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TasRail welcomes bulk shiploader announcement

TasRail has welcomed the Federal Liberal National Government's commitment to a deliver a new \$40 million bulk minerals shiploader at the Burnie Port in North West Tasmania.

TasRail CEO Steven Dietrich said that the proposed investment would provide certainty for the burgeoning mining industry on the State's West Coast.

"The new shiploader will dramatically increase productivity and reliability therefore export opportunities for our customers, which in turn should create more jobs and security in regional Tasmania," Mr Dietrich said.

The current shiploader in operation at Burnie Port has now seen five decades of service and it is estimated to have loaded ~25 million tonnes of high grade concentrates and iron ore for export.

"Bulk minerals shiploaders are used the world over and are a proven and reliable ship loading system," Mr Dietrich said.

About TasRail:

TasRail is a State-owned Company, established on 1 December 2009 by an Act of the Tasmanian Parliament. The principal objectives of the business are set out in the Rail Company Act 2009 and require the Company to operate a rail business in Tasmania, effectively and efficiently and to operate its activities in accordance with sound commercial practice. With a workforce of around 230 men and women, TasRail's rail freight task in 2017/18 was around 3.5 million tonnes. TasRail conservatively estimates that the freight it transports by rail each year effectively removes the equivalent of 140,000 B-Double truck movements from the State's road network.

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