

Meeting Minutes

MEETING # 42
Intermodal Logistics Centre
Community Liaison Committee (CLC)
ILC, Enfield ILC, Cosgrove Rd, Enfield

Date: Monday 17 February 2020
Time: 4.00 pm

Attendees:	Chair	NSW Ports
	Ian Colley	Trevor Brown
		Tim Arkell
	Community Members	James Leggett
	Louise Symonds	Ian Henderson
		Greg Walls
		Sarah Downey
	Strathfield Council	Ingrid Ilias
	Yvonne Yun	
		Linx
	Swift	Robyn Simpson
	Geoff DeSantis	Frank Adriano
		Minute Taker
		Anita Hartmann (Independent Minute Taker)

Apologies: Adriane Whiley, NSW Ports,
 Vida Cheeseman, NSW Ports
 Graham Humphrys, City of Canterbury Bankstown
 Maryann Duggan, Office of Jodi McKay Member for Strathfield
 Jenny Maddocks, Community

The Chair declared the meeting open at 4.04 pm.

1. Action Items from Previous Meeting

Acceptance of the minutes/actions from previous meeting

Action: T Arkell to provide M Duggan with the Landscape Plan for the Enfield site. COMPLETED.

Action: G DeSantis to forward an email to M Duggan summarising traffic issues at Norfolk St/ Wentworth Ave to be raised at the SCC/ RMS traffic committee. CC email to T Arkell to be raised at the RTCG COMPLETED.

Action: NSW Ports to provide the CLC with a note on summary of outcomes from noise monitoring when available. STILL PURSUING. Carry over to the next meeting.

2. Project Update

Warehouses & customers

NSW Ports reported there is limited activity at the Enfield site, and that Precinct H is yet to achieve practical completion. At Precinct H, the landscaping needs to be finished and Ausgrid has not yet

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connected power. There is a ten day requirement after power is connected to finally commission all equipment, and it is only after this time tenants are allowed to move in. Ausgrid have been booked for 3 March, and completion is expected approximately 16 March. It was thought that given the recent fire and floods may have had an impact on timing and the reasons for the delay.

An update was provided on the various precincts within the Enfield site as follows:

- Precinct F has been occupied since July last year and is in the final stages of closing out defects.
- Precinct C is occupied by one tenant and the second tenancy is due to be finalised in the next few weeks. An occupational certificate is expected to be signed at the end of March 2020.
- Precinct E has required a redesign which is now complete and there are two good prospective tenants in food distribution and storage.
- Precinct A is still negotiating with a large prospect and it is hoped they will sign in the next several months.

An agreement is required regarding the future of the empty container park, which is likely to be developed however this is still several years away.

Operations – LINX and Sub-Tenants

LINX advised that January's outcome was as expected. The new year has had challenges with Chinese New Year and the Coronavirus, however it was thought the issues are slowing down and it is hoped it would not continue.

The forecast for 2020 is to outperform 2019 and LINX are promoting the business as best as they can to meet their target, however these have fallen short for January and also expected for February. The numbers from the quayline are indicating the same situation. Cost cutting measures will be implemented to make the business as viable as possible.

EPA have regulated Rail Operators and LINX will hold one of the licences from May 2020, noting these are currently only draft licences. The licence extends to the rail network only, and not to private rail roads. The premise is that the licence will apply only during the operation of trains on the rail network.

Action: Send through the link to the EPA site (Robyn Simpson).

Complaints within the rail network will be handled differently after May. The main conditions of the EPA include noise, wheel squeal, loco engine noise and emissions.

Operations – Swift

December was quiet, however January and February have picked up, and the road side has been busy with containers.

3. Development Update

General Planning update

NSW Ports advised that they are working with the new tenants to ensure they have all the correct approvals in place.

4. NSW Ports Sustainability Report and Scorecard

NSW Ports are currently working on a sustainability scorecard, updated from the previous year. The draft has been prepared and is expected to be published in the next 2-3 months. It is hoped that the sustainability scorecard will be published in time for the next meeting.

Some of the positive reports to date include:

- greenhouse emissions 25% below the 2015 baseline
- direct areas controlled with energy efficiency
- solar panels have been installed

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- more energy efficient lighting is being used

4. NSW Ports Reputation Survey and Website Redevelopment

NSW Ports has recently received the results of reputation research which we put in market from 15 October – 1 November 2019. We would like to thank those present that participated in the survey and shared your views with us. We are currently analysing the results and creating an action plan to address areas for improvement. Its important to note that this was not a customer satisfaction survey – our aim was to get a strong sense of our stakeholders' and communities' perception of the organisation. The questions in the survey gauged the levels of trust, admiration, feeling and esteem for NSW Ports.

