

Invitees**Community members**

Charles Abela (CA)

John Burgess (JB)

Paul Pickering (PP)

Peter Fagan (PF)

Local Government

David Smith (DS) - Bayside Council
(Josh Ford attending on his behalf)

Business Representatives

Jennifer Stevenson (JS) – Hutchison Ports

Lindon Richards (LR) – Hutchison Ports

Karen Jones (KJ) – Opal

Simon Thomas (SJ) – Quantem * new member

NSW EPA

Steven Tan (ST)

Port Authority of NSW

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NSW Ports

Bryan Beudeker (BB)

Greg Walls (GW)

Jonathan Lafforgue (JL)

Matt Johnston (MJ)

Quayline Extension Project Team

Chris Gorman (CG)

Peter Hynd (PH)

Independent Chair

Roberta Ryan (RR), Independent Chairperson

Zoey Mackey-Craig (ZMC), Minute taker

Apologies

Bronwyn Englano (BE) - Randwick Council

Nerida Green (NG) – Port Authority of NSW

Rajesh Mottey (RM) – EPA

Julia McLean (JM) – Quayline Project

Mark Jansons (MJEPA) - EPA

Nathan Eagar (NE) - EPA

Business Representatives

Natalie Cerda (NC) – Patrick

Scott Eadie (SE) – DP World

Michael Jennings (MJ) – Quantem

Muslin Bhimani (MB) – Quantem * new member

Damian Arnold (DA) – ACFS Port Logistics

Jos Kuster (JK) – Ampol

Creagh Debrabander (CD) – Elgas

Representative TBD – Vopak

Agenda Items	
1 Commencement	
1.1 Welcome, apologies and introductions	
<p>Professor Roberta Ryan (RR) welcomed attendees. Introductions followed for the benefit of new members and those attending as delegate.</p> <p>Apologies provided prior to the meeting included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bronwyn Englaro• Nerida Green• Natalie Cerdá• Scott Eadie• Michael Jennings• Muslin Bhimani• Rajesh Mottey <p>Josh Ford was in attendance on behalf of David Smith.</p> <p>Simon Thomas joined as the new key representative for Quantem.</p>	
1.2 Approval of previous minutes	
<p>Jennifer Stevenson (JS) and Bryan Beudeker (BB) confirmed acceptance of the minutes from meeting 47.</p>	
2. Matters arising	
<p>Matters arising from this meeting (Meeting 47) held on the 13th May 2025</p> <p>1: Hutchinson Ports to present at the August CCC meeting. Responsible: Jennifer Stevenson (JS) Due: 19 August 2025</p> <p>Lindon Richards provided an update in Item 3.</p> <p>This matter is now closed.</p> <p>2: Matt Johnston to connect with David Smith to consider media and education opportunities regarding positive impact of Gross Pollutant Traps (GPTs) in Bunnerong Canal. Responsible Matt Johnston (MJ) NSW Ports, David Smith (DS) Bayside Council Due: 3 June 2025</p>	

David Smith is an apology; Josh Ford is attending on his behalf. MJ and DS have connected on this item and will provide the committee with outcomes of opportunities as they arise.

This matter is now closed.

3: Determine if life buoys found in Gross Pollutant Traps (GPTs) in Bunnerong Canal have ANSA branding/stamps on them and advise John Burgess of outcome, via CCC.

Responsible: Bryan Beudeker (BB) NSW Ports

Due: 3 June 2025

BB advised members that the buoys found were unmarked.

This matter is now closed.

4: Port Authority to provide a definitive response to the following questions to John Burgess and the broader CCC:

- Would the Port Authority reconsider monitoring birds in the estuary, and look at if the bird sanctuary is actually effective.
- Would the Port Authority recommend the reintroduction of sea grass monitoring, the program which stopped several years ago.

Responsible: Nerida Green (NG) Port Authority of NSW

Due: ASAP

Nerida Green was unable to attend the meeting, however, provided the following information for the Chair. The following was read to members in the meeting:

Would the Port Authority reconsider monitoring birds in the estuary and look at if the bird sanctuary is actually effective.

