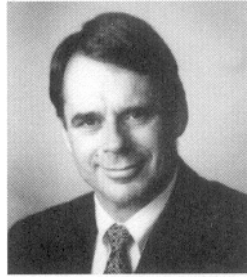




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### **PORT INVESTMENT TO REDUCE CONTAINER TRUCK TRAFFIC**

Footscray MP Bruce Mildenhall today welcomed Patrick Corporation's investment in the first stage of a new container park at East Swanson Dock, which will reduce truck traffic in the inner western suburbs.

The \$20million development will accommodate around half of the total number of containers that would otherwise be trucked to and from depots in the suburbs.

Ten thousand empty containers, plus 2,500 containers under Customs and Quarantine control will be stored on site.

Thousands of unnecessary truck movements will be eliminated from residential streets, including a conservative estimate of 1500 fewer per day on Francis St, claimed Mr Mildenhall.

The container facility will operate as common user park for a number of shipping lines. A reduction in the number of truck movements, improvements to the efficiency of container management, and an increase of the proportion of containers carried by rail are expected from the investment.

Mr Mildenhall said the investment sits alongside the other strategies the Government has been working on for some time.

He said the combination of a night and weekend truck curfew with increased powers for councils to control the location of container depots, relocation of container depots to more appropriate areas and increased use of rail should see a real improvement to the current situation.

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