

## RECORD OF ATTENDANCE

### Attendees

#### Community members

John Burgess (JB)

Paul Pickering (PP)

Peter Fagan (PF)

#### Local Government

Bronwyn Englaro (BE), Randwick Council

Josh Ford (JF), Bayside Council

#### Business Representatives

Creagh Debrabander (CD) – Elgas

Marc Murray (MM) – Elgas

Jennifer Stevenson (JS) – Hutchison Ports

Isabella Williams (IW) – Hutchison Ports

#### NSW EPA

Nathan Eagar (NE)

Trevor Wilson (TWI)

Steven Tan (STa)

#### Port Authority of NSW

Nerida Green (NG)

#### NSW Ports

Bryan Beudeker (BB)

Jonathan Lafforgue (JL)

Tracey Wiggins (TW)

Jordan Howard (JH)

#### Quayline Extension Project Team

*Not in attendance for this meeting*

#### Independent Chair

Roberta Ryan (RR), Independent Chairperson

Zoey Mackey-Craig (ZMC), Minute taker

### Apologies

Charles Abela (CA) – Community member

Michael Jennings (MJ) – Quantem

Simon Thomas (SJ) – Quantem

Greg Walls (GW) – NSW Ports

David Smith (DS), Bayside Council

Damian Arnold (DA) – ACFS Port Logistics

Jos Kuster (JK) – Ampol

Natalie Cerda (NC) – Patrick

Muslin Bhimani (MB) – Quantem

*Representative TBD* – Vopak

Mark Jansons (MJEPA) – EPA

Rajesh Mottey (RM) – EPA

Karen Jones (KJ) – Opal

Scott Eadie (SE) – DP World

PBQEP team

## Agenda Items

### 1 Commencement

#### 1.1 Welcome, apologies and introductions

RR invited brief introductions, noting apologies and changes in representation:

- Marc Murray (MMu) attended as the new terminal manager for Elgas and will represent Elgas going forward.
- Tracey Wiggins (TW) recently joined NSW Ports as Corporate Affairs Manager and was attending her first CCC meeting.
- Jordan Howard (JH) has recently commenced as Planning Officer at NSW Ports.
- Isabella Williams (IW) has joined Hutchison Ports Sydney as Environment, Health and Safety Advisor and was attending her second CCC meeting.
- EPA representatives Steven Tan (STa), Nathan Eager (NE) and Trevor Wilson (TWI) were in attendance.

#### 1.2 Approval of previous minutes

- PF noted that an item raised by community member Charles (CA) at the previous meeting had been incorrectly recorded:
  - The minutes referred to “the Australian Museum” rather than the La Perouse Museum in relation to a Randwick City Council cultural precinct and museum upgrade project, and the hyperlink included in the minutes was to the Australian Museum.
  - PF had followed up with Charles, who confirmed the correct reference should be to the La Perouse Museum.
- BB advised that, following internal discussion, NSW Ports had determined that CCC minutes will not be published on the NSW Ports website until after they have been moved and seconded at the subsequent meeting. This is to ensure errors such as this can be corrected before public release.

#### Approval of previous minutes

- Subject to correction of the item relating to the La Perouse Museum (to be confirmed with Charles and updated accordingly), the minutes of Meeting 48 were:
  - **Moved:** Bryan Beudeker (BB)
  - **Seconded:** Peter Fagan (PF)

### 2. Matters arising

**Matters arising from Meeting 47 (May), with updates provided in Meeting 48 (August) but remaining open:**

**Matter Arising 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 recommence the reintroduction of sea grass

monitoring, the program which stopped several years ago?  
Responsible: Nerida Green (NG) Port Authority of NSW  
Due: ASAP

**This item is now closed**

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:**

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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 had invited [Expressions of Interest](#) (EoI) for operators to provide food and beverage kiosks, fishing essentials, and ice vending services at the Botany Bay Boat Ramp. Applications close 14 September 2025 with licence/s to be issued by 1 October 2025, but advised no EoI's were received.

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 19.08.2025 JF advised Bayside Council had submitted a grant for Muddy Creek Amenities Building on the 1 April 2025 and received a notification Friday 15 August 2025 that this was unsuccessful.

**Matter Arising 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 is closed but a new matter has been created in Item 3.2.**

**Matters arising from Meeting 48 (August)**

**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

**New Matter Arising 2.**

Investigate and propose appropriate Matraville community representative.

Responsible: BB, MJ

Due: 11 November 2025

**Update:** BB has shared a possible representative who has been contacted by the Chair to discuss becoming a member.

**New Matter Arising 3.**

Follow up on Committee representative from Caltex (Ampol).

Responsible: MJ

Due: 11 November 2025

**Update:** BB to follow up

RR noted that most outstanding actions from Meeting 48 would be addressed under specific agenda items:

- The issue of the damaged groyne at Yarra Bay and associated safety concerns was to be addressed under PF's presentation.
- Representation from Matraville and Caltex / local business was partly addressed through the attendance of Marc Murray (MMu) as the new Elgas representative.
- Other carry-over items relating to projects (Quayline equalisation, on-dock rail, etc.) would be picked up in the NSW Ports and EPA updates.

