

Meeting: Port Botany Community Consultative Committee – Meeting No. 15

Held: Tuesday 23 May 2017, 5.30pm-7.30pm
SICTL Training Room, 1 Sirius Road Botany

Present:

John Burgess (JB) – Community	Michael Martin (MM) – Vopak
Lynda Newnam (LN) – Community	Aldo Costabile (AC) – Elgas Limited
Marcus Dwyer (MD) – Botany Bay BEC	Gary McKay (GM) – Caltex
Bronwyn Englaro (BE) – Randwick Council	Blair Moses (BM) – SICTL Stevedores
Zoran Sarin (ZS) – Bayside Council	Karen Jones (KJ) – Orora
James Goodwin (JG) – EPA representative	Trevor Brown (TB) – NSW Ports
Michael Wright (MiW) – SafeWork NSW	Jonathan Lafforgue (JL) – NSW Ports
Tony Navaratne – Port Authority of NSW	Adem Long (AL) – NSW Ports
	Roberta Ryan (RR) – Chairperson
	Sandra Spate (SS) – Minute taker

Apologies: Paul Pickering (PP) – Community, Charles Abela (CA) – Community, Laura Anstead (LA) – EPA representative, Daniela Vujic (DV) – NSW Ports, Jos Kusters (JK) – Caltex, Ryan Bennett – Port Authority of NSW, Mark Walker (MW) – Qenos

Item	Description	Action/Responsibility
1	Apologies and Introductions Apologies are as above.	
2	Accept minutes of last meeting Acceptance of the minutes from February 2017 was moved by JB and seconded by LN. The minutes were accepted.	
3	Actions arising from previous minutes	
3.1	Action 2.1 February. JB to forward photos of Foreshore Beach to RB with dates. RB will provide a response from Port Authority. This was done. Further discussion below. The action is closed.	
3.2	Action 4.4 February. BE will provide details to DV and update the CCC on the proposal for the cemetery to expand into Bumborah Point. Council has provided details to DV. The action is closed.	
3.3	Action 3.3 from November. TB will follow up with ACFS the invitation to meetings. TB reported he hasn't been successful in getting ACFS to attend but will continue to pursue this.	
3.4	Action 7.5 February. JG to provide the website link for the emergency response guidelines. This was included in the February minutes. The action is closed.	
3.5	Action 9.2 February. RR to follow up the response from the Greater Sydney Commission around sending a representative to the CCC meeting. RR reported lack of success in getting the Greater Sydney Commission to send a representative to the CCC.	
3.6	Action 11.2 February. RR to write to the General Manager of Bayside Council to invite Council to appoint a representative to the CCC. This was done. The action is closed.	

3.7	Action 11.5 February. Include on the agenda for next meeting an update on reversing alarms at Port Botany. Included as an agenda item. The action is closed.	
4	Port Botany community assets - Updates on Foreshore Beach groynes design and project – RB -	
4.1	TN reported that groynes which were completed on December 16 have three main purposes. First is to protect the seagrass habitat, second is to stop blockage of stormwater drains, and third is to address erosion on Foreshore Beach. Since completion monitoring is continuing to determine whether the groynes are working. To date, a seagrass survey found a 20sqm patch of seagrass thriving, populated with fish and functioning as a seagrass habitat. The stormwater pipes have not been inundated so this seems to be satisfactory. The beach is beginning to form according to profiles indicated in modelling. There are still issues with the step forming at the high water mark. Levels continue to be monitored monthly. Once there is an established pattern observed Port Authority will look at options to improve the beach.	
4.2	JB suggested that even though there hasn't been extreme weather water has still come back up to drains in Hale Street. He reported on informal discussions with the General Manager of the Port Authority who suggested Port Authority would engage contour surveyors to look at the beach. JB said the type of groyne designed is not what the community asked for and is a blight on beach. There should have been a single rock groyne sweeping around to protect the boat ramp and the beach. The original contours of the beach need to be retained. There has been a sand erosion factor of between 1 and 2.5 m and the beach needs rehabilitation. This will be the third time the sand has been replenished. JB suggested that the groynes will need to be replaced in the near future with something more professional to resurrect the beach and return the sand. He understands the sand stockpile couldn't previously be moved from the SICTL site but this needs to be revisited to see if can be used as back fill at the beach. At this stage beach cleaning would be a waste of time with so much heavy blue metal and aggregate. The only redeeming aspect is that we haven't had seriously bad weather so the sand has softened improving the appearance of the blue metal. LN totally supported the views expressed by JB. She noted the superior Posidonia seagrass beds have been lost and replaced with Zostera.	
5	Safety and Environmental Incidents/Complaints - Port Botany Traffic Survey	
5.1	- Port Botany Traffic Survey AL reported on an initiative under the 30 year Masterplan to collate up to date traffic data. NSW Ports currently has data on container movements in and out of port from Transport for NSW. The collation of up to date data will allow for maintenance and capital works planning and inform NSW Ports around when three lanes on Foreshore road is needed. The survey will measure light vehicles and bulk liquid trucks using video and tube counters. The video will provide two 24 hour snapshots and tube counters will provide vehicle numbers, axle widths and speeds. Data will be shared with RMS and Transport for NSW to link in with Sydney wide studies. The survey will be undertaken two weeks prior to the school	

