

**Port Botany Expansion  
Community Consultative Committee**

**Date:** 28<sup>th</sup> July, 2009

**Meeting number:** 24

**Attendees:**

Roberta Ryan - Chairperson  
Nancy Hillier - Community Representative  
John Burgess - Community Representative  
Neil Melvin - Community Representative  
Mick Costelloe - Community Representative  
Paul Shepherd - City of Botany Bay Council  
Bronwyn Englaro - Randwick City Council  
Linda Armstrong - Baulderstone  
Vince Newton - Baulderstone  
Margaret Harvie - Baulderstone  
Quentin Pitts - Baulderstone  
Peter O'Leary - Sydney Ports Corporation  
Paul Jerogin - Sydney Ports Corporation  
Shane Hobday - Sydney Ports Corporation  
Matthew Flugge - Sydney Ports Corporation  
Sandra Spate - Minutetaker

**Apologies:** Marika Calfas - Sydney Ports Corporation, Kathy Lloyd - Sydney Ports Corporation, Paul Pickering - Community Representative, Peter Zangari - Sydney Ports Corporation

**Not present:**

Item	Issue	Action	By whom	When
1	Minutes of last meeting			
1.1	Item 1.2 regarding distribution of printed material is carried over to the next meeting.	Distribution of printed material to Council libraries	SPC	
2	Membership changes – SPC			
2.1	SH reported that Neil Brener, business representative on the committee, has tendered his resignation as he will be taking up a position in another area, and will no longer have a role in the area around Port Botany. Suggestions for a business representative replacement should be forwarded to the chair. Some suggestions were made at the meeting and contact details for these will be forwarded to the Chair.	RR will write to Neil on behalf of the committee thanking him for his participation.  SH will forward contact details of suggested	Chair  SPC	

		replacements to RR.		
3	Environmental monitoring monthly report			
3.1	<p><u>Presentation by BH-JDN (QP)</u></p> <p>No environmental complaints were received in June. This is a good outcome considering the amount of work undertaken in this period and considering the amount of night work on Foreshore Road</p> <p>There has been no significant increase in bird numbers. There were no dust complaints or exceedences, no heritage issues and no issues with marine mammals. Whales are migrating north along the coast and have been passing in large numbers. There were no daytime or night noise complaints in June and no exceedences. There was one complaint in July relating to a reversing beeper during night road repairs required to be undertaken at night. There were no odour issues due to the project during June.</p> <p>The saltmarsh is doing well and additional plantings will occur over the next several months. There have been no changes to seagrass and seagrass habitat. Sediment deposition monitoring indicates some additional deposition in the upper estuary—but results typical of urban estuaries where urban stormwater runoff causes sedimentation in these areas. There have been no significant changes to shorebird numbers. Birds are expected to return in September and October. Shorebird predators have been identified on site, including avian raptors and the presence of cat and fox tracks.</p> <p>There have been no DECC licence or contract exceedences regarding water quality. Elevated levels of some heavy metals including copper, lead and zinc continue to be reported above ANZECC guidelines but there are no licence requirements to meet these guidelines. The elevated results have been random and are</p>			

	<p>considered anomalies as they are not consistently reported—and have not been associated with work activities on site. Elevated levels of heavy metals are typical in Botany Bay and other urban catchments associated with urban stormwater runoff from industrial areas</p>			
	Questions and discussion			
3.2	<p>NH noted there had been exceedence of heavy metals identified in the monthly report. She asked whether BHJDN was worried about exceedences of set levels. She asked how the standards are set.</p> <p>JB replied they are the ANZECC Guidelines</p> <p>QP noted monitoring measures background metals in the Bay and that there are no license criteria for heavy metals—only the requirement to report each month.</p> <p>Stormwater and urban outflows can lead to elevated levels which are typical of urban areas. Our requirement is to report the results of the monitoring. There are no criteria to be met. The presence of metals in the water quality monitoring results is not project related.</p> <p>PS noted that at previous meetings preconstruction levels were requested, but the information is unavailable.</p> <p>NH sought information on the implications of raised levels.</p> <p>JB indicated that as there is no consistency in exceedences, but spikes for different metals at different times and locations, he was not unduly worried.</p> <p>PJ noted that there were two components of water quality monitoring. One is monitoring impacts of the project e.g. turbidity and the other is more general to allow SPC and DECC to put together a database. The EIS identified no significant water quality impacts associated with project.</p> <p>PS questioned the reasons for a spike of lead in May and zinc going from nothing to peak and then nothing again. He suggested there wasn't certainty that the project had no</p>			