At present Port Authority has no plans to resume the environmental monitoring program for Penrhyn Estuary.

As the CCC will be aware, monitoring was a condition of approval for the Port Botany Expansion project, which required the development and implementation of the [Penrhyn Estuary Habitat Enhancement Plan \(PEHEP\)](#). The PEHEP aimed to enhance and maintain key ecological

habitats—saltmarsh, seagrass, mangroves, and intertidal flats—following the reclamation of approximately 63 ha of the estuary for port expansion. Monitoring supported the conservation of migratory shorebirds and other fauna that rely on the estuary's habitats, helping assess the effectiveness of habitat restoration. A five-year post-construction monitoring program was undertaken to evaluate the ecological outcomes of the habitat enhancement works, including seagrass and bird population assessments.

The cessation of bird monitoring was not recommended in the [End of Project Report](#).

However, Port Authority did complete additional seagrass monitoring as recommended in the [End of Project Report](#).

Would the Port Authority recommence the reintroduction of sea grass monitoring, the program which stopped several years ago.

Port Authority has no plans to recommence sea grass monitoring.

We are contributing significant funds and in-kind resources as a research partner in an Australian Research Council (ARC) Linkage project led by UNSW: *Restoring and future-proofing the biocultural values of endangered seagrasses*. One aim of this multi-year research project is to develop cost-effective and efficient techniques to scale up Posidonia restoration. This project was presented to the Port Botany CCC at its meeting on 26 February 2025.

Additional Item:

On 17 June 2025 the Chair reached out to Nerida Green with an out of session request from John Burgess, requesting an update on progress with the proposed increase in trailer parking facilities at the Foreshore Rd Boat ramp.

Can Port Authority provide an update on progress with the proposed increase in trailer parking facilities at Foreshore Rd Boat ramp.

Port Authority has provided a letter of support to Council to increase the capacity of the car and trailer parking facility at Foreshore Road Boat ramp. Port Authority understands that the Council were going to explore grant options to undertake the works. No updates have been received from

Council on this matter.

Additionally, [Nerida] wished to share for information that Port Authority is inviting [Expressions of Interest](#) for operators to provide food and beverage kiosks, fishing essentials, and ice vending services at the Botany Bay Boat Ramp. Applications close 14 September with licence/s to be issued by 1 October 2025.

JB response indicated he was “not surprised with the responses, but disappointed with the responses, quite frankly. Further, JB enquired with [Bayside] Council regarding an application for a grant through the better boating program [\[Boating Infrastructure Maintenance\]](#).

Josh Ford (JF), attending on behalf of David Smith, advised he would follow up and email the Chair with advice on any relevant grant applications.

Chair Note – at the close of the meeting JF advised the Council had submitted a grant for Muddy Creek Amenities Building on the 1st of April and received a notification Friday 15 August that this was unsuccessful.

5: Follow-up with Transport for NSW Maritime Division regarding damage to seawall in Yarra Bay.

Responsible: Bryan Beudeker (BB) NSW Ports

Due: ASAP

Chair Note – this action was followed up by BB on 2 June 2025.

BB was pleased to advise members that it appears from local feedback that the Yarra Bay seawall repairs were completed in July, but NSW Ports has not been formally advised by Transport for NSW of works being completed.

Members discussed the importance of this given the popularity of the location for walkers, swimmers and surfers. The Chair requested this matter remain on the agenda until the repairs can be inspected following the recent bad weather.

This matter remains open.

6: Investigate and provide feedback to the CCC on possible causes of the fish kill reported on Foreshore Beach.

Responsible: Rajesh Motty (RM) NSW EPA

Due: 3 June 2025

The below update was provided via email to members by Rajesh Motty Monday, 2 June 2025. Steven Tan spoke to the update, confirming that a thorough investigation was conducted and nothing conclusive was identified.