	holidays then the first week of July. He expects a report on the data may be available by October.	
5.2	JB asked about new posts at Hale St which seem to have CCTV cameras. AL doesn't know about these. He noted height sensors have again been placed on Foreshore Rd.	
5.3	AL reported on ongoing work around traffic at Coal Pier Estate. Bayside Council engineers have suggested some changes at the lights which RMS is considering. NSW Ports is working through a longer term plan with RMS and Bayside Council for traffic coming out of Botany Road. A run off lane on the left is being considered at Botany Bay Hotel but there are issues with pedestrians. JB suggested this lane has been recommended for over 17 years. LN said cycling also needs to be considered. She noted the NSW Government's Sydney's Cycling Future as well as Council cycle strategies. AL reiterated NSW Ports' opposition to cycling in the Ports precinct.	AL will bring proposed traffic plans for Botany Road to the next meeting.
5.4	MD asked whether two weeks before the holidays is a peak period. AL replied it is a normal period. JL noted Ports has a good idea truck volumes over the years but are looking more at what else there is. ZS said Council traffic studies always include school holidays as there is a big change during holidays. He asked whether data from the tube counts would align with the video surveys. AL replied they would align. He noted Council and RMS have been supportive.	
5.5	JB reported construction of Orica's permanent containment barriers have progressed. If the turning lane is 150m it would reach the eastern end of the barrier. AL reported an extra truck space has been added to the turning lane. There are long term plans to expand Foreshore Road.	
6	Development activities in the Port <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - NSW Ports developments - Planning and legislation update - Transport for NSW La Perouse Ferry Study - Tenant developments 	
6.1	<u>NSW Ports developments</u> TB reported NSW Ports is working through additional information for the Department of Planning for Modification 16 to the expansion consent regarding uses of the Hayes Dock area. An outcome should be provided at the next meeting.	
6.2	As reported at the last meeting there are draft amendments to the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act which have been exhibited and submissions have closed.	
6.3	TB reported Transport for NSW has released a feasibility study on a La Perouse ferry. The preferred location at La Perouse is the southern end of Frenchman's Bay and at Kurnell the old wharf near the viewing platform for Captain Cook's obelisk. Next steps are to prepare a business case and an EIS. JB asked whether NSW Ports objected to the ferry terminal at the Port precinct. TB replied it is not compatible with port uses.	

	<p>LN asked where NSW Ports' submission can be found as she would be interested in reading it. She contacted Transport for NSW for a copy but it wasn't on their website. Her impression is that there isn't a strong business case for the ferry. She asked what NSW Ports saw as the issues.</p> <p>TB was not involved in preparing the submission but understands general concerns were with managing ferries across the shipping channel.</p> <p>JB noted there were also points raised in regard to areas for emergency services, the tug area and evacuation points.</p>	
6.4	<p><u>Patrick</u> There are no developments to report</p>	
6.3	<p><u>SICTL</u> BM reported bi-annual noise monitoring as a condition of consent will be occurring in Chelmsford Street, Dent Street, Botany Road and Military Road with letters going to residents. Regarding the sand stockpile, while there were no fire ants in the pile it sat for so long PH levels became elevated from breakdown of organic material. The EPA reclassified it from clean fill to solid waste. Hot spots have been removed but a location for re-siting is needed before relocation can be approved. It has gone from a small cost to a substantial cost. JB hopes the Port Authority General Manager will contact Hutchison regarding the sand. As it was dredged from the bay it is the perfect material to be placed on Foreshore Beach if approval can be obtained from the EPA. It is unacceptable that it has been raised numerous times over the last 12 months with no dialogue between the Port Authority and Hutchison.</p>	
6.4	<p><u>Elgas</u> There were no developments to report</p>	
6.5	<p><u>Vopak</u> MM reported Vopak is preparing responses to submissions received after the community consultation sessions for modification to the existing site. These are expected to be provided to the Department of Planning in 3 or 4 weeks.</p>	
6.6	<p><u>Caltex</u> There were no developments to report.</p>	
6.7	<p><u>Orora</u> KJ reported construction of tanks has commenced for the secondary water treatment plant on site. The plant is expected to be commissioned around August.</p>	
6.8	<p><u>Terminals</u> TB reported the development on site at Friendship Road is progressing. Contamination is being managed. Tank construction is underway and construction on the pipeline will commence soon.</p>	
6.9	<p>KJ asked what was happening at Qube.</p>	
7	<p>Port Botany Noise Update/Safety and Environmental Incidents</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Update on Liaison with the Greater Sydney Commission – RR - Port Botany Expansion Rail Noise (as per CoA 2.28) – TB - Update on reversing beepers 	
7.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Update on Liaison with the Greater Sydney Commission <p>RR has tried but had no traction with the Department of Planning. TB reported NSW Ports has made submissions on the draft District Plan.</p>	

