

NSW Ports Cargo Facilitation Committee



NSW Ports

FINAL Minutes of a Meeting of the NSW PORTS CARGO FACILITATION COMMITTEE (No. 3/2015)

SICTL Terminal Training Room, Sirius Road, Port Botany

Wednesday, 10 June, 2015

(11:00-12:00Hrs)

PRESENT:

Mr Adem Long	NSW Ports
Mr Hart Krtschil	Australian Industry Working Group on Biosecurity (AIWGB)
Mr Nathan Aplitt	Australian Customs and Border Protection Service
Mr Robert Shiel	Australian Customs and Border Protection Service
Mr John Preston	ATA NSW Container Sub Committee
Mr Paul Downey	ATA NSW Container Sub Committee
Mr Greg Baldock	SICTL
MR John Vlahdmis	SICTL
Mr Brad Ellem	Patrick Logistics
Mr Bill Hanley	DP World
Mr Nathan Mills	Maritime Container Services (MCS)
Mr Craig McKay	Price & Speed
Mr Andrew Karas	Shipping Australia Limited
Mrs Sandra Spate	Minute taker

APOLOGIES AND MEMBERSHIP

Apologies were received from:

Mr John Karamanis	Maritime Container Services (MCS)
Mr Stuart McFarlane	Australian Federation of International Forwarders (AFIF) Ltd
Mr John Donnell	Transport for NSW
Ms Megan White	CBFCA
Mr Dom Figliomeni	NSWP
Mr Jason McGregor	NSWP

2. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Adem L to address issues raised by Hart K regarding the previous minutes.

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Carriers to report back to NSW Ports any issues in regards to hours/ inspections/ tailgates – extending hours to 6pm from 4pm etc

CBFCA to ask their members for the same feedback.

- Hart K suggested if there are issues for carriers, extended access may be able to be arranged, but it needs to be raised here if there are systemic issues. It can then be taken back to the Department as an issue from the committee.
- Greg B reported a preference for keeping evening inspections but suggested it is up to carriers.
- Hart K noted that he had previously raised the possibility of having one place open 24/7 rather than four or five places between 8am and 4pm. This is a part of port operations and quarantine issues can be dealt with to operate this as a 21st century operation.
- Paul D suggested there is a cost to the depot of running 24 hour's. It would depend on volumes and demand and suggested perhaps government could subsidise it.
- Craig M reported they offer tailgate services from 7am to 3pm. They accept containers later but these are not inspected to the following day. Price & Speed could take on the additional role if needed.
- John P reported they haven't done many tailgates recently as importers and Customs are more efficient.
- Adem L noted Patrick and Qube open and operate 24/7 so it would just be the officer cost. There is also an indication from industry that this quarantine work is dramatically decreased. It would be worthwhile to help ascertain if there is any issue, to get numbers of carriers using tailgate inspections then the Committee could take back a sample of figures.
- Craig M will investigate compiling a sample of volumes.
- Following progress reports from last meeting on SICTL's works, Greg B reported Block 5 is in operation and Block 6 will hopefully be operational by next Thursday followed by minor electrical works inside other pits. All else should be finished by the end of the month.

4. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

a. NSW Port Update

- NSW Ports are rolling out a new operating system and business intelligence tool, so the normal reporting has been delayed.
- NSW Ports is working to finalise arrangements with Hutchison at Enfield. Meanwhile ACFS is operating.
- The first version of the 30 year Masterplan went to the Board yesterday and will be considered at their August meeting.

b. CMCCs/ TfNSW Update

- Penalties are coming back to normal levels after automation at Patrick and the storms in late April.
- DP World is looking after significant volume in the port while Patrick bed in their new processes.
- There is a 21 day response period to the draft Mandatory Standards changes which finishes on June 18th. Any questions please contact Transport for NSW (John Donnell).

c. Department of Agriculture

No representative attended

d. Australian Customs and Border Protection Service (ACBPS)

- Nathan A reported that from July 1 Customs becomes Border Force. Other than a new uniform and signage it is expected that it will be business as usual. The new email addresses will have new suffix's – 'border.gov.au'
- Greg B suggested that ACBPS need to make administrators aware of the change with log in's through SICTL or they may be locked out of their account.
- It was suggested that this also may be the case for the other stevedores and systems like 1-Stop.

e. Road Transport

- Paul D reported on discussions with Rachel Johnson at a recent function about reducing congestion around port including around Mascot school zones. Paul asked Rachel about access to Qantas Drive. She replied that CASA reports the reason for denying access to Qantas Drive is interference from containers to their traffic control system. Paul asked whether this can be tested to determine validity.

