



## **NEWS RELEASE**

Sharon Bird MP  
Federal Member for Cunningham

### **Maldon-Dombarton rail link**

Federal Member for Cunningham, Sharon Bird, today told a Shipping Australia luncheon that a comprehensive Terms of Reference for the \$300,000 Commonwealth funded pre-feasibility study into the possible completion of the Maldon-Dombarton rail link have been agreed.

Ms Bird said that the Port Kembla Port Corporation (PKPC) and the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government had agreed on the terms of reference in the last week.

The Terms of Reference for the pre-feasibility study now requires the final approval of the Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government, Anthony Albanese MP, before a tender is called for the study to commence.

“Although I cannot at this stage reveal to you the precise Terms of Reference, I can advise you that the pre-feasibility study will focus on the current and future freight markets to support the possible construction of the line; analyse the current transport networks and gaps in those networks; and environmental, engineering and other identifiable factors that could influence the costs of construction of the Maldon-Dombarton line as part of developing an overall business case for the possible line”, Ms Bird said in her speech.

Ms Bird said that as the study commenced further information would be available, including a stakeholder information session, details of which would be announced later.

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