	<p>impact.</p> <p>PJ suggested these were likely due to rainfall and urban runoff. Anecdotal evidence shows there is a correlation with rainfall.</p> <p>JB suggested that if some readings were consistently high, DECC would be obliged to act. If this was the case, community members would pursue it to ensure DECC was aware, but there is no consistent pattern</p> <p>QP suggested that the readings were typical of any urban stormwater catchment in an industrial area with the same metals identified (heavy metals). The samples are taken from all over the Bay at approved locations.</p> <p>JB suggested dredging may have contributed to spikes, if left undisturbed the heavy metals may not have exceeded guidelines. Something has caused readings to go from 0 to spike. Orica's stormwater discharge monitoring wasn't revealing similar readings.</p> <p>PS suggested that community representatives write letters to DECC noting the spikes and ask whether they are a cause for concern to the department.</p> <p>NH suggested the letter should come from this committee, There was no way to be sure readings are not related to construction.</p> <p>Most members agreed to write letters on behalf of their organizations.</p> <p>SH suggested SPC could also engage with DECC to ask if there is anything of concern in reports.</p>			
3.3	<p>PS asked whether there was any evidence of an interaction with the Desalination works as they came closes to the works in the past month.</p> <p>QP replied there had been none to date but would follow up with those project environmental representatives. Dredging for the Energy Australia cable will commence soon.</p>			
4	<b>Update on construction and activities</b>			
4.1	<u>Presentation by BH-JDN (VN)</u>			

	<p>Work on the shared path is continuing; asphalt and line marking will commence at the Mill Stream groyne.</p> <p>Boatramp construction is in full swing. In coming months boatramp precast elements will be placed.</p> <p>The pedestrian bridge pre cast units over Foreshore Rd have been installed and the cast insitu sections at either end are progressing.</p> <p>Delivery of the main piles for the terminal access bridge has occurred, piling will commence in Mid August.</p> <p>Pavement at the new terminal access bridge is complete. Shoulder works have moved to the Boatramp.</p> <p>At Foreshore Rd there cables for streetlights and the water main have been installed.</p> <p>Tupia St will have Energy Australia works during the coming month.</p> <p>A major milestone has been the delivery of the shear leg barge which has started moving the large concrete elements.</p> <p>August will see the installation of the counterfort units on the east/west berth.</p> <p>Compacting of the foundation trench for the east west berth is currently underway.</p> <p>The Interterminal Access Corridor revetment is complete, work will now move to the east berm.</p> <p>The Marco Polo is due to arrive around August 28 and it will be the last significant sized dredge.</p>			
	Questions and discussion			
4.2	<p>PS asked what is the piling method to be used for the terminal access bridge?</p> <p>VN replied the piles will be water jetted at first, then driven.</p>			
4.3	<p>PS asked what the expected completion date for the boatramp is.</p> <p>VN replied the target was for late October 2009.</p>			
5	<b>Update on communication activities including complaints</b>			

5.1	<p><u>Presentation by BH-JDN (LA)</u></p> <p>The June monthly environment report was distributed to the meeting. One complaint has been received in July relating to a reversing beeper during the Foreshore Rd works. Noted that during approximately two months of nightwork there has been 2 complaints.</p> <p>Communications supplied to members include Q and A sheets on the pedestrian bridge and counterfort units; notifications regarding the pedestrian bridge, the activities plan and a local community notification. There will be another community notification distributed next Monday for commencement of the terminal access bridge piling works. The Statistics Report was distributed. LA has met with representatives from the Desalination project who are looking at putting up signage at the boatramp.</p>			
	Questions and Discussion			
5.2	PS offered congratulations regarding the noise reports and lack of complaints.			
6	<b>Other Matters/next meeting</b>			
6.1	<p>JB reported that in relation to RTA plans for a weigh station raised at the previous meeting, it is his belief that it won't go ahead where suggested. SH reported that discussions were still taking place. JB noted the priority of having a truck facility, and he is pushing for the site behind the airport or anywhere else locally where land was available and where the weigh station could be integrated into the development.</p>			
6.2	<p>PJ noted the independent audit report and asked whether members had received it. It has been submitted to the DoP. There were no non conformances found, and it was generally a good report. NM had not received a copy.</p>	SH to forward a copy of the independent auditors report to NM.	SPC	
	Next meeting will be held on Wednesday			

	September 16 <sup>th</sup> , 3.30pm.			
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These minutes have been endorsed by the Chair, Roberta Ryan.

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