The EPA's investigation, which included site inspections, water and biota sampling, and dissolved oxygen readings did not provide evidence of a clear cause for the fish kill. Based on the water quality results and officer observations at the time of the incident, the EPA has determined that the most likely cause of the fish kill was a sharp, unexplained drop in dissolved oxygen levels within Mill Stream.

As part of the investigation, the EPA conducted water quality sampling and collected fish specimens in areas along Foreshore Beach and Mill Stream (see Figures 1-3 attached to this email). A summary of in-situ dissolved oxygen readings provided as follows:

1. Foreshore ramp – 120%
2. End of Foreshore beach at pipe outlet – 108%
3. Near Sydney Water overflow outlet – 99%
4. Stormwater outlet – 95%
5. Upstream of weir – 104%

Further, biota sampling did not report pesticides above laboratory Limits of Reporting (LOR) within fish samples taken during/immediately following the incident.

This matter is now closed.

3. Presentations

3.1 Quayline Extension Project Team – project update

In June the EIS was retuned with a request for further assessment. The project team sought advice from NSW Department of Planning and rationalised the location of the construction site. The project was refined, with consideration to noise/flight path. The project team is hoping the EIS will now go on exhibition in September.

3.2 Hutchison Ports – Lindon Richards provided the update on behalf of Hutchison Ports

Hutchison Ports is expecting the arrival of 2 new goose neck quay cranes. These are expected to arrive in April/May 2026. They will be noted as cranes 5 and 6 working in

Hayes Dock 2 only, in line with the agreements with Sydney Airport. Commissioning period for the cranes is 2-3 months.

4. NSW Ports

4.1 NSW Ports update – JL

For the last financial year, the Port handled a record number of containers (1.8M TEU), with a record number of containers by rail (439K TEU).

JL advised members of a healthy rail mode share above 17.2%, and over the last month the rail mode share was over 20%. JL is pleased with the numbers overall, and noted that the stevedores are working with rail operators to accommodate the increase in demand.

No significant disruptions to report.

Peter Fagan (PF) enquired as to when DP World Terminal is going to upgrade its rail terminal. JL advised there is no confirmed date for construction, but plans are being finalised and the details will be shared with members when possible.

5. Business Representatives Update

5.1 ACFS Port Logistics – DA

Apology for this meeting.

5.2 Ampol – JK

Apology for this meeting.

5.3 Elgas – CD

Apology for this meeting.

5.4 DP World – SE

Apology for this meeting.

5.5 Hutchison Ports – JS

Nothing of note.

5.6 Opal – KJ

KJ shared that Opal had their major maintenance shut down for 5 days in June. This process went well. They recorded a daily production record in July. Nothing else to report.

5.7 Patrick Terminals – NC

Apology for this meeting.

5.8 Quantem – ST

Sites A and B are business as usual. Site C has commenced a new project to recommission diesel storage tanks. This will occur over the next three or so months,

however there will not be a large influx of contractors to support this work. Additionally, landscaping at Site A has been completed, improving the visual appeal of the site.

5.9 Vopak – N/A Rep TBD

6. Government and Community Member Updates

6.1 Bayside Council – DS

Josh Ford (attending on behalf of David Smith) advised that Council is across the state significant applications that are coming through, and there are no major updates to provide.

6.2 Randwick City Council – BE

Apology for this meeting.

6.3 EPA – ST

ST shared two incidents of note.

Following the last meeting of the CCC, the EPA received a report from Randwick Council regarding debris balls on Yarra Beach. These were investigated and found to be fragments of kelp. This information has been provided formally back to Council.

Regular monitoring of Cooks River in July indicated high chlorophyll levels. Signs were installed advising people to stay out of the waterways while further samples were collected. Testing ruled out a toxic algae bloom.

The report on this matter is available online <https://cooksriver.org.au/algae-response-2025/>

RR advised that Sydney Coastal Councils Group have recently done some work on improving management responses to incidents like this, alongside councils, EPA, Sydney Water and the Port Authority.

