

Meeting: Port Botany Community Consultative Committee – Meeting No. 1

Held: Tuesday 26 November 2013, 5.30pm-7.00pm

Present:

Roberta Ryan (RR) – Chair	Ian Ross (IR) – DP World
Charles Abela (CA) – Community	Jonathon Lafforgue (JL) – DP World
John Burgess (JB) – Community	Richard Pollock (RP) – Patrick Stevedores
Lynda Newnam (LN) – Community	Eladio Perez (EP) – SICTL
Paul Pickering (PP) – Community	John Ieroklis (JI) – Hutchison
Tom Nolan (TN) – Community	Nathan Barnes (NB) – Vopak
Michael Kavanagh (MK) – Community Business Representative	Aldo Costabile (AC) – Elgas Limited
Karen Armstrong (KA) – Randwick Council	Benjamin Armbruster (BA) – Elgas Limited
Bronwyn Englaro (BE) – Randwick Council	Cliff Bell (CB) – Caltex
Steve Poulton (SP) – City of Botany Bay Council	Pamela Meers (PMe) – Caltex
Karen Browne (KB) – Electorate Offices for Member for Maroubra	Mark Walker (MW) – Qenos
James Goodwin (JG) – EPA representative	Melissa Pollock (MP) – Amcor
Superintendent Scott Bingham – Acting Area Commander	Shane Hobday (SH) – NSW Ports
Sandra Spate (SSp) – Minutetaker	Adem Long (AL) – NSW Ports
	Alison Wedgwood (AW) – NSW Ports

Apologies: Paul Jerogin – NSW Ports, Neil Truskett – Patrick Stevedores, Paul Matthews – Patrick Stevedores, Karl McCarthy – SICTL, Ross Salter – Community/ Business Representative

Item	Description	Action/ Responsibility
1	<p>Apologies and Introductions</p> <p>SH welcomed attendees to the first meeting of the Port Botany Consultative Committee which is an amalgamation of the Port Botany Expansion Construction Community Consultative Committee (PBE CCC) and the Port Botany Neighbourhood Liaison Group (PB NLG). The combined group will be chaired by independent chair, Roberta Ryan, who has chaired the PBE CCC since 2006 and understands some of the associated broader issues.</p> <p>RR explained it is a requirement of the Conditions of Approval for the PBE CCC to be independently chaired so she has been invited to chair the combined committee.</p>	
2	<p>Accept minutes of last meeting</p> <p>RR reported that the minutes from the last PBE CCC meeting have been finalised and forwarded to the Department of Planning.</p> <p>The minutes from the 27 August 2013 PB NLG meeting were accepted.</p>	
3	<p>Actions arising from previous minutes</p>	
3.1	<p>EPA to provide feedback to the NLG on ANSTO air monitoring results.</p> <p>JG reported that while EPA is aware of the data, EPA and ANSTO measure different parameters and use different equipment. For example,</p>	

	<p>ANSTO measures fine particles, such as those associated with diesel emissions, while the EPA station measures particles referred to as "PM10" and this includes coarser particles.</p> <p>LN suggested discussion at the PB NLG had been more in the context of cumulative impacts.</p>	
3.2	<p>CA to send map of the Anzac South Urban Activation Precinct to SH. CA reported he understands it is not finalised, but is happy to forward the draft. It is also available on the web. There are traffic implications due to proposed substantial increase in population with 6 and 7 storeys proposed for La Perouse, particularly for traffic travelling west on the M5. KA reported it is at this stage a study area only. It will not be on exhibition till early 2104. Port would need to liaise with State Government on implications.</p> <p>SH expects NSW Ports will need to monitor intensification of urban areas from a noise abatement point of view, as this may bring more people into contact with port noise.</p>	<p>Web link for the draft Anzac South Activation Precinct – see below</p> <p>http://www.planning.nsw.gov.au/en-au/deliveringhomes/urbanactivation.aspx</p>
3.3	<p>DV to provide the link to the Port SEPP to the PB NLG.</p> <p>The link was forwarded with the minutes. The action is closed.</p>	
3.4	<p>AL to investigate and respond to the issue of train horns sounding. SH reported that trains no longer sound horns through the former Banksia Street crossing. There is a gate alarm system to alert staff at DP World to the entry of a train. The action is closed.</p>	
3.5	<p>There was a request by LN to carry over the item relating to Sydney Buses.</p> <p>LN asked whether Ports have talked to tenants to formulate a transport strategy. She suggested a proactive approach to working with State Government strategies and Council strategies to encourage use of public transport and safe walking and cycling to Port. She suggests a survey of Port employees to see if they would use public transport if it were provided.</p> <p>AL reported that there is currently only one bus route to Port Botany (from Redfern). A service which used to exist from Rockdale was removed some time ago. He asked if there is a role for this group in approaching Sydney Buses to get that service restored and for additional services. If thought worthwhile, AL is prepared to send questionnaires to tenants to ascertain the level of interest from tenant's employees. KA notes a potential difficulty as people working varying shifts. It would be desirable to get information about where people live to determine their travel direction and potential for bus services.</p> <p>SP reported that Botany Bay Council is lobbying for an extension of the M20 route.</p> <p>NB reported a number of Vopak employees ride bikes to work and find it difficult moving in and out of container trucks at Bumborah Point Road. LN suggests it is a major issue to make it safer for people who choose other options than car.</p> <p>SH reported NSW Ports supports public transport initiatives and is supportive of Botany Bay Council's initiatives. NSW Ports view on bikes is that it is difficult to provide safety in the port area. A long term Logistics Masterplan is being prepared and can include transport issues. The timeframe for this is around mid-2014.</p> <p>JB reported there has also been some agitation from workers at the airport also who have to pay airport station fares and there is no bus service. It would make sense to link better transport for the airport to the Port, or link the proposed light rail down Anzac Parade to the regional areas. It is up to port stakeholders to push for these services.</p> <p>In summary the Chair suggests the way forward may be to pick up transport issues as part of the NSW Ports Masterplan process and to</p>	

