented legislation to mandate the blending of all diesel fuel blended with 2% biodiesel, the mandate will increase from 2% to 5% in 2011,” Mr Kelly said.

“These mandates send a strong signal to biofuel producers and investors that the Rees Government is committed to the development of a long-term, sustainable biofuels industry in NSW.

Minister for the Illawarra David Campbell welcomed the announcement saying that “the jobs created from the Port Kembla biodiesel production facility also demonstrates the Rees Government’s commitment to reducing the impact of the global financial recession in the Illawarra.

Ms Hay also welcomed the additional jobs saying “this is an exciting development for Wollongong that will breathe new life back into the Port.”

Mr Dutton said, “we have launched Soy biodiesel® in NSW and QLD with strong demand already coming from mining, construction and transport industries.

“Biofuels like biodiesel contribute to reducing greenhouse emissions and hazardous particles in our air as they burn cleaner than petroleum fuels, and being made from soybeans, it is renewable and sustainable, he said.

For more information on the NSW Government’s biofuels strategy, go to www.biofuels.nsw.gov.au for National Biodiesel, go to www.natbiodiesel.com.au

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