- Adem L noted that Minister Duncan Gay had mentioned this at last year's SAL Christmas Luncheon, and he had taken it up with the Federal Government without success.
- Hart K suggested using Qantas Drive would greatly interfere with airport traffic.
- Paul D replied he thought it would be better than Mascot shops and school zones.
- John P suggested, in his opinion, it would save transport companies about 30 minutes and improve trucking and port efficiency.
- John P reported carriers are battling for slots out of DP World. They are liaising daily. There is a meeting being held on Thursday 11th June with DPW to discuss this.
- Communication from terminals has been raised as an issue, which to date has been addressed with earlier, improved communication forthcoming.

f. Rail Transport

- Nathan M reported talks with Patricks for MCS's Sydney Flyer for rail windows. The DP World windows are going well.
- Brad E reported that Chullora has had one trial rail service, with another one running next week.

g. Empty Container Parks (ECPs)

- No figures were available at the meeting.
- Brad E reported a hangover from the weather events in April with a higher volume of containers sitting in parks. Respective Parks are getting back on track and volumes are expected to plateau in June.
- John P reported a high volume of container redirections last month causing chaos to carriers entailing extra costs. There have been ranks at Qube in recent weeks. AFCS had a computer outage causing delays and nothing in place to overcome the delays. Trucks kept piling up due to lack of communication.
- Paul D said for drivers picking up exports there was no manual contingency plan to override the system when it was down.
- Adem L updated group in relation to the separate efforts within the empty supply chain. These would be updated through the Empty Container Park / Carriers Group.

- John P noted difficulties of not being able to see how many bookings carriers have within the Container Chain system, how many slots are taken up. Parameters are different in each system.
- Nathan M raised the issue of bigger players booking 25 or more slots. Sometimes a slot is booked for 4pm and the carrier doesn't turn up till 8am next morning.
- Hart K asked whether it is more efficient now from a carrier's perspective than it was 5 years ago.
- Paul D agreed it is a more efficient turn around. There are peaks and troughs. Someone leaving St Marys know's they will arrive within 2 hours and most try and work to the slot but some carriers book 50 slots and turn up when they want.
- The process has improved. Empty parks are quicker than they were. We don't have ranks and haven't had the problems of 2 years ago where transport yards became empty parks. Within reason everyone now looks at volumes and reallocates stacks.
- Nathan M suggested the best aspect is visibility, showing containers across all parks.
- Hart K noted he sought the information to see whether putting another control in has helped or hindered.
- Adem L suggested the flip side to the efficiencies is that he doesn't believe container parks have taken up opportunities the container chain system has given them. They are not adjusting resource allocations in line with bookings. But this is difficult if people book 4pm and turn up 8am.
- Nathan M suggested this problem will exist till everyone agrees to a one hour grace period on a slot booking.

5. REPORTS BY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

- Andrew K reported major issues for shipping lines with Patrick's automation Process.
- Bill H reported DP World is back to 3 berths with the new crane commissioned. Crane 3 will shift to crane 2's position, but disruptions aren't expected. May was a record month.
- Andrew K asked if DP World had received vessels from Patrick. Bill E replied there were two last week but none this week.
- DPW is meeting with carriers tomorrow.

- Andrew K raised the issue of not having a Patrick representative at the meeting.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

a) APEC APMEN Update – Adem Long

- Adem L reported he had attended the APEC forum in the Philippines as the representative from Ports Australia / NSW Ports, with the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trading (DFAT). We are now part of Asia-Pacific Model E-Port Network (APMEN). We presented a snap shot of the processes in Australia and the Port Community System discussions underway within Ports Australia Logistics Working Group.
- NSW Ports is proposing to put together a 'Team Australia' type of group to pitch for a case study in Australia as the next step.

Note: This is quite a detailed subject, one too detailed to summarise here. Any questions please speak directly to Adem Long.

b) Community concerns regarding fire ants

- Hart K reported having been contacted by a representative from the Port Botany community group with concerns about fire ants.
- Adem L replied the Port Botany Community Consultative Committee have received updates from the Dept of Primary Industries. Some community members are more interested in how things are run in Brisbane, with a more proactive approach allowing the community to get in touch with them. Brisbane helped with the outbreak here, and DPI got expertise from Brisbane.
- Shane Hobday has been liaising with the community representatives and DPI on this and will contact Hart.

7. COMMITTEE MEMBERS – Required Actions by next meeting

- Craig M will investigate compiling a sample of volumes of tailgate inspections.
- Adem L to get Shane Hobday to contact Hart regarding community concerns over fire ants. COMPLETED

8. NEXT MEETING

Wednesday August 12th.