	work with Councils.	
4	Development Activities in the Port - NSW Ports developments - Tenant developments	
	<u>NSW Ports developments</u>	
4.1	<p>SH reported on NSW Ports activities. BLB2 is in the final stages with tenants installing pipe lines and marine loading arms. The first ship, a bitumen ship, is due on December 4th. There is currently 100% occupancy of BLB1.</p> <p>SH reported that as advised at the last meeting Sydney Ports have carried out detailed modelling and will be installing two rock groynes on Foreshore Beach to address beach erosion and stormwater issues in Botany. Work will be undertaken in winter 2014 to minimise impacts on beach users.</p> <p>LN asked what this will cost. SH replied it hasn't yet gone to tender. LN asked who pay for the groynes. SH replied it is Sydney Ports. LN suggested a representative from Sydney Ports should attend these meetings as they are a major stakeholder and control aspects pertinent to the community such as Foreshore Beach and the boat ramp.</p>	SH and AW to encourage attendance at meetings of a Sydney Ports representative
4.2	<p>JB reported a public proposal this morning for minor variations to planning procedures including Newcastle Port, Port Kembla and Port Botany.</p> <p>KA suggested it may be in relation to Department of Planning intentions to delegate more to Councils in relation to DAs under new SEPP arrangements.</p>	NSW Ports to clarify for the PBCCC what the minor variations to planning procedures are in relation to Port Botany.
4.3	<p>CA asked whether there is any refining of bitumen in the Port area. SH replied there isn't. There is an existing bitumen storage plant at Terminals which stores bitumen on behalf of Caltex which is being sold to Puma Energy and a facility at Vopak which stores bitumen on behalf of Shell both are purely storage.</p> <p>PMe reported there is some minor blending at Caltex. CA asked whether there is a deodoriser. PMe replied that there is a vapour extractor which removes odours.</p>	
	<u>Tenant Developments</u>	
4.4	<u>Elgas</u> AC reported the new pipeline connection between Elgas and Qenos, discussed at the last meeting, is progressing.	
4.5	<u>Qenos</u> MW reported Qenos is planning to modify storage by demolishing two LPG tanks and running a pipeline from Elgas to cover this storage. A tender is out for the demolition, relocation of a flare for the ethylene tank and a new perimeter road. The site will shrink and land will be returned to NSW Ports.	
4.6	<u>Vopak</u> NB reported Vopak is finalising the connection from BLB2 to the terminal. The bitumen plant is likely to be finished and operational in January. CA asked what the bitumen plant entailed. NB replied there will be three tanks for storage with no flare but a vapour combustor. Bitumen will be blended and loaded onto road tankers. A hot oil system will be used to provide heat for the bitumen. The vapour	

