



# Mike Baird MP

NSW Treasurer  
Minister for Industrial Relations

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### COMMUNITY URGED TO PROVIDE FEEDBACK ON NEWCASTLE PORT

NSW Treasurer Mike Baird today urged the Newcastle community to have its say on the future of Newcastle Port, as Newcastle Port Corporation (NPC) called for Expressions of Interest for membership of its Community Liaison Group.

Mr Baird announced the establishment of the group (to be convened by the NPC) when he visited Newcastle last month.

“With the scoping study for the proposed long-term lease of the Port of Newcastle close to completion, we are encouraging members of the community and recreational groups to register their interest in joining in the Port of Newcastle Community Liaison Group,” said Mr Baird.

“The proposed lease has understandably created a lot of excitement and interest in the Newcastle community.

“If successful, this lease will enable what will effectively be the re-invention of our second-largest city so it’s no surprise that the community is keen to hear how the transaction is progressing, and is interested in issues related to the future of the port.

“Irrespective of a government decision to proceed with the transaction, the Community Liaison Group will provide a forum for regular community and stakeholder feedback on port operations and activities.”

Mr Baird said relevant government agencies would provide input where required, including updates on the proposed lease and scoping work for delivering the Newcastle Light Rail.

“The establishment of this group will provide the local community with the opportunity to really engage with the port and learn about its operation and development, while being heard in an open and meaningful way,” Mr Baird said.

The Expression of Interest (EOI) process will be conducted to form a broad group of members with strong links to the community, business and industry. Meetings will be held bimonthly from 5.30pm to 7pm in the Newcastle area.

Application forms are available at [www.newportcorp.com.au](http://www.newportcorp.com.au) or by phoning Newcastle Port Corporation on 4985 8222. Expressions of Interest close on 8 November 2013.

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