No additional matters arising were raised.

RR moved the agenda to the presentation on the Yarra Bay repairs at item 3.2

### **3. Presentations**

#### **3.1 Quayline Extension Project Team – project update**

Quayline team members not required to attend, as BB provided update on behalf of the team.

Public exhibition for the EIS closed on 23 October 2025.

13 responses were received from government agencies:

- Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (DCCEEW)

- NSW EPA
- Sydney Airport
- Transport for NSW
- Department of Primary Industries (including Fisheries)
- Fire and Rescue NSW
- Heritage Council of NSW
- Civil Aviation Authority
- Port Authority of NSW
- Bayside Council
- Randwick City Council

Key themes included:

Sediment containment and management and environmental assessments. DPHI requested a response to these and NSW Port consultants will prepare response which will be available early 2026.

RR moved the agenda to item 7, Environmental update

### **3.2 Yarra Bay repair – Peter Fagan**

- PF presented on the recent repairs to the groyne at Yarra Bay, using a series of slides prepared following an on-site inspection with John Burgess (JB). (attached to minutes)
- Key points:
  - Historic wave action had breached the integrity of the groyne, creating a large hole through the structure.
  - There was an increasing risk that the breach could extend through the groyne, potentially leading to partial collapse and scattering of large concrete and dolerite blocks along Yarra Bay Beach.
  - This could pose a significant hazard to beachgoers.

#### **Repairs undertaken**

- Transport for NSW engaged specialist marine contractor Coastwide Civil to undertake urgent repairs.
  - PF reported that the repairs appear generally substantial and tidy.
  - Rather than re-setting missing concrete “dolos” units, the contractor used large dolerite blocks.
  - This will stop further damage for now.

#### **Beach safety and remaining risks**

- PF and JB noted that:
  - Prior to repair, broken dolos units and large dolerite blocks had been scattered along the beach and sometimes buried in sand, posing a collision hazard for surfers and swimmers.
  - Post-works, most of the obvious fragments and scattered dolos units appear to have been removed however not all.
  - PF indicated he is unsure how long the repairs will last with heavy swell conditions that often occur.

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- BB and BE clarified that Randwick City Council is responsible for maintaining the beach area generally, but not for structures or land below mean high tide mark.
- Transport for NSW / Maritime owns and manages the seabed and structures below the high tide mark within Botany Bay.
- BE confirmed Council had been contacted by the contractor only in relation to beach access for heavy plant; Council requested access be via barge to avoid damage to the car park, walkway and beach access, which occurred.
- Council has not been asked to sign off on the adequacy of the completed works.

### New Matter arising (A)

- It was agreed that the CCC would formally raise the residual safety concern about remaining rocks and request further clean-up and confirmation of safety.
  - **BE** to identify and provide the appropriate Transport for NSW / Maritime contact responsible for the groyne repairs.
  - **RR** to write on behalf of the CCC to Transport for NSW outlining:
    - community concerns about remaining dolerite blocks in the surf zone;
    - appreciation for the timely structural repair; and
    - a request for further assessment and removal of any remaining hazardous materials in the beach area adjacent to the groyne.

RR moved the Agenda to EPA update at item 6.3

## 4. NSW Ports

### 4.1 NSW Ports update – JL

JL provided an update on trade and rail operations:

- Container volumes are consistent with seasonal expectations.
- The port is transitioning from the cotton export season into grain exports.
- Rail volumes continue to trend upwards, with another year-on-year increase, reflecting investments in on-dock rail capacity and inland intermodal terminals.
- No incidents to report.

In response to questions from Paul Pickering (PP) and JB, JL shared Transport for NSW information on works occurring along Foreshore Drive:

- A new heavy vehicle inspection bay is being constructed as part of a “Safer Local Roads and Infrastructure” program.
- Works include an additional westbound lane to enter/exit the inspection bay, an inspection office, safety barriers, lighting and a speed reduction from

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80 km/h to 60 km/h between specified points to allow trucks to safely enter and leave the bay.

- The facility will formalise and improve current ad-hoc roadside truck inspection practices.
- JL and BB provided additional information on the DP World New Rail Terminal Project: Current configuration includes two rail spurs, one at DP World Logistics' container park and one at DP World terminal .
- The project would consolidate and upgrade the rail infrastructure to allow longer trains and reduce shunting, improving efficiency and increasing the proportion of containers moved by rail.
- The existing rail line closer to the northern side of Botany Road (which has occasionally generated noise complaints from shunting loco's) would be removed under the proposal.
- Detailed design and approvals are progressing, EPA and NSW Ports are being consulted on environmental and licensing aspects.

### 5. Business Representatives Update

5.1 ACFS Port Logistics – DA

5.2 Ampol – JK (not present)

5.3 Elgas – MMu

Mark Murray (MMu) advised there were no major operational issues to noting he has recently taken on the role and is familiarising himself with CCC matters

5.4 DP World – SE

Nil

5.5 Hutchison Ports – JS

JS advised that Hutchison had no specific operational or environmental incidents to report. JS noted that Hutchison is reviewing the details of the recent modification (MOD 18) to the Port Botany expansion consent, which is primarily administrative (updating conditions and legislative references).

