

Meeting: Port Botany Community Consultative Committee – Meeting No. 16

Held: Tuesday 22 August 2017, 5.30pm-6.35pm
Hutchison Ports Training Room, 1 Sirius Road Botany

Present:

John Burgess (JB) – Community	Marie Gibbs (MG) – Patrick Stevedores
Mal Jagdev-Imrich (MJI) – Community	Michael Martin (MM) – Vopak
Lynda Newnam (LN) – Community	Aldo Costabile (AC) – Elgas Limited
Paul Pickering (PP) – Community	Gary McKay (GM) – Caltex
Clare Harley (CH) – Bayside Council	Jos Kusters (JK) – Caltex
Stuart Clark (SC) – EPA representative	Michael Kinnell (MK) – Origin Energy
Peter Reed (PR) – Port Authority of NSW	Blair Moses (BM) – Hutchison Ports Australia
Roberta Ryan (RR) – Chairperson	Trevor Brown (TB) – NSW Ports
Sandra Spate (SS) – Minute taker	Wayne Ashton (WA) – NSW Ports
	Adem Long (AL) – NSW Ports
	Greg Walls (GW) – NSW Ports
	Jonathan Lafforgue (JL) – NSW Ports


Apologies: James Goodwin – EPA representative, Michael Wright – SafeWork NSW, Karen Jones – Orora, Marcus Dwyer – Botany Bay Business Enterprise Centre, Mark Walker – Qenos, Claere Kay – DP World, Patrick Medway – Botany Bay Enterprise Centre.

Item	Description	Action/Responsibility
1	Apologies and Introductions Apologies are as above. New attendees were welcomed. Greg Walls will be representing NSW Ports in place of Daniela Vujic. The CCC thanked Daniela for her contribution to the committee and wish her all the best in her new role.	
2	Accept minutes of last meeting Acceptance of the minutes from May 2017 was moved by LN and seconded by BM. The minutes were accepted.	
3	Actions arising from previous minutes	
3.1	Action 5.3 May 2017 AL will bring proposed traffic plans for Botany Road to the next meeting. AL will email the draft traffic plan for Botany Road for distribution to the CCC. There are some issues regarding pedestrians which need to be addressed in the revised plan. A positive is the left hand sweep from Coal Pier Estate to Botany Road with plans for two lanes moving ahead. <i>Please note: These plans are not complete nor approved in anyway, whatsoever. They are only a suggestion at this point in time</i>	AL will send the draft traffic plan for Botany Road to RR and SS for distribution to the CCC.
4	Port Botany community assets - Updates on Foreshore Beach – PR	

4.1	<p>Peter Reed, General Manager of Assets for Port Authority of NSW, provided the update on Foreshore Beach. He confirmed groyne works are complete. Monthly surveys of the beach profile will identify movement of sand. A contract has been awarded for the cleaning of the beach area including a regular sand sift.</p> <p>JB reported that a visit to the beach today suggests there is still a major problem with beach erosion. There is still a 1 to 2 metre collapse from the back of the beach to the lower level and further erosion has occurred to the beach. At the groyne closest to the car park the walking platform over the groyne could be accessed from the sand on the side closest to the car park at low tide, but on the other side water was under the walkway. People would have had to walk through water indicating sand has moved from that area. It is clear that erosion control is not working as it should. JB saw a swirling eddy of water in the Bay towards the airport indicating a major current exists. There are also sheets of a fibrous material partially buried on the beach. JB offered to meet PR on site to further discuss issues. JB and PR will arrange this off-line. PR noted surveyors are due to go out. He will ask them to look at the area around the first groyne.</p>	
5	<p>Development activities in the Port</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tenant developments - NSW Ports developments – GW/TB - Planning and legislation update – GW/TB 	
5.1	<p><u>Patrick</u> MG reported on a resurfacing of the yard where manual straddles caused ruts which are creating problems for automatic straddles.</p>	
5.2	<p><u>DP World</u> There was nothing to report</p>	
5.3	<p><u>Vopak</u> MM reported the response to submissions document is currently with Ports. It will then go to Department of Planning and the EPA and will hopefully be on line in about four weeks.</p>	
5.4	<p><u>Elgas</u> There are no new developments.</p>	
5.5	<p><u>Caltex</u> There are no new developments.</p>	
5.6	<p><u>Hutchison Ports</u> BM noted a name change from SICTL to Hutchison Ports Sydney. There are no other developments to report.</p>	
5.7	<p><u>Origin</u> There are no developments to report.</p>	
5.8	<p><u>NSW Ports developments</u> TB reported NSW Ports are still pursuing Modification 16 to the expansion area for ongoing use of Hayes dock for small craft and administration changes. NSW Ports are awaiting the final conditions of approval from Department of Planning. There is likely to be some refinement around noise and management reporting.</p>	
5.9	<p><u>Planning and legislation update</u> TB reported modifications to the 3 Ports SEPP which have been under discussion are likely to come to fruition in the next months. Submissions on draft guidelines for Environmental Impact Assessments close on September 1. RR reported there are proposed changes around the way proponents are expected to engage with communities.</p> <p>TB reported the Department of Planning is also working on the Coastal Management SEPP. It looks as though this may not apply to Ports.</p>	

