

**Meeting:** Port Botany Community Consultative Committee – Meeting No. 18

**Held:** Tuesday 6 February 2018, 5.30pm-6.30pm  
Hutchison Training Room, 1 Sirius Road Botany

**Present:**

Charles Abela – Community	Marie Gibbs (MG) – Patrick Stevedores
John Burgess (JB) – Community	Aldo Costabile (AC) – Elgas Limited
Mal Jagdev-Imrich (MJ) – Community	Lyndon Reeves (LR) – Elgas Limited
Peter Fagan (PF) – Community (observer)	Gary McKay (GM) – Caltex
Marcus Dwyer (MD) – Botany Bay Business Enterprise Centre	Blair Moses (BM) – Hutchison Ports Australia
Patrick Medway (PM) – Bayside Chamber of Commerce	Karen Jones (KJ) – Orora
Bronwyn Englaro (BE) – Randwick Council	Trevor Brown (TB) – NSW Ports
Asim Chohan (ACh) – SafeWork NSW	Jonathan Lafforgue (JL) – NSW Ports
James Boyle (JBo) – EPA representative	Greg Walls (GW) – NSW Ports
Erin Barker (ER) – EPA representative	Alison Wedgwood (AQW)
Peter Reed (PR) – Port Authority of NSW	Roberta Ryan (RR) – Chairperson
	Sandra Spate (SS) – Minute taker

**Apologies:** Lynda Newnam – Community, Claere Kay – DP World, Ryan Bennett – Port Authority of NSW, Catherine Blaine – Port Authority of NSW, Adem Long – NSW Ports, Janice Dennany – Randwick Council, Jos Kusters – Caltex, Clare Harley – Bayside Council


Item	Description	Action/Responsibility
<b>1</b>	<b>Apologies and Introductions</b> Introductions were made around the room. The Chair introduced Peter Fagan as a potential new community member.	
<b>2</b>	<b>Accept minutes of last meeting</b> Acceptance of the minutes from November 2017 was moved by MG and seconded by BE. The minutes were accepted.	
<b>3</b>	<b>Actions arising from previous minutes</b>	
3.1	Action 3.2 from November 2017. RR to provide early Port Botany Expansion CCC minutes for inclusion on the NSW Ports website. RR and AW reported that there is now a full set of minutes on the NSW Ports website. Thanks go to LN and JB for their assistance. The action is closed.	
3.2	Action 3.5 from November 2017. Port Authority to provide a response at the next meeting as to whether additional seagrass monitoring will occur and if so, for what duration. The action will be discussed as an agenda item.	
<b>4</b>	<b>Port Botany community assets</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Updates on Foreshore Beach</li> <li>- Clean Up Australia Day 2018</li> </ul>	
4.1	- Updates on Foreshore Beach PR reported a new landscape, ecology and vegetation contractor (Dragonfly) is managing Penrhyn Estuary and Foreshore Beach. Work	