	LN noted only 2000 submissions have been received which seems a small number. BE suggested there is little detail in the Plans.	
7.2	- Port Botany Expansion Rail Noise (as per CoA 2.28) TB reported there were no complaints about rail noise received as a result of Port Botany Expansion. There was no feedback from attendees.	
7.3	- Bio security There are no incidents to report. First point of entry standards are still being worked through. NSW Ports is awaiting the new ballast water regulations.	
7.4	- Summary of complaints TB reported two complaints have been received since the last meeting. One was an odour complaint at Little Bay which was described as a petro-chemical odour. This was the day after a report of an algal bloom on Frenchmans Beach. By the time TB reached the residents 30 to 45 minutes later the odour couldn't be detected. The second was a noise complaint from a fifth floor apartment on Wilson Street, Botany. The complaint was that reversing beepers seem to have been getting worse over the last 2 to 3 months. There was no significant change at terminals which could account for this. The complainant has been asked to keep detailed records to try to determine the source of the noise.	
7.5	- Update on reversing beepers The presentation is attached to the minutes. JG reported that with 25 licensed premises and a huge number of non-licensed premises there are many sources of alarms in Matraville. He reported on 'barnowl' monitoring from the roof of the Ports building over 7 to 10 days. This indicates direction and noise levels and shows maximum noise each minute and cumulative noise. There was a reduction in the number of alarms during Patrick's move to the automated terminal. Results will inform DP World's noise pollution study. Regarding 'citizen science' EPA hoped a smart phone app could be used by members of the public. EPA tested the theory at night. However, with unfavourable wind direction and only three ships in port there was limited success. Sounds the human ear could hear were not showing up. More work needs to be done around this. Results from roof top monitoring indicate common frequencies and alarms linked to direction. This information can be used in future. The EPA awaits DP World's study.	
8	General Business/Next meeting : - PBAS update - Bay Gift sponsorship – TB - NSW Ports sponsorship of <i>Clean-up Australia</i> – TB - Night Closure of Prince of Wales Drive Gates	
8.1	As reported at a previous meeting JG noted the EPA is looking at sites around NSW regarding contamination from perflourinated compounds (PFAS). These are relatively mobile and there are multiple sources. Testing in the Bay doesn't reveal the source. The EPA is working with other government departments to look at pathways to exposure including ingestion of fish from Botany Bay. JB noted fish were taken from four locations in the bay including here, Kurnell and the upper Georges River. TB asked if there is a reference site. JG replied the reference point is from work in Williamstown.	

	<p>RR asked when results could be expected. JG said there should be results for the next meeting. It may take 2 to 3 weeks to analyse data and there is further monitoring at the Botany Industrial Park (BIP). Results will be on the EPA website.</p> <p>BE asked whether EPA is looking at sites outside the airport and BIP JG said the EPA has no jurisdiction over the airport or defence sites. They are working with the airport. The main focus is on exposure pathways through seafood consumption. A need for management measures has not been shown but EPA wants to fill any gaps. Secondary exposure e.g. through swimming has not shown any significant levels.</p> <p>JB said that while fishing restrictions in the Hunter have been lifted there are warnings around the amount of seafood which should be consumed. People are also warned about consuming produce from low lying lands around Williamtown. The risk seems to be a lot less than was anticipated. There has also been concerns around leakage at Brisbane and Coolangatta airports. JG said the Commonwealth Department of Health has no conclusive evidence of human health impacts.</p>	
8.2	<p>- Bay Gift sponsorship TB reported on NSW Ports' sponsorship in early April of the NSW Athletic League run Bay Gift at Hensley Athletic Field. After feedback from the community and Council consideration is being given to returning the event to Sir Joseph Banks park. TB would like feedback from the CCC. NSW Ports would like to see it as an iconic event with a strong community focus.</p>	
8.3	<p>- NSW Ports sponsorship of <i>Clean-up Australia</i> TB reported a great turn up for the clean-up around Prince of Wales Drive and thanked participants. A big volume was cleaned up.</p>	
8.3	<p>- Night Closure of Prince of Wales Drive Gates JL reported there are two sets of gates at Prince of Wales Drive. The large gates shut at sunset. Due to anti-social behaviour over the last couple of months a decision has been made to shut the smaller second set at 8pm or when the last cars leave the car park.</p> <p>JB said if the second set is shut people who want to fish off Molineux Point in the evenings will have nowhere to park. It will be a problem as a number of people fish in the evenings. Molineux Point is a hot spot for fishing day time and night time. He recognises there is anti-social behaviour which he doesn't condone but doesn't support others being penalised as a result of this behaviour. As a recreational fisherman he is putting NSW Ports on notice that he is not prepared to allow the second set of gates to be closed. It is a public area and there is not a one size fits all solution. Authorities have to be more attentive about how to manage to problem. This is just chasing the problem to another area. LN totally supports JB's comments. Innocent people are being punished. This already occurs with people working in restaurants being locked out after 10 and being booked. There needs to be more public access. There was a hard fought battle to keep public access to Molineux Point in 2012.</p> <p>JB noted the lookout at Molineux Point is in a terrible state. It is a dump site with no effort being made to restore it.</p>	
	Next meeting is Tuesday 22 August 2017.	

