

## Meeting minutes

Port Botany Neighbourhood Liaison Group

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Date: Tuesday 28 May 2013  
Time: 5.30pm-7.00pm  
Meeting No. 21

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Location: Sydney Ports Operations Centre – Dampier Room

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### Attendees

Charles Abela – Community Representative	Neil Truskett – Patrick Stevedores
Lynda Newnam – Community Representative	Paul Matthews – Patrick Stevedores
Thomas Nolan – Community Representative	Richard Pollock – Patrick Stevedores
Kellie Parkin – Community Representative	Ron Brennan – Origin Energy
Paul Pickering – Community Representative	Andrew Hogg – Terminals Pty Ltd
Ross Salter – Community/Business Representative (Kingsford Timber Mitre 10)	Aldo Costabile – Elgas Limited
Janice Dennany – Randwick City Council	Pamela Meers – Caltex
Greg Sheehy – EPA representative	John Evic – State Transit Port Botany Depot
Jackie Roberts – EPA representative	Shane Hobday – Sydney Ports Corporation
Simon Lawton – Roads and Maritime Services	Sandra Spate – Minute taker
Susannah Webb – Roads and Maritime Services	

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Meeting minute taker; Sandra Spate  
Meeting Chair: Shane Hobday  
Apologies: Nancy Hillier – Community Representative, Karen Armstrong – Randwick City Council, Oscar Guillen – Randwick City Council, Steven Poulton – City of Botany Bay, Cliff Bell – Caltex

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### MINUTES

#### Agenda Items

**1. Apologies and introductions**

Apologies are as above.

**2. Accept minutes of last meeting**

The minutes from the February meeting were accepted.

**Actions arising from previous minutes**

SPC to provide air monitoring results from the cemetery when available.

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This action remains open pending higher levels of truck usage.

Sydney Ports (AL) to provide the location of truck readers to the NLG.  
This action remains open.

Attach the Patrick presentation to the minutes. (The presentation was subsequently emailed to NLG members on 1st March.) The action is closed.

Attach the letter (Patrick's) to residents to the minutes. (This was subsequently emailed to NLG members on 1st March.) The action is closed.

LN to provide Sydney Ports with contact details for the Walking Sydney Group.  
This has been provided to Sydney Ports. SH will follow this up.

Sydney Ports to consider writing in collaboration with the Health and Safety Committee regarding traffic concerns on Foreshore Rd.

SH reported that Sydney Ports has held meetings with RMS and Botany Bay Council to address traffic issues at the Botany Road and Foreshore Road intersection. Line markings and trimming of shrubs has been undertaken. Other work to be jointly funded will widen the intersection with two lanes towards Port and construction of a footpath. LN asked whether the footpath will be wide enough for cycling.

SH replied that design is an issue for Botany Council but he will raise this with Council. There will be perpendicular parking on the golf course side to allow a footpath on this side of the road.

**Action:** SH to talk to Botany Bay Council (SP) regarding the feasibility of including a bike path in the design for the footpath.

PP asked whether the footpath, cycle link could continue to Beauchamp Road. Both Botany and Randwick Councils have jurisdiction over the area of the missing link. There are safety issues due to this.

LN suggested the cycle path be a recommendation from the NLG and asked for NLG views.

SH reiterated that he would raise the issue with Council.

KP noted bike tracks are currently considered recreational. She suggested they should be considered recreational and commuter.

**Action:** City of Botany Bay Council (SP) to provide ANSTO air monitoring results from Coward Street and Botany Road to the NLG.  
SH forwarded these to NLG members today.

### 3. Update on NSW Government refinancing of Port Botany

SH reported that NSW Ports is the successful bidder for the 99 year lease of the Port. The consortium is made up of approximately 80% Australian superannuation funds and 20% Abu Dhabi interests. The process concludes at midnight on May 31st after which lessees will deal with NSW Ports. Approximately 25 SPC staff will be filling positions in NSW Ports including himself and Marika Calfas. The NLG will continue to meet and NSW Ports supports the committee. Tim Blood is the interim Managing Director And he will be

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meeting with port customers including tenants and shipping lines over the coming weeks. CA and PP congratulated SH on his appointment.

LN asked how the consortium works.

SH replied that Industry Funds Management is the lead with each fund having a representative(s) on the board. SPC will continue to perform the marine safety functions. There will be a NSW Ports website providing information. NSW Ports and SPC will share the current Operations building.

LN sought clarification on whether SPC will rent space from NSW Ports. SH confirmed this is the case. The Port Botany boat ramp stays with SPC as well as care and control of Penrhyn Estuary.

