

**Meeting No. 130**  
**Wednesday, 4 April 2018**  
**9.00 a.m. – 10.30 a.m.**

**NSW Ports' Board Room, Level 3 Maritime Centre**  
**91 Foreshore Road, Port Kembla**

## **Minutes**

### **PRESENT**

Allison Broad	University of Wollongong
Trevor Brown	NSW Ports
Ron Hales	Community Representative
Chris Haley	Chairman
Mark Jelbart	GrainCorp
Dene Ladmore	Quattro Ports
Philip Laird	Community Representative
John Macpherson	Pacific National
Nicole Malm	NSW Ports
Bruce Medcalf	Community Representative
John Morrison	University of Wollongong
Brendan Moss	GrainCorp
Greg Newman	Environment Protection Authority
Luke Pascot	Port Kembla Coal Terminal
Olive Rodwell	Community Representative
Chris Rowland	Port Kembla Gateway
Renee Winsor	Wollongong City Council
Lawrence Zammit	BlueScope Steel

### **1. Apologies**

Andy Davis	University of Wollongong
Robyn Simpson	Linx Cargo Care

### **2. Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting No. 129 held on Wednesday, 7 February 2018**

The Minutes of Meeting 128 held on Wednesday, 6 December 2017, were received and accepted.

### **3. Key Initiatives and Actions**

Members were given an opportunity to comment on the draft initiatives and actions tabled at the previous meeting. Philip Laird suggested that the modal-split of transport (i.e. road vs rail) should be reported regularly. Trevor Brown said that NSW Ports was working on some indicators for sustainability and this was likely to include indicators for sustainable transport.

Philip also suggested adding a standing item to the agenda for rail and road infrastructure updates, including the Maldon-Dombarton Rail Link. The Group agreed that this would be appropriate.

#### 4. Climate Change

The Australian Government position paper on greenhouse gas emissions reductions strategies for shipping was discussed ahead of the upcoming International Maritime Organisation meeting to discuss the issue. Chris Haley encouraged members to express any comments direct to the Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA). Ron Hales commented that the position should ensure that the cost of reducing gas emissions from shipping do not create incentive for use of other modes of transport such as air freight.

#### 5. PKHEG Website

Trevor Brown noted the willingness of industry members to fund registration of a website and will initiate action to register the site.

**ACTION:** *Trevor Brown to invoice industry members and register website for the Group by next meeting.*

#### 6. Legislation and Policy

The *NSW Coastal Management Act 2016* and *State Environmental Planning Policy (Coastal Management) 2018* commenced operation on 3 April 2018. Trevor Brown noted that the SEPP does not apply to land within the Port Kembla Lease Area including Port Kembla Harbour.

#### 7. Round Table Reports (update on Harbour related information)

##### 7.1. BlueScope Steel

Lawrence Zammit reported that BlueScope Steel has not made a commercial arrangement with Transport for NSW to facilitate the Spoil Management Project that proposes to use rail sidings within the CRM site to receive fill materials from transport construction projects in Sydney.

Lawrence also reported that BlueScope Steel has recently completed a sinter sorting project which included installation of conveyors to reduce internal transport by 15,000 truck movements per annum.

##### 7.2. University of Wollongong

Allison Broad reported that towed underwater video surveys undertaken in conjunction with Office of Environment and Heritage were complete. Data gathered from the surveys is now being processed to classify and map benthic habitats. Allison said she would be willing to give a presentation to a future meeting of the Group.

**ACTION:** *Allison Broad to present an update to the Group on the progress of benthic habitat assessment in offshore anchorage areas.*

Ron Hales asked about the contribution of cruise ships to impacts of offshore anchoring activities. Trevor Brown advised that cruise ships generally do not need to anchor prior to entering Port Kembla.

##### 7.3. Environment Protection Authority

Greg Newman tabled the EPA report (refer to Attachment A).

##### 7.4. Port Kembla Gateway

Chris Rowland advised that he will be leaving Port Kembla Gateway in coming months. Chris Haley thanked Chris for his contribution to the Group and wished him well for his future.

##### 7.5. Port Kembla Coal Terminal

Luke Pascot reported that Port Kembla Coal Terminal is currently working on improving stockpile dust suppression systems.

