

**Port Botany Expansion
Community Consultative Committee**

Date: 23 September, 2008

Meeting number: 17

Attendees:

John Burgess - Community Representative
 Nancy Hillier – Community Representative
 Neil Melvin - Community Representative
 Neil Brener – Business Representative
 Paul Shepherd – City of Botany Bay Council
 Sandra Spate - Minutetaker
 Peter O’Leary– Sydney Ports Corporation
 Kamini Parashar – Sydney Ports Corporation
 Paul Jerogin (chair) – Bovis Lend Lease
 Marika Calfas – Sydney Ports Corporation
 Margaret Harvie – Baulderstone Hornibrook
 Linda Coburn – Baulderstone Hornibrook
 Vince Newton – Baulderstone Hornibrook
 Angus Northey – Baulderstone Hornibrook

Apologies: Roberta Ryan, Bronwyn Englaro, Quentin Pitts, Paul Pickering

Not present:

Item	Issue	Action	By whom	When
1	Minutes of the last meeting			
1.1	Minutes of the last meeting were accepted.	SPC to send PP a get well on behalf of the CCC	SPC	
2	Update on construction and activities			
2.1	<p><u>Presentation by BH-JDN (VN)</u> A construction update from September to November 2008 was distributed to the meeting. Works in September include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Installation of piles adjacent to the 3rd runway as nightworks received no complaints • Silt curtain has been installed between Brotherson’s Dock and the runway with a gateway in the curtain. • Stage 1 of the temporary recreational channel diversion is now in operation 			

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preparatory works are continuing on Foreshore Rd for the new intersections for the entrance to Millstream carpark, the boat ramp and the new terminal access road. <p>Upcoming works for October include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dredging continues. • Works continue on Foreshore Rd - installation of concrete barriers, asphaltting and reconfiguration of line marking. This will involve some night works. • A second temporary diversion gate for pedestrian access to Foreshore Beach will be implemented • Compaction works at the reclamation area (day time work) will commence • Foundations for the concrete batch plant will commence. 			
	Questions and discussion			
2.2	JB asked who had installed large pile on the headland 6m from the seawall. VN noted it was not related to the Project's construction activity.	SPC to investigate the installation of a pile on the headland.	SPC	
2.3	PS reiterated the need for Council approval regarding construction activities at Foreshore Rd.			
3	Update on communication activities including complaints			
3.1	<p><u>Presentation by BH-JDN (LC)</u></p> <p>A complaints report for August 19 to September 22 was distributed to the meeting as well as the Stakeholder Statistics Report.</p> <p>LC reported that CCC members should have received an email copy of notifications sent to 650 residents regarding Foreshore Rd activities as well as a Q and A sheet on dredging and reclamation ..</p> <p>New signage has been installed at the boat ramp with illumination at night from</p>			

	<p>a solar light.</p> <p>Monitoring of the notice board at the boat ramp indicates up to 300 Q and A sheets on the recreational channel had been taken from here last month.</p> <p>Advertisements will placed in the local newspaper regarding changes on Foreshore Rd, advertising reduced speed limits of 70kph and 40kph.</p> <p>Since the last meeting all complaints have been about boating related activities., including workboats mooring at the recreational boat ramp and perceived inadequate communication regarding the new recreational boating channel.</p> <p>It has been reinforced to BH-JDN personal the need to limit the length of time work boats use the public wharf.</p> <p>Publicity packages have been placed in local fishing /bait supply shops recreational channel. Ongoing discussions are occurring on methods to encourage boat users to contact the BH-JDN directly as opposed to going through a third person.</p> <p>LC reported that during excavation activities at Foreshore Beach yesterday two eskies containing potential historical items were found . These have been passed to the police for further investigation.</p>			
	Questions and discussion			
3.2	NH suggested BH-JDN contact the DoP heritage section and that the CCC write to the Botany Historical Trust regarding the find on the beach. She also asked that a letter go to the police from the CCC asking to be kept informed.	SPC to write to the police on behalf of the CCC asking that the group be kept informed on the find at the beach.	SPC	
3.3	JB noted the need for more recreational boat channel makers as the existing are hard to see during the day if there are high winds/waves. It is sometimes difficult to find the entrance through the silt curtains, people are missing the gaps.			

3.4	<p>NH asked what the noise complaint was in relation to. She indicated there was not enough information provided to make a judgment and suggested that the complaints reports be provided prior to meetings so that meeting time need not be taken up with clarification of these type of points.</p> <p>MH responded that this was accidentally recorded as incoming when in fact it was a notification to DECC that no noise complaints had been received for piling activities.</p> <p>The meeting agreed that for now most members were happy to receive communication reports at the meeting, but if the volume of these increased this should be reviewed.</p>			
4	Environmental monitoring – updated report			
4.1	<p><u>Presentation by BH-JDN (AN)</u></p> <p>The Environmental Monitoring Report for August was distributed to the meeting.</p> <p>The reported included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acid Sulphate soils – monitoring commenced with dredging activities • Bird Hazard – no increase in target species was noted • Dust – background dust monitoring has been undertaken, with results in July indicated elevated levels at one site in Australia Avenue due most likely to construction activities at the adjacent Paper Mill. • Heritage – daily monitoring commenced with significant earthworks. With yesterdays find, all works halted. Area being monitored and protected until further word from Archeologist. • Marine mammals – 2 groups of dolphins and two seals have been sighted • Noise – daytime and nighttime monitoring indicated no distinguishable noise levels from 			

