DELIVERY OF DOZERS FOR CONSERVATION EARTHWORKS

Minister for Lands Tony Kelly has taken delivery of two bulldozers for the Soil Conservation Service (SCS) in Fairfield today, for use in conservation earthworks in rural NSW.

“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,” Mr Kelly said.

“The SCS has leased the dozers for construction works such as farm dams as well as contour banking and waterway systems on farms,” Mr Kelly said.

“SCS is taking delivery of two Komatsu D51EX-22 130hp bulldozers that are from the first shipment of four such dozers to arrive in Australia.

“They have an unusual appearance with their radiators at the rear as this allows the machine to have a "super-tapered" front that provides all round visibility enabling the operator to level and contour in tight and confined spaces.

“The two dozers will be based at Tamworth and Warialda and they will replace older model dozers.

“The dozers are equipped with a global positioning satellite tracking system (Komtrax) to improve fleet management.

“This will allow SCS to know where the machines are working to providing enhanced machine security.

“The system allows the monitoring of the machine’s fuel use and performance in such areas as the number of hours they have been working as this helps to determine servicing requirements.

“They also have rear cameras for improved safety and operator comfort, this reduces the need for the operator to constantly look over their shoulders when reversing.

Mr Kelly took delivery of the dozers at Komatsu Fairfield Office at 1-12 Mandarin Street Fairfield on Thursday 13 November at 8.00am. He was joined by the Director General of the Department of Lands and Soil Conservation Commissioner, Warwick Watkins; SCS General Manager, Paul Jones; National Manager Construction and Utility Komatsu, Sean Taylor; National Business Manager, Government Construction Komatsu, Kevin Edwards.

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