6.4 Port Authority of NSW – NG

Apology for this meeting.

6.5 Community members

Community member matters are recorded in other business.

7. Environmental Update - BB

7.1 Summary of complaints and incidents

BB was pleased to report the following:

- 11 ship noise complaints since the last meeting of the CCC. Compared to 26 for the same period last year.
- 1 cargo handling complaint since the last meeting of the CCC. Compared to 2 for the same period last year.

Feedback from community members confirms there are less noisy ships travelling and impacting neighbours.

Incidents of notes:

A truck jack-knifed on Friendship Road spilling some Ad blue. The fire brigade assisted in clean up but there were no injuries, no fire and the driver was able to drive the truck away. There are speed limits in this area, however speed humps are not allowed. NSW Ports will consider some ripple strips or other permissible options to encourage vehicles to slow in the area.

There was a fire in the Svitzer facility maintenance shed. It caught fire in before midnight on 3 June 2025. 6 units attended and the fire was contained within 22 minutes, however the shed will need to be demolished, site cleaned, and a new shed built.

No chemicals or fuels were stored there, and no injuries sustained. The source of the fire is unknown; a full investigation was conducted however BB is not privy to the outcomes of that.

7.2 Port Botany Expansion Rail Noise (as per CoA 2.28)

As above.

7.3 Biosecurity

The Port continues to work with the team at Department of Agriculture, Fishers and Forests, who are regularly in contact regarding surveys of the site.

8. Other business

JB noted flooding on Foreshore Road and enquired whose responsibility it is to maintain and manage drainage. BB advised Transport for NSW is responsible for this area and has been alerted to the flooding, agreeing to follow up again on this matter.

New Matter Arising 1.

Contact Transport for NSW regarding the flooding on Foreshore Road and provide advice back to CCC members as to the maintenance approach for this area.

Responsible: BB

Due: ASAP

CA asked BB about the cameras, located on either Foreshore Road, near the bridge. BB advised these are traffic monitoring cameras and only record the type and volume (number) of heavy vehicles travelling along that route.

JB enquired about the construction at the rear of the Port, noting a roadblock near the Port Authority administrative building. BB confirmed that an extension to the existing

building is going to support NSW Ports new office, which should be complete by October.

PF raised that it would be beneficial to have a community member from Matraville precinct area. Members discussed the average age of attendees and potential ways to engage younger membership. BB confirmed he has promoted the CCC at Matraville Precinct Residential Committee and will consider who an appropriate representative may be. BB noted that engaging with local university students in certain programs may be an option, as it may be good for career development.

New Matter Arising 2.

Investigate and propose appropriate Matraville community representative.

Responsible: BB, MJ

Due: 11 November 2025

CA advised members that Randwick City Council have announced a proposal to transform the La Perouse Museum and surrounding headland into a dedicated First Nations Cultural Precinct, co-designed with and led by the local Aboriginal community.

The proposal, informed by advice from the NSW Heritage Council and in line with 'Designing with Country' principles, would see the precinct become a national destination that celebrates and shares the deep and ongoing cultural connections of the La Perouse Aboriginal community.

<https://www.randwick.nsw.gov.au/about-us/news/news-items/2025/may/vision-unveiled-for-la-perouse-first-nations-cultural-precinct>

JB raised the public consultation regarding the proposal of an energy precinct at the back of the Caltex (now Ampol) site at Kurnell, which he was unable to attend but interested to know more about. RR noted that there has not been a representative from Caltex (now Ampol) for a while and asked MJ to take this on as a new action.

Ampol Energy Hub application on NSW Planning Portal link here:

<https://www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/projects/kurnell-energy-and-industry-precinct>

New Matter Arising 3.

Follow up on Committee representative from Caltex (Ampol).

Responsible: MJ

Due: 11 November 2025

9. Conclusion and next meeting

The 49th Meeting of the CCC will be held Tuesday 11 November 5.30pm.