	<p>JB asked whether the Coastal Management SEPP would pick up activity associated with Port. Under the current LEP for Denison Street there is no nexus with Ports. While a planning issue rather than Ports issue management of the area over 50 to 100 years is contentious.</p> <p>TB replied the Coastal Management SEPP doesn't include the Ports lease area. The 3 Ports SEPP covers some of those planning issues.</p> <p>TB reported Commonwealth ballast water management regulations are expected to be live by September 8. They will apply to international and domestic voyages. Certified management options will include on board treatment systems, take up of ballast on high seas, mid ocean exchange, and some same area discharge areas. There will be a risk based exemption process informed by surveillance monitoring.</p> <p>JB asked what surveillance monitoring may include.</p> <p>TB replied work is being done on DNA techniques with plankton and is awaiting validation of method.</p> <p>JB noted seeing ships discharge ballast off the coast and would like to see this done further out. He suggested he may not have the same confidence in some foreign vessels as he does with domestic vessels.</p> <p>TB said vessels discharging ballast water within 12 nautical miles of Australia have to adopt management options and provide log books. The enforcement regime will include random testing.</p> <p>LN asked what sort of percentage would be tested.</p> <p>TB replied it would be around 10%.</p>	
5.10	<p>JB asked for an update on closure of gates at Molineux Point.</p> <p>WA replied gates are still being shut at dusk as cars have been dumped and burnt, graffiti is painted, and needles have been dropped. There are more vandals using the area at night than those wanting to use the area legitimately.</p> <p>(Note: this refers to the second set of gates preventing parking after dusk).</p> <p>JB suggested the area looks neglected which may result in people treating the area with contempt. He wouldn't take visitors to the lookout.</p> <p>WA noted landscapers clean up the area.</p> <p>LN takes visitors there. The eastern beaches coastal walk finishes there.</p> <p>Bird life has returned since the cats have gone.</p> <p>AL noted NSW Ports also takes visitors to the lookout.</p> <p>WA will take feedback on board. The car park currently closes at dusk as Council does with the Yarra Bay car park for similar reasons. Ports have developed a closer relationship with police. Security are proactive and contact local command if issues arise.</p> <p>JB asked if there was surveillance by water police. The Recreational Fishers have provided funding to water police in Sydney Harbour to curb vandalism. They pick up activity then contact land based police.</p> <p>WA replied water police based are based at San Souci and are only contacted for more serious incidents.</p>	
6	Port Botany Expansion Operational Update	
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6.1	There were no significant matters to report from Patrick and Hutchison.	
7	Port Botany Noise Update	
	- Port Botany Expansion Rail Noise (as per CoA 2.28) – TB	
7.1	- Port Botany Expansion Rail Noise (as per CoA 2.28) There were no rail related noise complaints.	
8	Safety and Environmental Incidents/Complaints	
	- Biosecurity update – TB	
	- Summary of complaints – TB	