	<p>These minutes have been endorsed by the meeting Chair</p> <p>Signed:  Date: 16.6.2017</p>	



Overview of Audible Warning Alarm Investigations



Alarm sources?



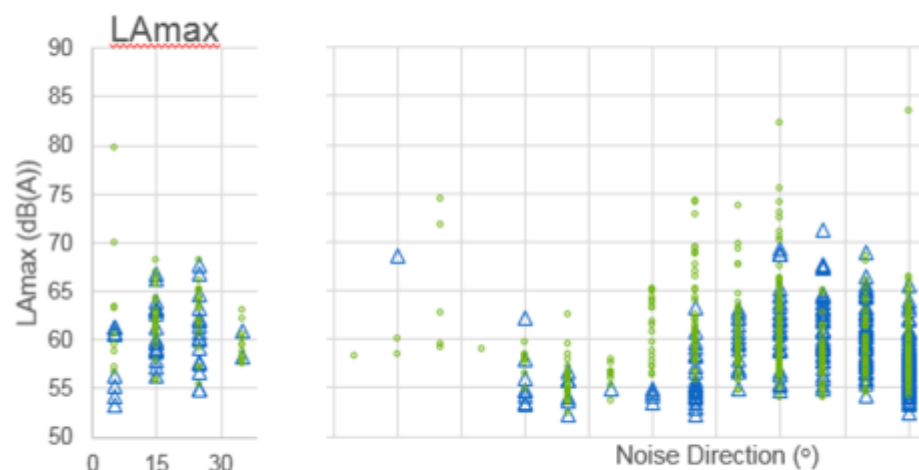
EPA Directional (Barnowl) monitoring



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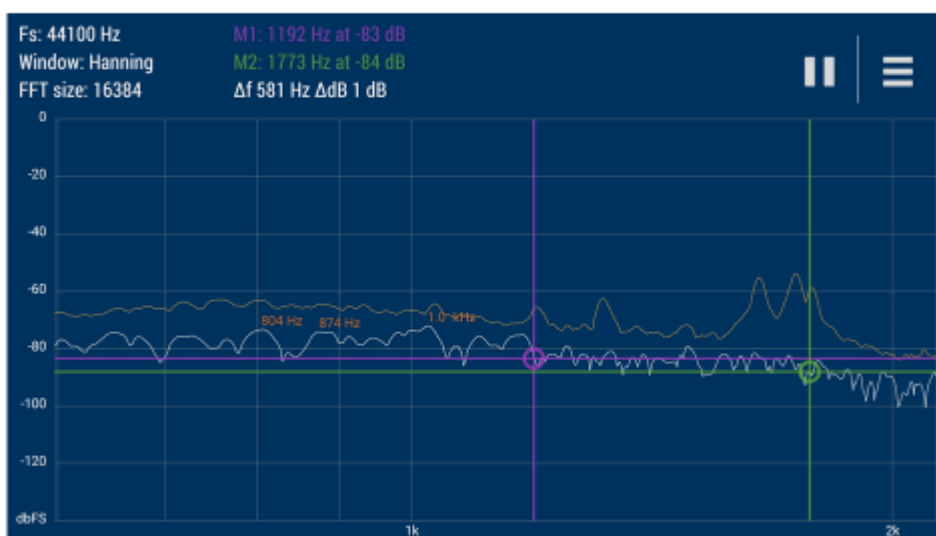
Barnowl Results



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Further work - Citizen Science



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Results by Frequency