## **7.6. GrainCorp**

Mark Jelbart reported that GrainCorp primarily exports wheat, barley and canola from its Port Kembla Grain Terminal. Mark said that export volumes for the 2017-18 season were quite low. The industry is hoping for autumn rains to help establish next season's crop.

## **7.7. Wollongong City Council**

Renee Winsor reported that the Wollongong Coastal Zone Management Plan was recently gazetted.

Renee also reported on the preparation of the Port Kembla Revitalisation Strategy and offered to arrange a presentation to a future meeting regarding this topic.

**ACTION: Renee Winsor to arrange a presentation to a future meeting of the Group regarding the Port Kembla Revitalisation Strategy.**

## **7.8. NSW Ports**

Trevor Brown reported that work is progressing on the wetland rehabilitation and frog habitat enhancement project in the Heritage Park as a partnership between NSW Ports and Conservation Volunteers Australia.

Trevor advised that NSW Ports is preparing Sustainable Development Guidelines for its ports and intermodal assets. The guidelines will promote design, construction and operation of port developments to use resources efficiently and minimise pollution.

Trevor also reported that representatives from BlueScope Steel, Port Kembla Coal Terminal, Quattro Ports and NSW Ports participated in Business Clean Up Australia Day at Heritage Park and MM Beach in March.

Trevor Brown advised that Cement Australia and Pacific National are utilising the Heggies Siding to load trains with cement product for transport. John Macpherson noted that the volume of cement transport by rail is generally 3 trains per week, 21 wagons per train.

## **7.9. Community Representatives**

Bruce Medcalf asked about the status of the Eastern Breakwater. Trevor Brown advised that the Breakwater was currently open for public access during daylight hours, subject to sea conditions and maintenance requirements.

Bruce asked why NSW Ports had an opportunity to make a submission to Council regarding the proposed rezoning of the former Port Kembla School site before the proposal was publicly exhibited. Trevor Brown replied that Council planning officers contacted NSW Ports for preliminary comment about the potential impacts of port development on the site to inform its report to Council.

Bruce asked about the use of land opposite Port Kembla rail station. John Macpherson advised that the land was being used as laydown area by contractors undertaking work at the station on behalf of Sydney Trains.

Philip Laird noted the NSW Future Transport 2056 Strategy and related submissions. Philip is particularly interested in the proposed upgrade of the M1-Mt Ousley Road interchange, noting that the project is awaiting funding to proceed.

Ron Hales noted that the issue of marine plastics pollution is attracting increasing levels of media attention.

## **8. General Business**

### **8.1. Actions from previous meetings**

**8.1.1. Allans Creek Litter Boom – Trevor Brown**

Trevor Brown reported that this action remains outstanding and he will follow up to arrange the meeting with Council as proposed.

**8.2. New Business**

Nil

**8.3. Correspondence**

Nil

**9. Next Meeting:**

**DATE:** Wednesday, 6 June 2018

**VENUE:** NSW Ports Board Room  
Level 3, Maritime Centre  
91 Foreshore Road  
PORT KEMBLA

**TIME:** 9.00 a.m. to 10.30 a.m.

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## Attachment A

### ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION AUTHORITY

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#### Compliance Activities

##### *Penalty Infringement Notices – Port Kembla Milling Pty Ltd*

On 8 March 2018 EPA issued the company with two \$15,000 Penalty Notices and a licence condition requiring an independent audit of materials handling systems. This was in response to external storage of raw materials on 20 December 2017 which was in contravention of licence conditions and had also occurred at least 4 times since 2016. The company has modified materials receipt protocols.

#### Planning Matters

##### *Morgan Cement International Pty Ltd*

The company lodged a Development Application (DA) with Wollongong City Council seeking approval to increase the throughput up to 650,000 tonnes per annum at the Port Kembla Plant (DA 2018/140). On 21 March 2018 EPA made a submission including a condition requiring a feasibility assessment of improved dragout controls which will be added to the licence upon any approval of the DA.

#### Other Information

##### *Bulk Materials Handling Discussion*

On 28 March 2018 EPA coordinated a discussion between 10 companies involved in bulk materials handling in Port Kembla Harbour. The discussion was largely on best environmental practices to reduce dust emissions and the risk of spillage. EPA also discussed relevant environmental legislation.

Yours sincerely

*William Dove 12 April 2018*

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