PP asked who oversees NSW Ports.

SH replied this is governed by a range of leases, deeds, licenses and agreements regarding the 99 year lease. For example there are licenses and deeds with Roads and Maritime Services for the structures over the water and channels.

LN asked whether documentation relating to the lease will be in the public domain.

SL reported that documentation between the RMS and NSW Ports will be on the RMS website once signed.

**Action:** SH to inform the NLG as to the public availability of documentation regarding the 99 lease.

LN questioned the new State Environmental Planning Policy (SEPP). She previously noted it is difficult to understand. There seems to be a hunk of Frenchmans Bay included. SW suggested this is an area where planning controls don't apply if things were to occur there.

SH suggested SEPP issues need to be tested.

AC asked whether from an operations view the SPC website will still provide information for shipping.

SH confirmed this will be the case. Tenants can also contact himself or Marika Calfas with any issues.

LN noted no precedents exist for the Port Botany arrangements.

### **4. Development Activities in the Port**

- SPC developments  
Port Botany Expansion (including Foreshore Beach) and BLB2 – SPC

#### Foreshore Beach

SH reported SPC is in the process of undertaking physical modelling for Foreshore Beach to confirm the positioning of the two groynes suggested by computer modelling. Manly Hydraulics is conducting this and results are expected in July.

PP asked whether NLG members could see the model.

SH replied an inspection could be arranged or he could provide photos of the model.

PP suggested provision of photos now and later for comparison purposes.

**Action:** SH to provide the NLG with photos of the physical modelling for Foreshore Beach.

LN asked whether the groynes will be functional, enabling people to walk on them.

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**Action:** SPC to keep open the issue of the design of the groynes regarding functionality for walking on.

SH noted SPC has money aside for funding the groynes.

LN suggested that SPC received more money for the sale of the lease than was expected and some should come back to the community as is the case with Port Kembla which received around \$100m for community works.

SH noted the money will go to NSW Treasury and suggested NLG members speak with NSW Treasury regarding this.

### BLB2

SH reported that construction is complete and installation of fire fighting systems is complete. Tenants will install pipe work and the berth is expected to be commissioned around October 2013. He reported that 14 ships had to wait off the coast for use of the current berth incurring heavy costs for shipping companies which is ultimately passed onto consumers.

KP asked whether there is storage capacity to hold oil from 14 ships.

SH replied there is adequate storage capacity and the products are bound for facilities in and outside Sydney.

CA asked whether BLB2 can take LPgas.

SH replied it can.

### – Tenant developments

RP reported that Patrick has submitted an application for a modification to their existing planning approval for the container terminal, which is currently being reviewed by the DP&I. On receipt of DP&I feedback a notification will go out to the community with information on where it can be viewed. It is expected this will be in late June with a public display for 21 days.

PM reported that Caltex has now completed the design for the truck diesel refuelling storage facility, which is proposed within the Banksmeadow Terminal site.

SL reported this will be his last meeting. Susanna Worth will attend for RMS.

JE reported STA has removed old diesel tanks and remediated the soil. STA will install an extra LNG compressor.

RB reported Origin has completed the testing of 14 of the 18 new tank gauges. They hope to finish installing and testing tank gauges by early August. They currently have 10 year approval for these which Origin hopes to extend to 15 years.

AH reported that Terminals Pty Ltd is seeking approval to duplicate BLB1 lines to BLB2. He reported that some customers have been permanently lost to Brisbane and Melbourne ports due the queuing of up to 14 ships for BLB1 at times during the last quarter as it cheaper to land fuel in these ports and truck it here than to queue.

LN noted plans for the additional bulk liquids berth have been around a long time. What caused the queuing? Is construction running behind schedule?

SH reported that construction has been essentially on schedule however, since

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committing to build the BLB2 there have been significant changes in the refined fuel sector, with the closure of the Shell Clyde refinery in September 2012. As a result the entire NSW supply of bitumen is now being imported across BLB1 rather than being a product of the refining process as well as more refined fuels.

SH and AC reported Elgas was out of LPG for around 24 hours last weekend.

AH said Terminals will be working with NSW Ports to get the best result.

SH noted the original Environmental Approval covered lines and loading arms.

SL asked how Shell product is transported.

PM replied it comes through metropolitan pipelines or is trucked from Vopak.

SH reported that SICTL expect the first container ship to use the Terminal 3 facility in September. Yard cranes are expected in early June and container cranes in July. NT reported some yard cranes have arrived.

LN asked whether SICTL will hold an official opening.

SH indicated he was unaware of any proposed official opening.

