

MINUTES
MEETING # 39
Intermodal Logistics Centre
Community Liaison Committee (CLC)

Location: ILC
Enfield ILC, Cosgrove Rd, Enfield
Date: Monday 20 May 2019
Time: 4.00 pm

Attendees

Community Members:

Jenny Maddocks
Bill Thompson
Louise Symonds

Chair

Ian Colley

Minute taker

Sandra Spate

NSW Ports

Trevor Brown
Greg Walls
Ian Henderson
Tim Arkell
James Leggett
Natalia McGregor

Linx

Robyn Simpson
Frank Adriano
Cory Page

Swift

Geoff DeSantis
Michael Volonakis

Apologies: Maryanne Duggan, Office of Member for Strathfield; Vida Cheeseman, NSW Ports; Sarah Downey, NSW Ports; Richard Mawer, Goodman; Stephanie Partridge, Goodman.

Action Items:

1. Acceptance of the minutes/ actions from previous meeting

Ian C noted the 10th anniversary of the CLC as the first meeting was held in May 2009.

Acceptance of the minutes from February 2019 was moved by Bill and seconded by Jenny. The minutes were accepted.

Action: Greg to follow up the lack of a working link to the Enfield EA on the DPE website.

Greg reported Department of Planning is moving items including the Environmental Assessment (EA) to a new major projects website. Enfield ILC documents will move to this. Meanwhile the EA is available on the NSW Ports website at <https://www.nswports.com.au/community-and-environment-hub/project-compliance/enfield>

2. Project Update

• **Warehouses – update on construction and opening Warehouse C2**

Tim reported C2 has been provided early access. Power will be on from 30 May and practical completion on 31 May allowing Spandex to move in. Spandex has been working on fitout and painting.

F1, F2 and F3 are nearing completion which is expected on 14 June allowing tenants to take possession.

C1 completion is expected around July to August. Clients have been involved in internal fit out. Precinct H site establishment will start in coming days. The design and construction contract is signed and work is expected to be finished between November 2019 and January 2020.

Geotech and contamination works are currently being undertaken at Precinct E. Site establishment is expected in August/September. After that work is likely to continue for around nine months.

NSW Ports is working with a potential tenant for Precinct A which has direct access to the intermodal.

Bill asked if the same tenant will take A1 and A2.

Tim said the same customer is being targeted for both.

Tim reported new street addresses due to subdivision of the warehouse precinct with warehouses having their own addresses on Cosgrove Road.

Greg and James noted Mainline Road has been registered as a private road and some may have addresses on Mainline Road.

- **Operations – LINX and sub-tenants**

Frank noted a quiet period in March and April with overall import volumes down. Linx worked with Swift to fill trains with empty de-hires. The downturn may be seasonal. He would like an opportunity for Linx to meet with new tenants to continue to build business.

NSW Ports (Tim) will facilitate this.

- **Operations – Swift**

Michael reported volumes have also been down at Swift but this is seasonal.

3. **Development update**

- **Alternative Potable Water Supply Project**

Tim noted discussion at previous meetings about water pressure not being sufficient for fire-fighting in warehouse precincts. Options were either massive tanks or finding a higher pressure water source. They have tapped into the main on Cosgrove Road and all warehouses now have higher pressure available. The project is complete with significant cost savings.

NSW Ports is working with Sydney Water around a steel trunk main running through Precinct E. Sydney Water wanted NSW Ports to replace the main for them at a cost of \$2m in order to develop Precinct E. NSW Ports proposed giving Sydney Water an easement for a future main if needed and have developed a new design and constructability plan using emerging technology. This may reduce the build cost to around \$600,000 if required in the future. Feedback from Sydney Water is expected in coming weeks. This is critical for a start time for building E2.

Regarding the gas main owned by Qenos, NSW Ports has an innovative plan to cut and cap the gas main either side present E. This would allow digging up the current main and for construction to commence. There is a Deed of Agreement that if the main is required NSW Ports can replace it in future.

Jenny asked about the depth of the water main through Precinct E.

Tim replied it is a depth of between 7m and 9m on site and 2m as it comes out to Cosgrove Rd.

James said these are good outcomes providing for development with contingencies for the future.

- **General Planning update**

Greg reported there is no update on Modification 10 which is still with the Department of Planning.

In accordance with the Enfield Conditions of Approval following the Goodman Modification, an intermodal report is being prepared on moving from truck to rail in the warehouse precinct as proposed warehouses vary from the original approval. A framework is being developed with Department of Planning for reporting every two years based on tenant data for truck destinations and mode of arrival by rail or road.