	combustor has a flame inside the unit to eliminate odours.	
4.7	<p><u>Caltex</u> CB reported Caltex is demolishing a waste water tank and a redundant heater which has been out of commission for some time. The application for a diesel refuelling stop has been approved subject to confirmation from NSW Ports and it is hoped this will commence soon. Botany Bay Council are keen for progress to stop trucks having to refuel on Botany Rd. JB reported that Caltex has the go ahead to dredge at Kurnell and dump contaminated material offshore. He is disappointed that the Commonwealth Government has agreed to this and dredging has started. LN asked whether the EPA is involved. JB reported that Fisheries have said they don't have jurisdiction and it is a Commonwealth matter. The former Federal Minister was opposed but his successor has supported it. The dumping ground is due east of South Head 5km out and in 90m of water. SH noted this area is a recognised dumping area for dredged spoil and spoil from Garden Island previously went there. JB acknowledges spoil has been deposited here before, but it doesn't make it right. The EPA has said this spoil can't be used anywhere but it can be dumped at sea. It is contaminated with TBT, an anti fouling substance which is carcinogenic and very toxic.</p>	
4.8	<p><u>Amcor</u> MP reported that Amcor is mid-way through construction of a waste paper yard which includes a large concrete slab, sound protection and a couple of internal roads. PP asked if odour was emanating from Amcor. MP replied that no smell is coming from the site. JB reported he noticed a smell recently in the vicinity which is the same as an odour characteristic of paper mills and the processing of pulp. It is the same odour which has been present over the last 40 or 50 years.</p>	
5	<p>Noise issues update SH reported that since the last NLG meeting NSW Ports, EPA, Councils, ARTC and RMS have held two meetings to progress a noise strategy for the Port Botany Precinct. JG reported EPA has published recent noise monitoring results from the Matraville area in an easy to understand format. There have been two meetings of stakeholders to work towards the development of a noise strategy. Over the longer term noise levels may increase and the strategy will look at options to mitigate this. There was a consensus to develop the strategy, but there are different stakeholder expectations and it is a long term issue. The group will meet in again in February 2014. CA asked whether there is a community representative on the group. JG replied there isn't at this stage. The group first needed agreement that a strategy is necessary. RR asked who the lead agency is. JG replied there is no clear lead agency as there is a variety of players and different regulatory agencies involved, however the EPA are chairing the meetings. LN suggested there is community expectation that the EPA would assume the lead and that the EPA should not shy from that role. The community doesn't want the noise polluters to lead the strategy. JG acknowledged community desire for an independently led group. The EPA has a regulatory role in Port, and acknowledges there is a role for the EPA, but it is yet to be identified if the EPA will take the lead role. RR asked whether there is agreement for the noise strategy and an ongoing process. Will reports be presented at these meetings on an</p>	

	<p>ongoing basis? JG replied there is agreement for a strategy and ongoing process. LN asked whether the EPA website would publish that there is agreement for a strategy. JG replied that this venue would be used for feedback to the community. LN noted the community has a significant dialogue on noise. It runs a face book page and keeps on top of noise issues. CA reported the La Perouse Committee is receiving more and more comments that noise is increasing especially along the Little Bay corridor. Units are currently being built along Little Bay Road. RR asked what is the status of minutes from the noise working group. It would help if the minutes were formalised and available, but all stakeholders would have to agree. JG replied that the minutes are internal minutes. The EPA has written to both Councils and will try and post some progress of the group on the website.</p>	<p>Noise updates be included as a regular item on the agenda of PBCCC meetings</p>
6	<p>Road and rail container transport - AL/LN This item is held over till the next meeting.</p>	
7	<p>Safety and Environmental Incidents</p>	
7.1	<p>SH reported three noise complaints since the last meeting. There have been no significant environmental incidents in the port over the last three months. There have been a number of emergency exercises around the port to ensure port is prepared for emergencies. There was an oil spill exercise last week at the BLB 2 to test equipment and personnel ready for the start of shipping operations on 4 December.</p>	
7.2	<p>JB noted he asked to include as agenda item a discussion on safety. From the February meeting, SS (Sydney Ports) was to compose a letter on behalf of the meeting. He has tried get better safety standards including traffic monitoring cameras to mitigate risks in area and has raised issues around the extension of the Orica plant containment wells. This needs to be an action item. He has photos of trucks speeding through the crossing. The Minister has said he would take it on notice. The more recent development is problems posed by the Orica protection barrier which will double in size. This is a traffic hazard which needs addressing, particularly with Ports increasing the size of right hand turn slip lane. Currently trucks turning right are moving into the next lane. To extend the slip lane would bring it in conflict with the Orica barrier. Orica needs to be more creative in addressing this, particularly as Foreshore Road is mooted to become a six lane highway. There is about a six year window regarding Orica's secondary containment line. JB recommends safety issues be dealt with as a separate issue and included as an ongoing agenda item. AL reported NSW Ports has asked RMS for a red light camera at the Penrhyn Road/ Botany Road intersection, but this hasn't been forthcoming. PP asked whether there is a process for drivers who identify particular dangerous events in relation to trucks. SB replied that if incidents are reported to police this will be acted on. Police take a statement, however a lot of people are reluctant to go ahead. If there is sufficient evidence it will go to court. An issue was raised with trucks and trailers having different owners. Getting details of the trailer doesn't always identify the operator. AL reported that NSW Ports has spoken to transport companies to report incidents and warn of excluding them from the Port precinct for a period if bad behaviour continues. SH reported NSW Ports is continuing to work with the RMS on the</p>	