	<p>the site.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Odour – no odour emissions associated with construction were reported. Daily odour monitoring will commence with extensive excavations. • Saltmarsh and Mangrove Habitat – saltmarsh monitoring includes species type, percent cover and new growth, mangroves have been removed where required by the Management Sub-Plan. Transplanting will occur in September and October. • Seagrass and seagrass habitat – monitoring at 10 specified locations by boat and SCUBA surveys. • Sediment deposition monitoring – indicated less than 1mm deposition recorded in Penrhyn Estuary in August. • Shorebird feeding and roosting habitat indicated shorebirds have been roosting more frequently on the roosting island. Some bird species have remained constant, while incidents of some have declined and others increased. • Waste management – monitoring what is going out (green waste mangrove and bitou bush) as well as incoming (recycled road base) which is tested for contaminants and to ensure only approved materials are placed on site. • Water quality – includes testing for heavy metals, nutrient levels and turbidity. 			
	Questions and discussion			
4.2	JB noted the report indicated current noise due to the airport runway and traffic is already above acceptable levels. This will worsen as the port expands and the outlook is not promising for residents.			

4.3	<p>NH asked whether BH-JDN kept in contact with Orica regarding the monitoring of the estuary. She noted the importance of the exchange of information.</p> <p>MC responded that SPC was in contact with Orica regarding potential impacts on the monitoring wells. of Orica NH exchange of info important AN noted that some bore holes had to be removed in consultation with Orica. MC reported that Orica has committed to replace those removed, but this will happen when work in the area is completed.</p>			
4.4	<p>JB reported that the bird roosting island is in fact not surrounded by water. Where birds used to roost has now been demolished.</p> <p>PJ replied that it is supposed to be an island at high tide.</p> <p>NH asked whether the birds still had access to food.</p> <p>JB responded they did, construction work was turning up previously concealed food, but this was likely to contain high levels of toxins.</p>			
4.5	<p>VN reported that nutrient levels have been monitored for a while, as they are an indicator of pathogens. These have increased as a result of rainfall events, not due to construction activities. High levels presented OH&S issues, as there were nearly always divers in the water related to the port expansion.</p>			
4.6	<p>NB suggested that in future, a summary of the Environmental Monitoring Report be presented as a matrix, indicating high, medium or low levels, to enable CCC members to quickly understand data.</p> <p>PS suggested that monthly monitoring reports be provided in advance of the meeting. They are usually available approximately the second week of each month, so pending when the meeting falls will determine how current the report is.</p> <p>The CCC agreed that they would like Environmental Monitoring Reports and Construction Updates prior to meetings,</p>	<p>BH-JDN (AN) provide a summary of the Environmental Monitoring Report in the form of a matrix.</p> <p>BH-JDN to provide Environmental Monitoring Reports and Construction</p>	<p>BHJDN</p> <p>BHJDN</p>	

	and at this stage communications updates at the meetings which would be reviewed if high numbers of complaints are received.	Updates to CCC members no less 2 working days prior to meetings.		
5	Feedback on Orica/SPC joint workshop			
5.1	PS reported a good attendance at the meeting, with comments from the Orica CLC indicating satisfaction with outcome.			
5.2	JB reported that Ian Acworth raised the issue of more monitoring wells. PS noted that Orica has given an undertaking to install one additional and to replace those removed when construction is complete.			
5.3	JB noted that Ian Acworth was less concerned with possible impacts from the counterfort wall than with the rock wall, but he was generally satisfied with this if permeability was not changed. PS reported that an action coming out of the meeting was for SPC to share with Botany Council the design of the rockwall to be built between the boatramp and the new terminal access.			
5.4	NH reported that the council general manager had indicated the desirability of legislation to ensure Orica looked after the health of residents.			
5.5	PS noted the finalized minutes would be distributed to the Port Botany CCC as well as Orica CLG.			
6	Foreshore Road Trailer Parking trial report			
6.1	KP reported that No Stopping signs have been erected today on Foreshore Rd and No Standing for vehicles over 6 metres. Parking was still allowed for beach access. Council rangers would monitor the effectiveness of these restrictions for 3 months as part of a 6 month trial. There had already been positive feedback from the public.			
7	Penrhyn Rd boat ramp, security issues			

7.1	<p>KP reported that car hoons were using the boat ramp carpark area as an area to congregate mainly on Sunday nights. Police have requested SPC to take action on this. SPC will be meeting with police and boat users.</p> <p>PS suggested engineering solutions such as speed humps and gravel. JB noted that while speed humps could slow down vehicles entering, they wouldn't stop wheelies and surfing atop of cars and they may cause injury. He suggested worse problems were likely when the new boat ramp carpark opened.</p>			
8	Other matters/Next meeting			
8.1	<p>KP reported that the state government's response to the I-part recommendations to be implemented in 2 stages. The 18th recommendation for a Dutch auction for slots to collect containers not accepted at this time.</p> <p>Over the next 6 months recommendations to be implemented were for key peak pricing making pick ups in peak periods more expensive in the hope of a more even spread of trucks picking up containers. The media release and the governments response is on the website.</p> <p>NH asked whether the community will be involved in consultation. KP responded it would only be involved at the implementation stage.</p> <p>JB noted that in all the debate around I-part, not one party in the supply chain was supportive of the peak pay suggestion.</p>			
	<p>Next Meeting/s- agenda items Wednesday 5 November</p>			

These minutes have been endorsed by the Chair, Roberta Ryan.