### 5. Update on noise issues

SH reported that despite SPC working to get forklifts changed to squawkers there has been an increase in noise issues in the last few months with a number of residents complaining regularly. Noise issues have also been raised with the EPA and Randwick Council. Terminal automation is expected to help address noise issues.

LN asked whether noise issues could be brought together in a plan of management.

GS replied that EPA, Ports and the two councils are in discussions regarding a noise abatement strategy for the whole precinct.

KP asked whether this could include an audit of alarms, what is there and how many have been modified to date.

GS noted it will include whole the precinct including Botany Industrial Park. AMCOR is included.

JD reported that Cube Logistics undertaking a noise assessment. They have submitted a Section 96 to modify operational times. They are on a freehold site owned by DP World and leased to Cube. SICTL is also preparing a noise management plan and traffic management plan.

SH reported there will be a noise wall for the port expansion area at the back of the site and along the rail corridor.

KP reported a discussion on the Precinct committee of noise from empty containers being moved at night. Can this be done during the day? Can there be a limit on shuffling and dropping containers at night?

LN asked whether penalties can be imposed for dropping containers.

SH noted that ships work 24/7 and as a result are loading and unloading call for containers at night and some of these are empties.

NT suggested there shouldn't be a need to shuffle containers round the yard at night.

Trucks come to either drop off or pick up a container, but there are more drivers to sort stacks during the day. There is some noise associated with containers going on to the stack.

### 6. Safety and Environmental Incidents and Emergency Exercises

SH noted a marine pollution report early in April with sheen at the entrance of the Bay. It was categorised as a light sheen with no source able to be identified.

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LN questioned the robustness of marine pollution monitoring.

SH replied that SPC is proactive in investigating, follow up and prosecuting. Marine pollution has been declining since the early 90s. SPC is the regulator if a ship is the source and is responsible for the whole of Botany Bay and Sydney Harbour. If the pollution is from the land the EPA is responsible. If SPC finds the source is a recreational fishing boat it is reported to RMS for follow up.

PP asked who cleans up garbage.

SH replied RMS clean up Sydney Harbour. He noted Brotherson Dock is a catchment for rubbish.

Six noise complaints were received.

### **7. General business/ next meeting**

LN noted in relation to air monitoring data provided by Botany Bay Council that there is difficulty interpreting information with no indication of thresholds, where and when monitoring occurred, and hydrocarbons and mercury don't seem to be included. The summary sheet talks of improvement but all indicators except one seem to have gone up and items such as hydrocarbons and mercury are not included.

GS suggested EPA will provide some feedback.

**Action:** EPA to provide feedback to the NLG on the air monitoring results provided by Botany Bay Council.

CA reported that the DP&I has announced the Anzac South Urban Activation Precinct which starts at the Ports' boundary and includes Maroubra Road South, Anzac Parade, Bunnerong Road and the City of Botany Bay. The plan will increase traffic substantially. SH noted that Sydney Ports have written to Council asking that sufficient area be preserved between the Port and residents.

**Action:** CA to send the map of the Anzac South Urban Activation Precinct to SH.

LN asked whether SPC has made a submission to the NSW 2021 Plan which is integrated with a transport plan. The NLG should be talking about this as it affects us.

**Action:** SH to respond to whether Sydney Ports have made a submission to the NSW 2021 Plan.

LN suggested there should also be more discussion of the plan for a waste transfer station on the old Pacific National site at the end of Perry St and Beauchamp Rd. This has the support of the two councils as an SSROC waste transfer station. It would have the same volume as the proposed Auburn facility which was over ruled by the Land and Environment Court because of the trucking issue and is looked at as a test case. Auburn went ahead because the government voided the Land and Environment Court decision with legislation.

SH reported SPC has provided comments on the Director General's Requirements (DGRs) and is concerned with traffic volumes.

KP suggested it may also impact rail capacity of the Port as it is proposed to rail freight waste.

CA expressed concern at the volume trucks coming in.

LN has contacted Veolia about truck movements, particularly for the peak morning

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period, but received no reply.

CA asked whether the proposal is for putrescible waste and raised concerns with odour. He noted managers of Rockdale and Chullora facilities admitted to odour control problems.

GS replied it is general waste from residential garbage collection. Issue of odour would be limited with trucks coming into the building to unload.

LN asked whether a resolution could come from the committee.

SH indicated members need to make their own submissions. SPC is concerned with traffic impacts on the Beauchamp Rd area.

**Date of next meeting:** Tuesday 27 August

These minutes have been endorsed by the meeting Chair

Signed

Date

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