General planning information: the new Planning Minister is Rob Stokes, the Ports Minister is Andrew Constance. Department of Planning and Environment is now Department of Planning, Industry and Environment – Jim Betts is now the Secretary of this Department. The Department of Industry and OEHL are now part of this mega-cluster. EPA remains.

The Department of Industry no longer exists and OEH is part of Planning. EPA remains.

Michael asked about progress on Precinct I.

Tim replied NSW Ports is in concept discussions with Linx.

4. **NSW Ports Sustainability Report – progress update**

TB reported revision and redrafting of the Sustainability Report with the new corporate affairs team has been finalised. The report is now with publishers. It's expected to be released mid-year. Actions for this area refer to complete revegetation of Mt Enfield and installing a noise monitoring system to help respond to complaints. As part of carbon footprint management NSW Ports is looking at more sustainable transport by boosting the rail modal share.

Jenny asked what the current numbers are for rail modal share.

Trevor said it is around 18% for the financial year.

Tim reported on Project Sabre (Sydney Autostrad Botany Rail Expansion Project) which plans four new 600m sidings and six new automated rail mounted gantries at Patrick. NSW Ports has received detailed design which is being reviewed. Construction of the first 300m is expected to commence in July, increasing windows and improving train turn-around times.

James noted NSW Ports target for rail modal share is 30% [*Post-Meeting Note: NSW Ports' target is to achieve 3 million TEU on rail by 2045*]. Federal funding has been announced for duplication of the line. Most parties want to see the rail share increase.

Frank asked whether rail operations at Patrick would be affected during construction.

James and Tim said existing operations won't be affected. Tim noted the first 300m is in an area with no rail and will have two lines feeding into it. Completion of the two phased project is expected in 2023. Truck grids may be affected and there is a need to relocate a substation.

Frank asked if new cranes will be cantilevers.

Tim said they will. It is good news providing for a much quicker turn around for trains. Patrick is managing below ground infrastructure and contributing to the above ground. NSW Ports made a large contribution to infrastructure beneath the rails. It is the beginning of a three stage plan to improve rail networks at all three terminals. Patrick is the first as they have the ability to do so without impacting on current operations. Funding from NSW Ports is available to all terminals for similar upgrades.

5. **Other**

- **Complaints summary and follow up: recent noise complaints response and management actions**

Trevor noted a noise complaint reported at last meeting on behalf of multiple residents. This was followed up in April. Initially the source couldn't be identified. It was subsequently found to be a reach stacker on site with a reversing beeper. This was taken out of service and replaced with a broad band quacker. Following a number of additional resident complaints about a reversing beeper on site NSW Ports is working with Linx is trying to identify the source.

Frank reported difficulties identifying the source. Linx is installing a sign at the front gate saying no beepers are allowed and having discussions with tenants, customers and terminal staff to put it at front of people's minds. The beeper was heard several times during the day but at night it stands out. Louise said she has received a lot of complaints. She has asked people to contact Ports directly.

She wonders whether warehouses have created an echo effect as over the last months noise has been horrendous. Closer to site at Cosgrove Rd the noise is less but amplifies further away with containers banging and beepers. Residents are angry. Kids are being woken at night. There is a resident with children in Chisholm Street who is particularly distraught. Residents go night after night without sleep. On Sunday night it went from quiet to banging and Louise wonders if this was because of a shift change. It has been suggested warehouses could provide a noise barrier but a resident who is a noise wall expert said this isn't the case due to gaps between warehouses.

Trevor appreciates Louise acting as conduit for residents. NSW Ports has spoken with Linx about renewed efforts. There will be monitoring capability on site in future and expert advice sought.

Ian C emphasised noise impacts need to be addressed more systematically.

Trevor said Ports are talking to consultants in June with a budget for monitoring in July. All complaints seem to be from more distant areas. NSW Ports wants no reversing beepers on site.

- **Council updates**

No council representatives were present.

- **New Starters NSW Ports – Corporate Affairs and Communications**

James reported NSW Ports has a new communications team. They were unable attend today but will be at the next meeting.

- **Comments/ questions/other business**

Tim reported welcome events will take place over coming months. NSW Ports will be talking to tenants and CCC members and residents will be invited to visit the new warehouses.

Louise commented landscaping looks good.

Bill suggested the issue of cars using internal roads as rat runs isn't resolved. He noticed cars going over the bridge in both directions as he arrived tonight.

Trevor noted the significant 10 year milestone for the CLC and offered Ports appreciation for the community representatives who have taken time to participate. The site and the project were a long time coming and development took longer than expected. There is still a long way to go regarding operations but the function of this group remains important. NSW Ports CEO is keen for the organisation to be out in front of the community.

Date of next meeting: Monday 19 August, 2019

These minutes have been endorsed by the Chair, Ian Colley