

**Port Botany Expansion
Community Consultative Committee**

Date: 3rd February, 2009

Meeting number: 20

Attendees:

John Burgess (JB) - Community Representative
 Nancy Hillier (NH) – Community Representative
 Paul Pickering (PP)- Community Representative
 Roberta Ryan (RR) – Chairperson
 Sandra Spate – Minutetaker
 Shane Hobday (SH) – Sydney Ports Corporation
 Marika Calfas (MC) – Sydney Ports Corporation
 Jessica Berry (JBe) – Sydney Ports Corporation
 Peter Zangari (PZ) – Sydney Ports Corporation
 Margaret Harvie – Baulderstone Hornibrook
 Linda Coburn (LC) – Baulderstone
 Vince Newtown (VN) – Baulderstone
 Quentin Pitts (QP) – Baulderstone

Apologies: Peter O’Leary

Not present: Neil Melvin, Neil Brener, Bronwyn Englaro, Paul Shepherd

Item	Issue	Action	By whom	When
1	Minutes of last meeting			
1.1	Peter Zangari, from SPC corporate affairs team was introduced to the meeting. He will be attending future meetings.			
1.2	Minutes from the previous meeting were accepted.			
	<p><u>Actions arising from the previous minutes</u></p> <p>Item 1.2 - RR reported that discussions were progressing with a potential new member to the CCC and information would be sent to members by the next meeting.</p> <p>Item 5.4 – LC emailed details relating to the worker behaviour incident to NH on 12/12/08.</p> <p>Item 7.2 - The decision to conduct an origin/destination survey regarding potential locations for a pedestrian overpass across the railway line, to</p>			

	replace the Banksia Street level crossing, will be addressed as a separate agenda item. SH indicated a representative of SPC involved in Port expansion would also raise issues of the pedestrian crossing with the Botany Local Emergency Management Committee.			
2	Update on construction and activities			
2.1	<p><u>Presentation by B-JDN (VN)</u></p> <p>Compaction of boat ramp area which continued through January is now complete.</p> <p>At the Millstream groyne, construction basalt is in place and work on the footpath will be ongoing through February.</p> <p>At the boat ramp, construction of the breakwater commenced in January and will continue through February.</p> <p>On Foreshore Rd worked started on the northern revetment. Leveling and fencing is taking place with a view to piling rig access. Landscaping continues.</p> <p>Dredging and reclamation on east side commenced in January and will continue for several weeks. The eastern berm is being widened. The larger dredge will arrive in mid-to late February. Ancillary barges will be used for the larger dredge.</p> <p>The silt curtain is being relocated to allow the trenching for the foundation material for the counterfort units to proceed.</p> <p>The concrete batch plant will soon be operational.. Casting of counterfort units will commence in April.</p>			
	Questions and discussion			
2.2	PP noted silting in the Mill Stream drain at the location of the groyne and asked who is responsible for maintenance. VN responded that one purpose of the	SPC to provide further information on responsibility	SPC	

	<p>groyne is to stop sand traveling north along Foreshore Beach to the Mill Stream. SACL is responsible for dredging.</p> <p>SH noted that SPC had approached SACL over time to jointly fund the installation of a groyne. The installation of the groyne will assist in keeping the outlet of the Mill Stream clear of sand build up.</p>	for stormwater at the next meeting.		
2.3	<p>PP asked whether a beach will exist in front of the wall at low tide.</p> <p>VN responded it wouldn't, sand has been excavated for deep foundations for the rockwall.</p> <p>QP noted this will be a location for new seagrass.</p>			
2.4	<p>PP asked whether local sands would be used for casting the counterfort units.</p> <p>VN replied that sand from the bay would not be used. Sand and aggregates would be brought in.</p> <p>PP asked whether this would be by truck.</p> <p>VN indicated it would be. There are issues of sensitivity with concrete mixing equipment.</p> <p>PP asked where stone was sourced.</p> <p>JB and VN indicated this was from around Shellharbour.</p>			
3	<p>Environmental monitoring Monthly Report</p> <p>- Explanation of Nutrient Graphs - dry and wet medians</p>			
3.1	<p><i>Presentation by B-JDN (QP)</i></p> <p>QP reported that Little Tern chicks had hatched on site. During the Christmas break three nests had been built. BH-JDN continued to work with NPWS in the preservation and management of the nests.</p> <p>November and December Environmental Monitoring reports have been distributed.</p> <p>In November acid sulphate soil monitoring had indicated a couple of potential sites – but confirmation</p>			