	Foreshore, Penrhyn and Botany Roads intersection, and with RMS, Council and police to improve intersections.	
7.3	<p>LN raised concerns that the Veolia proposal at Beauchamp Road, which is SSROC driven, seems close to approval and will add garbage trucks to the general traffic mix.</p> <p>KA reported that Veolia has met with council and there didn't seem a high numbers of trucks.</p> <p>LN replied that this is the same size as Clyde which was a big development. It will add traffic to the morning peak.</p> <p>KA understands the EIS is due out soon and is required to be exhibited for a month.</p> <p>JB suggested he thought a SSRROC workshop had been held on transport issues for the port and airport. It seems strange the two Councils for these precincts weren't represented.</p>	
9	NLG General Business	
9.1	<p>AW confirmed that Councils can act to certify complying developments within the Port area. DV has a meeting tomorrow with the Building Council regarding the criteria for private certifiers. It is expected that the process to certify independent professionals will come into effect mid-2014 at the earliest. There is a problem currently with getting complying developments certified. Tenants can contact AW for more information on this.</p>	
10	Port Botany Expansion Construction Update	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Update on construction activities - SICTL and Patrick - Environmental monitoring - SICTL monthly reports <p>The minutes from the PBE CCC meeting number 46 were accepted by those present at the meeting.</p>	
10.1	<p><u>SICTL</u></p> <p>EP reported Stage 1 is complete with the construction compliance report forwarded to the Department of Planning a couple of weeks ago. Stage 2 is the maintenance and operations building due for February. Stage 3 is rail works.</p> <p>Phase 2 stockpiles have been removed and phase 2 (for auto stacking cranes and additional container storage area) is to go to tender. The CEMP will be an amendment to the current CEMP.</p> <p>The noise wall on the northern and eastern sides is complete and landscaping is being undertaken.</p> <p>PP asked whether residents will be affected by noise.</p> <p>EP replied no complaints have been received.</p>	
10.2	<p><u>Patrick</u></p> <p>RP reported works are underway for the redevelopment of the knuckle area with work on concrete pavements expected to finish in April 2014. Ramp D is scheduled for completion in May, with piling works complete. Approval has been received for the modification for building works on the existing site, and the CEMP is currently with Department of Planning for approval. Work is expected to start before Christmas and is scheduled for completion mid next year.</p>	
9	Port Botany Expansion Operational Update	
9.1	<p>JI reported that Stage 1 works are complete and have been handed to SICTL. Operations started in November, with half the wharf complete and servicing ships on the one active berth. The OEMP has been approved by the Department of Planning and is available on the website. When the operations building is complete early next year the temporary sheds will be demobilised.</p> <p>The auto stacking cranes are not yet commissioned and are still being tested.</p>	

	Three vessels have arrived so far and customs and quarantine inspectors are working with SICTL.	
9.1	Nominations for the Port Botany Expansion Rail Noise Working Group. AW reported that under the Port Botany Expansion conditions of approval, there is a requirement for a rail noise working group composed of NSW Ports, DP&I, ARTC, councils and community consultative committee members. She asked for expressions of interest from members of the CCC. The first meeting is expected to be in February 2014. LN and JB expressed interest and CA will consult with the Matraville Precinct Committee.	
11	General Business/Next meeting:	
11.1	SH thanked attendees for their presence and wished everyone a safe and enjoyable Christmas and New Year period.	
11.2	AW reported that Kellie Parkin is moving out of the area. She thanked Kellie, on behalf of the committee, for her contribution to the Port Botany Neighbourhood Liaison Group.	
11.3	Next meeting: February 25 th , 5.30pm. Venue to be confirmed.	
	<p>These minutes have been endorsed by the meeting Chair</p> <p>Signed: Roberta Ryan Date: 16/12/13</p>	