	<p>includes weed removal, rubbish collection, repair of vandalised fencing, graffiti removal. Installation of silt fencing is attempting to stop sand gravitating to the path from the beach.</p> <p>PF asked whether anything is being done to stop large chunks of blue metal moving from the breakwater to the beach.</p> <p>PR replied the contractor is under instruction to move these back to the breakwater. Wave action moves the metal from the breakwater to the beach.</p> <p>PR reported the overdue Penrhyn Estuary Ecological Monitoring Report from 2016 is being reviewed and is expected to be on the website this week and on the website shortly thereafter. The 2017 report is being finalised and will then be placed on the website. The end of the 5 year monitoring program has been reached. However, shorebird monitoring will continue till Nov 2018 to comply with 5 years post commencement of operations at the new terminal.</p> <p>A Whole of Project Monitoring Report is being prepared, assessing results against success criteria. This will present conclusions and recommendations. Following the completion of the shorebird monitoring, a shorebird addendum report to the Whole of Monitoring Report will be prepared.</p> <p>JB asked whether this will be done in consultation with community.</p> <p>PR reported a shore bird addendum is being prepared. Regarding seagrass, a patch of Zostera along Foreshore Beach has expanded by approximately 10sqm. This gives hope that other seagrasses will re-establish and expand in the same area. There is work with contractors to monitor seagrass cover since construction of groynes.</p> <p>RR asked for likely timing of additional seagrass monitoring.</p> <p>PR replied this will likely work around monitoring of the groynes and tie in with the November Whole of Project Monitoring Report.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Out of meeting clarification: Port Authority will have seagrass monitoring undertaken along Foreshore Beach this season (likely in March 2018) and is considering a program for some ongoing seagrass monitoring along Foreshore Beach.</li> </ul> <p>PR reported feral animal control for foxes and other species is ongoing for bird protection. Port Authority is working with Bayside Council on a habitat mapping initiative.</p> <p>JB referred to an issue raised by another community member about references on the Port Authority website which was not flattering to Foreshore Beach.</p> <p>TB and AW reported NSW Ports made the Port Authority aware of the links which were to external websites. The links have now been removed.</p> <p>JB will organise a joint site inspection of Foreshore Beach with PR to follow up earlier reported concerns re beach erosion and groynes.</p>	
4.2	<p>- Clean Up Australia Day 2018</p> <p>AW advised that NSW Ports is participating in Business Clean Up Australia Day again – this will be the fifth year in a row. NSW Ports will undertake a business clean up at Port Kembla and Port Botany. The Port Botany event will occur on 27 February at Prince of Wales Drive and port tenants are invited to participate as they have done in the past.</p>	
<b>5</b>	<b>Development activities in the Port</b>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Tenant developments</li> <li>- NSW Ports developments – GW/TB</li> <li>- Planning and legislation update – GW/TB</li> </ul>	
5.1	<p><b><u>Elgas</u></b> AC reported there no new developments. As their Major Hazardous Facility Licence renewal is coming up Elgas requests they provide a presentation to the next meeting.</p>	Include in the agenda for next meeting a presentation by Elgas on their Major Hazardous Facility Licence renewal.
5.2	<p><b><u>Hutchison</u></b> AW reported there are no developments.</p>	
5.3	<p><b><u>Patrick</u></b> MG reported there are no new developments.</p>	
5.4	<p><b><u>Terminals</u></b> TB reported the new tank and pipeline development is complete and operational and successfully receiving shipments.</p>	
5.5	<p><b><u>DP World</u></b> GW reported a new quay crane is expected in March.</p>	
5.6	<p><b><u>Vopak</u></b> Regarding Vopak's Modification application GW reported there is no change. The Department of Planning is still assessing the application and requested further information.</p>	
5.7	<p><b><u>Caltex</u></b> GM reported there are no new developments</p>	
5.8	<p><b><u>Orora</u></b> KJ reported the commissioning of the secondary water treatment plant has been ongoing since December and it is expected to operational in about a month. Demolition of the old B7 building is ongoing with most now down. JB asked if there were plans for something else there or potential sale of the land. KJ replied there are no plans to sell further land. A Masterplan is being developed so there is no plan currently for the area.</p>	
5.9	<p><b><u>NSW Ports developments</u></b> GW reported there are no new developments.</p>	
5.10	<p><b><u>Planning and legislation update</u></b> GW reported the draft NSW Freight and Ports Plan, under the new Transport Masterplan, is on exhibition till 25 March. Find link below. <a href="https://future.transport.nsw.gov.au/react-feedback/supporting-plans/freight-and-ports-plan/">https://future.transport.nsw.gov.au/react-feedback/supporting-plans/freight-and-ports-plan/</a>  RR noted that Modification 16 which was approved on 24 January is not yet consolidated into the Conditions of Consent. GW agreed the Conditions of Consent have not yet been updated. He and TB suggested this is a matter for the Department of Planning. RR suggested NSW Ports could follow this up with Department of Planning.  GW reported the new draft of the 3 Ports SEPP has been further delayed with the Greater Sydney Commission issuing new draft strategic plans that may have policy implications for the legislation.</p>	<p>Provide the link to the draft NSW Freight and Ports Plan in the minutes.</p> <p>NSW Ports to follow up with the Department of Planning consolidation of Mod 16 into the Conditions of Consent.</p>
6	<b>Precautionary Dietary Advice Botany Bay and Georges River</b>	

	<p>EB noted a release distributed to the CCC on restrictions on recreational fishing in Botany Bay. There were no responses but EPA is happy to take questions at the meeting.</p> <p>BE reported Randwick Council has had no enquiries either.</p> <p>MD asked if the EPA had an idea of where the majority of pollutants come from.</p> <p>JBo noted a current state-wide EPA project sampling premises. They are asking businesses in the Botany area for permission to sample but identifying the sources is challenging.</p> <p>MD asked whether land based businesses have more impact than shipping for pollutants in the Bay.</p> <p>JBo replied there is nothing to indicate shipping would be a cause at this stage.</p> <p>JB flagged likely expansion of new minimum standards and health warnings to cover fish species now assumed to be safe following work towards new ANZECC levels on mercury contamination.</p> <p>JBo said the current focus of the EPA is mainly on PFAS. There is a taskforce with other agencies such Health and Department of Primary Industries on food standards and dietary advice.</p>	
<b>7</b>	<p><b>Port Botany Expansion Operational Update</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Hutchison including stockpile update</li> <li>- Patrick – MG</li> </ul>	
7.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Hutchison including stockpile update</li> </ul> <p>TB reported the annual Environmental Management Report and the annual Independent Environmental Audit for Hutchison have been submitted to the Department of Planning through NSW Ports and are available on the website.</p> <p>JB asked if there is anything further on the stockpile.</p> <p>TB said discussions are still taking place regarding its future.</p>	
7.2	There was nothing further on Patrick	
<b>8</b>	<p><b>Port Botany Noise Update</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Port Botany Expansion Rail Noise (as per CoA 2.28) – TB</li> </ul>	
8.1	TB reported there were no rail noise complaints since last meeting.	
<b>9</b>	<p><b>NSW Ports Sustainability Plan 2018 – (AW)</b></p>	
9.1	<p>TB noted NSW Ports first released its Sustainability Plan in 2015 as a companion document to the 30 Year Masterplan. It included broad directions and a specific action plan for three years. Some actions are complete and some ongoing. The Plan is being revised to produce an updated version.</p> <p>TB proposes the next meeting include a discussion from CCC members around perceived priorities of sustainability in port, what will make port compatible and sustainable over the long term as a waterway and in the community context, as well as the needs of society regarding handling of goods.</p> <p>The five main areas in the previous plan were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sustainable transport</li> <li>Sustainable landuse planning</li> <li>Sustainable resource use such as energy and water</li> <li>Local environmental outcomes</li> </ul>	<p>Include in the agenda for next meeting discussion around community priorities for the Sustainability Plan</p> <p>Include a link in the minutes to the 2015</p>