8.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Biosecurity update <p>TB reported there have been no biosecurity incidents. The Department of Primary Industries is upgrading surveillance of honey bees. There has been interest from students at Sydney Uni and NSW Ports and the Department of Agriculture are facilitating a tour of monitoring and surveillance facilities.</p>	
8.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Summary of complaints <p>TB reported there have been four noise complaints, two from Dent St and two via the EPA from Little Bay and Chifley. These have been in relation to night time noise and container handling. Ports couldn't track complaints to specific activity. Historically there are more noise complaints during winter.</p> <p>LN reported she had forwarded a resident Facebook page, "Port Noise Complaints" to Ports. Residents find noise issues frustrating.</p> <p>TB noted complaints are up this winter compared to the last two with a handful this winter and only two last winter with no obvious reason.</p> <p>JB noted there haven't been complaints from Dent St for couple years.</p> <p>TB replied they were from a dwelling on the north side of the street facing south which has recently added a light weight upstairs extension without adequate acoustic insulation.</p> <p>LN asked if Ports were proactive in surveying of residents in locations where complaints have originated historically. People get fed up and stop reporting incidents, especially on the weekend if an incident has occurred in the early hours of Saturday and residents have to wait till Monday to make a complaint.</p> <p>TB noted there is a 1300 number for complaints over the weekend which is listed on the Ports website. He noted people he has spoken to may not always achieve the result they are after but are happy they are being spoken to personally and listened to. There are management regimes in place as well as licence conditions.</p> <p>LN suggested ports need to think about planning for the future with high density coming to the area. People who have moved into the area having paid \$2m for an apartment are unlikely to put up with noise.</p> <p>TB reported Ports are supporting a Department of Planning initiative for a noise modelling exercise around port to identify the impacted zone now and in the future to come up with the right controls. Regarding Dent Street, work needs to be done with Council so they realise how residents may be impacted.</p> <p>LN suggested buffers such as trees.</p> <p>RR said rules need to be set at the strategic planning level.</p> <p>TB noted work is underway by a coalition of government organisations and Ports with Wilkinson Murray engaged as noise consultants.</p>	
9	<p>General Business/Next meeting :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Update on Port Botany Traffic Monitoring – AL - 	
9.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Update on Port Botany Traffic Monitoring <p>AL reported NSW Ports is still tabulating numbers from traffic counts but 48 hours of data from 4 video cameras at 4 intersections show a total of 241,000 vehicles, 20% of which are container vehicles and 55% cars.</p> <p>LN asked whether reporting would be in terms of impacts e.g. a heavy B Double is not equivalent to a mini. Is a heavy vehicle equivalent factored in? Waiting to turn at a light behind a couple of Super B's can take two or three phases to get through compared to a line of five cars getting</p>	

	<p>through on one phase. She asked whether a traffic expert could present findings.</p> <p>JL replied the idea of the survey is to look at volumes of container trucks, commercial vehicles and cars and where they are going. No one has done a done traffic survey on this scale. Data will be shared with RMS and government agencies. There is a need to keep the roads open for the general public and freight as the supply line to NSW. There is a need to look at how to fix intersections. Data will be brought to the RMS to say this is where there is a problem, what infrastructure can be supplied to keep traffic moving?</p> <p>AL hopes to be able to report further at the next meeting.</p> <p>LN asked whether RMS is involved. She remembers inadequate traffic studies in 2003 for the Port expansion.</p> <p>AL replied it is a Ports study.</p> <p>JB is surprised at the amount of traffic in the early hours of the morning. He reported problems continue to exist with the number of trucks trying to make the right hand turn into Port from Foreshore Road spilling out of the right turn lane and posing danger to other vehicles in other lanes. Will the survey provide data on when these blockages are occurring?</p> <p>AL replied the tube counters will provide data. The only time numbers of trucks should be turning into Penhryn Road at the same time should be the beginning of each hour. Ports is working with RMS on phasing of traffic lights. Bumborah Pt Road intersection has similar problems.</p>	
9.2	<p>MJI asked on behalf of her precinct committee what is proposed for land next to Veolia.</p> <p>AL replied this land is not in the Ports area.</p> <p>CH will try and provide the information to MJI.</p>	
9.3	<p>RR noted she will be conducting an evaluation of the function of the CCC over coming weeks and asked members to complete a survey which will be sent out and to provide feedback on what can be done to improve the function of the committee.</p>	
9.4	<p>LN reported the Greater Sydney Commission has agreed to attend the November meeting.</p>	
9.5	<p>LN reported an exhibition on the history of containerisation will be held at the National Maritime Museum in October. NSW Ports is a major sponsor. NSW Ports will send out information when available.</p>	
	<p>Next meeting is 14 November 2017</p>	
	<p>These minutes have been endorsed by the meeting Chair</p> <p>Signed:  Date: 5.9.2017</p>	