FOUR NEW CAT DOZERS DELIVERED AT WELLINGTON

Minister for Lands Tony Kelly has accepted delivery of four Caterpiller bulldozers for use in conservation earthworks around Wellington, Gilgandra and Dubbo.

“The Department of Lands’ Soil Conservation Service (SCS) is leasing the dozers at a cost of $1.72 million,” Mr Kelly said.

“Two of the dozers will be working in the Wellington area, while the other two are heading to Gilgandra and Dubbo.

“The dozers will be used for soil conservation construction works including farm dams, contour banking and waterway systems and land rehabilitation work.”

Mr Kelly was on hand when the new Caterpillar D6N XL bulldozers were handed over by supplier Westrac at the SCS workshop at Wellington this week.

“They are 150 horsepower, 18.6 tonne dozers and are the first Cat D6s in Australia fitted with C6.6 ACERT motors.

“These motors meet stringent emission standards while providing outstanding engine performance, fuel efficiency and long term durability.

“The dozers are fitted with a rear camera for improved safety and operator comfort, reducing the need for the operator to constantly look over their shoulders when reversing.

“Westrac is also providing SCS staff with immediate OHS induction, machine operation and service training.

“SCS is a bush icon of 65 years standing and its team of experts in planning, design and construction of soil conservation earthworks are needed more than ever in these days of drought and climate change.

“SCS teams also provide invaluable assistance to the Rural Fire Service and National Parks during local bushfire emergencies,” Mr Kelly said.

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