Methodology employed: A 20 minute online survey

Participants included 142 stake holders and 170 local residents who were randomly chosen based on their postcode. The response rate was 25% and was at the upper end of expectations. Results included a good mix of companies for each category.

An action plan is being compiled, and updates on initiatives deriving from this action plan will be shared at future meetings.

The results have given us some good insights into what our audience think of us and how we can better communicate. One of the key takeaways is the demand for a greater digital presence and we are therefore prioritising the redevelopment of the NSW Ports website. This process will be inclusive, and we'll reach out in the coming month to seek interest in participating in the co-design process for the website redevelopment.

5. Other

Enfield Annual Environmental Compliance Audit

The Compliance Audit was finalised in December 2019. Primary issues stemming from the report include:

- More documentation is needed in relation to the management and maintenance of the Southern ecological area and the correct reporting regime.
- Water supply to the frog habitat.
- Revegetation of the Enfield site.
- Findings around traffic monitoring and working on a new regime. Two counters and data collection is required from tenants to move forward.

Community Members requested information regarding noise monitoring for the site. NSW Ports advised that the noise monitoring network will include 2-3 monitors on site and 2-3 monitors in the community. It is hoped that this will create quicker response times to complaints and greater understanding where the noise is coming from. One of the ongoing challenges is the changing weather conditions, noting the monitors will not fix this problem. The diagram was sent out to those who had complained about the noise, and these people were happy that feedback had been provided and action had been taken. The community representative mentioned that they had tried to explain the diagram to the complainants and advised that NSW Ports would continue to look into ways to combat the noise issues.

Recommendations have come out of the noise study and will be followed up.

A question was raised in relation to an inversion rating. In response, NSW Ports advised that at this stage there is no inversion rating and is not part of the forecast. They are prepared to make some inquiries to see if there can be a rating and will advise at next meeting. Both parties agreed it would be good to understand the nature of the problem.

At at the time of the complaints prior to August 2019, the noise was much like a PA in the area. It was suggested that an added cause may have been that the weather was much drier last year. NSW Ports

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advised that monitoring will have a weather system designed to record inversion effect, e.g.: wet or windy weather breaks down inversion but on cold, quiet nights, sound travels further. Any noises that can be associated with the inversion, and with the correct tools this will act like a lens to create a focal point in a zone or certain distance (refraction).

It was noted there has been minimal noise of late.

Council Updates

Y Yun passed on apologies from M Duggan.

The Local Strategic Planning Statement (LSPS) is a quarter of the way through. The LSPS is required to be approved by the Greater Sydney Commission. It sets the strategic direction for the Local Government Area (LGA). NSW Ports made a submission on the draft LSPS when exhibited in 2019.

Biodiversity has been approved for a 10-year plan, and Council are planning an area of 3,484 square metres which is slightly to the south of the Enfield site and adjoins the railway line.

The area houses a population of green and golden bell frogs, and plans will include a corridor for the frogs to use. The area links into the periphery of NSW Ports land, and it is hoped to create an environment where the biggest population of frogs will thrive and the others will be eliminated. Two ponds will be required with a timeline of three years. It is also the intention to erect blocking for the peripheral night light. Council is considering importing frogs from a population kept in another area that are breeding well and is part of their ecological plan. Ongoing monitoring of this project will include engaging with the Frog and Tadpole association of NSW and will also rely on community involvement.

Management Plans for local parks have been published and includes working with council to receive funding to make the area a living laboratory.

Tree Island is 3-4° cooler along the corridor than in surrounding areas. There is a tree cover, and traffic issues on Centenary Drive and Richmond Road create heat problems and drives up the temperature. Funding is being created to plant trees in the Cosgrove Road area and research is being undertaken by Macquarie University as to which trees will thrive and will help Council make an informed decision prior to investing in new plants.

Council advised that it is their intention to have a sustainability officer attend the next meeting.

Comments/Questions/Other Business

NSW Ports advised the following:

- Three solar systems were turned on today, and it is expected the remainder will be on by the next meeting.
- Bill Thompson has resigned as a community representative leaving a vacancy. He is a resident of South Strathfield, and a new member needs to be found. Members were asked for ideas to help recruit. A discussion was held around options, and council offered to put a promotional piece on their website, or it was thought to approach Strathfield High School or Mauri Foods who have been looking for community involvement. The Greenacre community may also be a viable option. It was noted there is no Chamber of Commerce at the south end of Strathfield. NSW Ports to place an ad on their website targeting new community members.

Action: Council member to provide Mauri Foods contact to NSW Ports.

Action: NSW Ports to place ad on their website targeting new community member/s.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 4.53 pm.

The next meeting be held on Monday, June 14 2020 (may be negotiable).

These minutes have been endorsed by the Chair, Ian Colley