5.6 Opal – KJ (not present)

5.7 Patrick Terminals – NC (not present)

5.8 Quantem – ST (not present)

5.9 Vopak – N/A Rep TBD

### 6. Government and Community Member Updates

6.1 Bayside Council – DS

Not in attendance but JF from Council provided some updates earlier in meeting.

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### 6.2 Randwick City Council – BE

BE advised that Council is commissioning consultants to prepare a noise plan for industrial noise from the Employment 4 zone and noise from IN1 zoned land. The key reason being the changes to hours of operation. A draft is expected to be exhibited in early 2026, and Council will advise the CCC when the document is available for public comment.

### 6.3 EPA – ST

- ST advised that the EIS for the proposed PB QEP project has been publicly exhibited. The EPA has lodged its submission focusing on sediment contamination and management, water quality impacts and regulatory implications.
- Members were reminded that submissions and documents are available on the [NSW Planning Portal](#) (link provided).
- EPA is in discussion with DP world regarding the New Rail Terminal proposal at Port Botany. BB advised that the main purpose is to improve rail efficiency, like what Patrick has just done with their rail upgrade.
- ST advised no other significant matters for the period.

BB provided the following link to NSW Ports website regarding DP World Rail Terminal Project with media release, including a link to a fact sheet:

<https://www.nswports.com.au/continued-investment-port-botanys-dock-rail-enhance-sydneys-freight-supply-chain>

RR moved the agenda item 3.1

### 6.4 Port Authority of NSW – NG

NG advised that recent maintenance works have been undertaken at the amenities block near the public boat ramp, including repairs to toilets, removal of graffiti, resurfacing of concrete and polishing of stainless steel fixtures. The facility was vandalised again shortly after the works were completed.

Port Authority staff have identified fencing and erosion issues in the area and plan further maintenance to repair and secure affected sections. The Port Authority's Annual Report has been submitted to shareholding Ministers and will be tabled in Parliament; NG will share the public link with CCC members once available.

Members discussed the recurring vandalism and need for more security around access and or more CCTV coverage of the area.

### 6.5 Community members

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JB raised ongoing concerns about congestion and limited trailer parking at the public boat ramp, particularly following closure of the Muddy Creek facility, noting that Bayside Council had applied for funding under the state boating infrastructure program to expand trailer parking, but the grant application was unsuccessful and Council has limited capacity to co-fund works.

JB expressed disappointment that the earlier policy decision to close Muddy Creek has not yet been matched by delivery of equivalent additional capacity at the Foreshore Road facility.

NG advised that:

- Council approached Port Authority seeking financial contribution towards expanding parking; Port Authority declined but referred Council to constraints associated with the existing State Significant Development (SSD) consent for Port Botany.
- The SSD consent anticipates a tug berthing area and associated facilities along part of the eastern edge of the boat ramp area, which limits flexibility for repurposing that land solely for trailer parking.

JB expressed frustration. Council in conjunction with Transport NSW (including Maritime and the Port Authority) forced the closure of the Muddy Creek boat ramp and the loss of much needed trailer parking spots with a commitment that the lost parking spaces would be relocated at Foreshore Rd. Now Council is claiming it does not have the funds to do this work and council's application for funding under the NSW Boating Infrastructure program has been unsuccessful. Now it seems that the " emergency evacuation" land proposed for the new trailer spots at Foreshore Road may not be available because of potential tug berthing needs associated with the expansion of Brotherson Dock. This is just a total let down by all involved. If the emergency evacuation land is not available, then consideration should be given to making use of some of the adjoining bush land for the required parking spaces. Council and involved agencies need to honour their commitments.

### **7. Environmental Update - BB**

#### **7.1 Summary of complaints and incidents**

Since the last meeting of the CCC, there have been 5 complaints, three of which related to an emergency alarm at DP which was a scheduled emergency exercise. BB acknowledged due to the length of time the alarm sounded there was community concern. NSW Ports committed to working with tenants to ensure that in future notification is provided to neighbouring residents before emergency exercises.

The other 2 complaints related to ship noise. As reported by BB in previous meetings, DP World and Hutchison have provided assistance to NSW Ports to monitor specific vessels that have been identified with loud engines. This collaboration has been successful in reducing ship engine noise, and no further complaints have been received now that those vessels utilise their quieter engines when docking.

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BB thanked the stevedores for their cooperation and acknowledged the role of community members in providing their observations as part of this process.

One minor road incident where a truck trailer disconnected, however with no safety or environmental impact.

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

Nil

7.3 Biosecurity

No significant biosecurity issues.

### **8. Other business**

BB advised members that NSW Ports is providing sponsorship for the Matraville Carols by Candlelight, which is a community event expected to attract 5,000 attendees. BB encouraged members to attend.

No other matters were raised.

### **9. Conclusion and next meeting**

**RR thanked members for their attendance**

**Next meeting – Tuesday 10 February 2026 5.30pm**