	<p>samples sent to a NATA-registered lab indicated they were not. Monitoring continued in December. Additional samples have been sent to the lab for analysis.</p> <p>Bird hazard decreased in November and December.</p> <p>Dust levels decreased in November and no dust complaints had been received in November or December.</p> <p>Archeological assessment report was finalized and submitted to the NSW Department of Heritage. The observation platform has been moved slightly to accommodate the old Government Pier remnants.</p> <p>No marine mammals were observed in November or January, but sportfish have been seen. No noise complaints in November. No odour in November or December.</p> <p>Little change had occurred with the Saltmarsh. Transplanting has been going well, and some re-growth was noted. The mangroves are not reshooting which is good. Extreme high tides occurred in saltmarsh and seagrass areas over the December – January period. Seagrasses have increased in some areas.</p> <p>License approval has been obtained from EPA for additional Saltmarsh seed collection in the Bay near Kurnell if it is required.</p> <p>Shorebird habitat continues to be monitored, with additional monitoring now taking place on Sundays. No impact on roosting has been noted.</p> <p>Water monitoring has indicated no exceedences, although there was some increase in turbidity during dredging, but well within licence limit.</p>			
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	<p>In January there was an issue raised by a resident of Dent Street regarding the vibration from compaction operation.. Monitoring has been carried out and a preliminary report is due this week. Monitoring will continue. Impacts on residents in this area should be decreasing over the next weeks, as this work will be moving away from the area.</p>			
3.2	<p>LC reported that the project would undertake precondition surveys on a number of properties over the coming weeks. Identification of properties potentially affected by piling works and services works was going ahead. Properties potentially affected by piling works were in Dent Street and service works in Tupia Street, Livingstone Street and Hayden Place.</p> <p>JB conveyed thanks to BH-JDN for undertaking a precondition survey, as there was no requirement under the conditions of approval for this. It is a gesture of goodwill to the community. NH asked what the services' works were.</p> <p>VN noted the services were for sewer and a high voltage conduit, under Foreshore Road and one across the bridge.</p> <p>MC asked which services went across the pedestrian bridge.</p> <p>PP asked where the power was for. MH replied it was for services for the site.</p> <p>MC and VH noted that the services were for the new terminal and boat ramp.</p> <p>NH asked whether there were any fuel pipelines.</p> <p>VN replied that there was an existing petroleum pipeline along Foreshore Road. It was protected by concrete slabs and a petroleum company representative needed to be in attendance when work was being carried out in the immediate vicinity of the pipeline.</p>	<p>B-JDN to bring the service plan to the next meeting.</p> <p>VN to provide MC with information about services across the bridge</p>	<p>B-JDN</p> <p>B-JDN</p>	
	Questions and discussion			

3.3	JB noted he was pleasantly surprised by results of acid sulphate monitoring.			
3.4	NH asked whether pelicans were still around. JB and QP reported that they were.			
4	Update on communication activities including complaints			
4.1	<p><u>Presentation by B-JDN (LC)</u></p> <p>Documents distributed since last meeting are: Two Activities and Issues Communications – Look Ahead A community notification regarding Glebe Island temporary site compound A community notification regarding the pedestrian bridge and temporary site compound. Project newsletter, email and hard copy versions. Navigation channel update, stage 2. Complaints and statistics reports from Dec 11 - Feb 2. LC reported that a public display at Botany pool during daytime went well, as workers went there at lunchtime. There has been an email from a resident asking why a display was not held in the park. B-JDN responded that a display may be held there in cooler weather. B-JDN are investigating installing a display board on the lookout. There is another public display this Saturday. A large number of brochures and newsletters are being distributed from the box at the community information board at the boat ramp. Last month phone calls and emails were received from two boat captains who claimed they ran aground in the boating channel. Investigations are being conducted. The channel meets NSW Maritime requirements and if boats stay in the channel it is unlikely they would run aground. There is an advertisement in today's</p>			

	<p>paper regarding the weekend display. Notification regarding the piling works will be issued in mid February. Piling works will be carried out over two weeks.</p>			
	<p>Questions and discussion</p>			
4.1	<p>JB suggested that channel markers may have moved due to weather conditions, wind may move markers a couple of metres. He hasn't personally had problems. VN is not aware of any marker movement, but noted the area outside the channel shallows quickly. LC reported the area is regularly surveyed.</p>			
4.2	<p>JB reported that he had received 3 phone calls a couple of weeks ago regarding complaints over traffic hold ups. He referred these to the hotline, and was surprised they hadn't been logged as incoming calls to the hotline. LC indicated they would have been recorded if received. SH noted a number of problems with Patricks prior to Christmas regarding queuing and an industrial issue. PP reported a truckies' common complaint that if they needed to use a toilet they had to get out of the queue and start again. SH said there had been discussion over years regarding a truck resting area. The current Conditions of Consent prohibit queuing outside the terminal. SH also agreed that this issue be referred to the Port Botany NLG. JB reported there was supposed to be an amenities facility as part of original port development which unfortunately hasn't eventuated. The union also hasn't taken this up. Opportunity for this is running out as suitable land fast being earmarked for other uses. Someone needs to pick up responsibility for this. SH noted there had been recent Workcover visits to the terminal regarding amenities.</p>	<p>JBe to put the issue of amenities for truckers on the agenda for the next Neighbourhood Liaison Group meeting.</p>	<p>SPC</p>	

