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Letter to the editor of the *Illawarra Mercury*

The *Illawarra Mercury* today (Tuesday 20 September 2011) reported that an emergency tonnage increase for grain handling at Port Kembla will result in an extra 192 trucks a day.

This is in fact the total maximum truck movements per day for grain handling at the Port.

Grain handling at the Port was previously limited to weekday daylight hours. The Port has the physical capacity to handle eight grain trucks an hour (or up to 80 trucks if there are 10 hours of daylight).

Now the Port will be able to operate 24 hours to 31 December 2011, resulting in a maximum of 192 trucks per day. However, this maximum figure is unlikely to be reached.

The Department, with the advice of the Roads and Traffic Authority, found that the main impact would be on State roads (not local roads) which could handle 24-hour operations. The Department also found that the changes were unlikely to affect any residents.

Yours sincerely,

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