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**From: Albany Port Authority and Esperance Ports Sea & Land  
Interim CEO Appointed at Esperance Port**

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One of the State's most experienced Port Executives will return for the second time to take charge of the Esperance Port on an interim basis.

Albany Port Authority's Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Brad Williamson will temporarily leave his current role to act as Esperance Ports Sea and Land (EPSL)'s Interim CEO from Tuesday, 1 July 2014 to Tuesday, 30 September 2014.

Mr Williamson is the longest serving Port CEO in the State, having been CEO of Albany Port Authority for twelve (12) years. Brad Williamson is no stranger to EPSL, having served as its Interim CEO in late 2011, pending the appointment of Shayne Flanagan.

The appointment of an Interim CEO in Esperance is required following the resignation of Shayne Flanagan as EPSL's CEO (effective Monday, 30 June 2014), and the recent announcement by the Minister for Transport, the Hon. Dean Nalder that the amalgamation of the Ports of Albany, Bunbury and Esperance (into the Southern Ports Authority) has been delayed for a short period of time.

The appointment of an Interim CEO should allow sufficient time for the amalgamation process to be finalised and the Southern Ports Authority formed, following which a Port Manager (PM) will be appointed at Esperance.

During this interim appointment, Mr Williamson will ensure the smooth operations of the Esperance Port.

Pam Wignall (Finance and Administration Manager) will be appointed as the Acting CEO of the Albany Port Authority from Tuesday, 1 July 2014 until Monday, 21 July 2014. Sean Bolt (Harbour Master) will be appointed as the Acting CEO of Albany Port Authority from Tuesday, 22 July 2014 until Tuesday, 30 September 2014.

While at Esperance, Brad Williamson will retain oversight of Albany Port ANZAC Fleet Centenary Commemoration Planning.

The EPSL Board would like to wish Shayne Flanagan well and thank him for his outstanding service during his tenure as CEO.

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