	<p>PZ reported that performance standards of each terminal were currently being looked at.</p> <p>NH noted that efforts to get amenities for truckers had been ongoing since 1980.</p>			
5	Pedestrian Survey at Banksia St crossing			
5.1	<p><i>Presentation by SPC (SH)</i></p> <p>At the last meeting drawings of potential crossings were presented. An origin and destination survey will be conducted on a Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday over a range of times including dawn till dusk, as well as evening. A contractor working for SPC will conduct the survey. The survey will record the date, time, the number of people crossing, their origin (street) and destination, how many times per week they use the crossing, and their response to a question “would you use a Stephens Road crossing if this one was no longer available?” The survey would contain a mock up of the ramps and locations.</p>			
	Questions and discussion			
5.2	<p>NH asked how many people could use this level crossing in times of an emergency. She noted SPC would also need to speak with the fire brigade and raised difficulties regarding recent lapses in meetings of the Botany Local Emergency Management Committee. SH noted that SPC will take this to the emergency committee to seek their input. The issue of meetings, which is a concern, will be raised with the local Police Commander.</p> <p>NH noted her opposition to closing the area to pedestrians as this would potentially put lives at risk.</p> <p>SH replied that a balance needed to be found between an increased number of trains 24/7 with the need to sound the horn on approaching the crossing and access for pedestrians. SPC would bring results of the survey to the CCC</p>	<p>SPC to raise with Local Area Command (Ron Mason) the need for regular quarterly meetings of the local emergency management committee.</p>	SPC	

	as well as council.			
5.3	NH noted the study needed to look at safety of pedestrians on an overpass at Stephens Rd. SH responded that if this option is taken up, widening works would be undertaken to enhance the pedestrian crossing on the Stephens Rd bridge.			
5.4	PP asked when the study is undertaken, is a sound barrier concept being looked at? NH noted there was need for a fire break as well as noise attenuation. There is a need for a hazard risk assessment. SH responded this was an issue for rail and should be taken up with either Railcorp or the ARTC.			
6	Section 96 Modifications			
6.1	MC reported that, as raised at the previous meeting, a Planning Application was being prepared to relocate the rail line from along Foreshore Road and the rear of the new container terminal to adjacent to the existing Patrick sidings. In case of a second operator at the facility, the relocation would allow for improved access. This would allow for 600m sidings which are considered optimum. The completed assessment work indicated a noise barrier would be installed along the northern edge of the inter-terminal road corridor to prevent any change to noise at residences to the north of the new terminal. There would be a 1 dB(A) increase at residences to the east of the new terminal as they would not be screened by the barrier, but noise here would still be within the guidelines with the exception of the single caretakers residence within the cemetery. There would be no change to traffic. The noise barrier may have a potential impact to the usable shorebird area within Penrhyn Estuary, and compensation for this would be provided on the northern side by			

	change the vegetation to small groundcovers. The modification application would be lodged with the DoP and provided to the CCC at that time.			
	Questions and discussion			
6.2	JB indicated his support for the proposal, suggesting it would improve management of the estuary.			
6.3	PP asked about capacity of the terminal over time with larger vessels being built. Would the largest vessels be expected here? SH responded that the largest vessels (13,000 teu) were not expected here, as this wouldn't be an efficient operation for them. MC noted the terminal was designed for 8,000 teu). JB raised concerns with the number of containers falling off ships which he estimated must be to be hundreds of thousands globally.			
7	Other Matters/next meeting			
7.1	JB raised issue around proposals for the redevelopment of the Orica land known as the "southlands". There will be an impact on this area with traffic, noting the suggestion was for 240-270 vehicles per hour. A new access is proposed between Foreshore, Botany and Beauchamp Roads, with another traffic intersection between current intersections. This would present a traffic management issue for the port. The second issue would be due to potential flooding. The area would be capped with hard stand to prevent contamination (from groundwater). There will be capacity to store run off, but flows in heavy rain will not be absorbed and has the potential to flow into the Springvale drain and then the estuary. This in combination with high tides poses flooding risks. He cited the recent incident where Hale St	SPC to contact DoP to ensure input into the process of the proposed development. SH will talk to the logistics team regarding extra access to Botany Rd.	SPC	

	<p>was underwater recently in extreme high tides. Work done in the estuary by Ports will be under threat. The plans for debris abatement could be affected, with the potential for backflow. He cited an incident at Maroubra where a 3 tonne block was flipped over in heavy rain due to pressure from water in combination with debris caught in a pollutant trap.</p> <p>MC noted the requirement for any new development to have stormwater mitigation measures in place.</p> <p>PP noted appreciation for SPC taking responsibility for the cleanliness of the area including Foreshore Beach, Penrhyn Estuary and the new boat ramp.</p> <p>SH agreed that this issue be referred to the Port Botany NLG.</p>			
6.2	<p>RR noted a number of members absent and asked whether sufficient notice of the meeting had been provided.</p> <p>JB reported that he hadn't received an agenda or notice of the meeting.</p>	SPC to ensure notification of meetings is adequate.	SPC	
6.3	<p>JBe reported that this would be her last CCC meeting as she was leaving SPC to move away from Sydney.</p> <p>On behalf of the committee, the Chair wished JBe the best for the future.</p>			
6.4	The next meeting will be held at 3.30pm on March 17 th .			

These minutes have been endorsed by the Chair, Roberta Ryan.

