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PORT OF MELBOURNE RELEASES 30 YEAR DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY FOR CONSULTATION

The Port of Melbourne has today released its 30-year *Port Development Strategy 2050* (2050 PDS) for consultation.

Port of Melbourne CEO, Brendan Bourke says the 2050 PDS is a roadmap for the future development of the Port and outlines 10 key projects that will improve capacity at the Port and respond to the needs of a growing Victoria.

"Our community increasingly relies on the Port to deliver the everyday goods needed to support our daily lives," Mr Bourke said.

"We are committed to investing in the Port to ensure it remains the premier port in Australia, a cornerstone of the Victorian economy, and to move goods in and out of the port to their destination more quickly," Mr Bourke said.

A key part of the 2050 PDS is a transformative rail project to improve landside transport connections for industry.

"The Port's plan for rail terminals supports the Government's intention to move more freight on rail. We are working with the Government to progress this project.

"Moving containers by rail will help get trucks off local roads, particularly in the inner-west of Melbourne," Mr Bourke said.

The 2050 PDS provides a framework for the next 30 years, yet it is also flexible to respond to industry trends and innovation in our evolving city.

"We will continue to refine the 2050 PDS as new and additional information becomes available and will refresh the document every five years," Mr Bourke said.

The 2050 PDS has been developed in consultation with industry, key stakeholders and the community, with 190 stakeholders participating in shaping its development.

The Port of Melbourne is one of Australia's most important infrastructure assets, contributing $6 billion to the Victorian economy in 2017-2018.

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