	<p>Coordination and engagement with communities These broad headings will continue and NSW Ports would like to get the CCC's thoughts on priorities going forward.</p> <p>Information will be distributed to the CCC prior to the next meeting to help inform this discussion.</p> <p>The link to the 2015 Sustainability Plan is: <a href="https://www.nswports.com.au/assets/Uploads/Publications/NSW-Ports-Sustainability-Plan-2015.pdf">https://www.nswports.com.au/assets/Uploads/Publications/NSW-Ports-Sustainability-Plan-2015.pdf</a></p> <p>RR asked about the timing of the updated plan. TB suggested it is likely late in the calendar year.</p>	Sustainability Plan.
<b>9</b>	<p><b>Safety and Environmental Incidents/Complaints</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Biosecurity update – TB</li> <li>- Summary of complaints – TB</li> </ul>	
9.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Biosecurity update</li> </ul> <p>TB said there were no significant incidents to report. Management of the bulk liquids berths has presented opportunities for NSW Ports to work with the Department of Agriculture around standard requirements for first point of entry to ensure compliance.</p>	
9.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Summary of complaints</li> </ul> <p>There have been no complaints since the last meeting.</p>	
<b>10</b>	<b>General Business/Next meeting :</b>	
10.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Placement of historical CCC documentation</li> </ul> <p>All historical documents are now on the NSW Ports website.</p>	
10.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- La Perouse Public School Playground</li> </ul> <p>AW reported that in 2017 NSW Ports became aware of a Go Fund Me project initiated by the principal of La Perouse Public School to fund a new playground with contributions made from local businesses and the public. NSW Ports contributed \$25,000 to get the project across the line. The playground was opened on 28 November and has been well received by students and the school community. NSW Ports considers it important to become involved in community development opportunities in areas close to the port.</p>	
10.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Container exhibition at National Maritime Museum – AW</li> </ul> <p>AW reported on a NSW Ports sponsored Container Exhibition at the National Maritime Museum aimed at raising awareness of the supply chain and contribution of containers to the economy. The interactive exhibition which runs till the end of 2018 connects the movement of containers to benefits on people's lives. The exhibition is housed inside real containers outside of the Museum and is free to the public. Counters placed in the containers indicated that approximately 11,500 people had attended in the 36 days to the end of November. This jumped to over 50,000 during the summer school holiday period. NSW Ports is also working with the Little Bay Community of Schools to organise excursions for students to see the exhibition. Once finished in Sydney there will be a regional tour of the exhibition in March 2019.</p>	
10.3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- NSW Ports staff updates – TB</li> </ul> <p>TB reported the current Safety Manager, Chris Newbold is retiring in April. TB will take on the new role of Health, Safety, Environment and</p>	

	Risk Manager. A Systems Coordinator will be recruited to work in the team. AW will focus on sustainability and environmental matters. This is no huge change but with many tenants combining health, environment and safety functions into one role this will provide a one stop liaison point for tenants.	
10.4	RR requested a meeting with NSW Ports and community members to clarify the objectives of this group since the blending of the NLG and CCC. Objectives of both groups were blended when the committee came together. She suggested May 1 prior to the next CCC meeting. Community members agreed. TB suggested Council representatives also be included. MG asked if objectives could be posted on the website or included at the top of the minutes to remind people of these.	AW to redistribute Terms of Reference to community members
10.5	RR reported she is ringing community members as part of the annual review of the conduct of the CCC.	
10.6	JB asked if anyone had information on a drilling rig on Foreshore Rd near Hale St. No one did. RMS may be the appropriate contact in the first instance.	
<b>Next meeting is Tuesday 1 May</b>		
<p><b>These minutes have been endorsed by the meeting Chair</b></p> <p>Signed:  Date: 26.2.2018</p>		