

**Port Botany Expansion
Community Consultative Committee**

Date: 24th March, 2009

Meeting number: 21

Attendees:

John Burgess (JB) - Community Representative
 Nancy Hillier (NH) – Community Representative
 Neil Melvin (NM)- Community Representative
 Paul Pickering (PP) – Community Representative
 Neil Brener (NB)– Business Representative
 Bronwyn Englaro (BE)– Randwick City Council
 Roberta Ryan (RR) – Chairperson
 Sandra Spate – Minutetaker
 Shane Hobday (SH) – Sydney Ports Corporation
 Marika Calfas (MC) – Sydney Ports Corporation
 Kathy Lloyd (KL) – Sydney Ports Corporation
 Peter Zangari (PZ) – Sydney Ports Corporation
 Margaret Harvie – Baulderstone Hornibrook
 Linda Armstrong (LA) – Baulderstone
 Vince Newtown (VN) – Baulderstone
 Quentin Pitts (QP) – Baulderstone
 Nicole Douglass (ND) – Baulderstone
 Ro Mueller (RM) – NSW Maritime

Apologies: Paul Shepherd

Not present:

Item	Issue	Action	By whom	When
1	Minutes of last meeting			
1.1	Nicole Douglass from BHJDN and Kathy Lloyd from SPC were introduced to the meeting. Both will attend future meetings. Ro Mueller, Port Policy Liaison Officer from NSW Maritime, attended the meeting as an observer.			
1.2	<u>Actions arising from the previous minutes</u> Item 2.2: responsibility for stormwater. A diagram showing stormwater drains was passed around. MC reported that to the best of Sydney Ports' knowledge the drains were the responsibility of a combination of both Botany Council and Sydney Water – a map showing the locations of the drains was shown. PP asked about drainage on the edge the golf course. MC replied that drainage was installed with the first port reclamation. Sir Joseph Banks Park was transferred to Botany Council. SPC didn't retain ownership of any drains. Item 3.2 - VN reported that no major services run over the bridge, only services required for the bridge e.g. conduit to run lights on the bridge.			

	<p>PP asked where sewerage from the amenities block goes to. VN replied that it goes under Foreshore Road and is connected into the existing system.</p> <p>Item 4.2 - SH reported that the matter of amenities for truckers had been raised at the February Port Botany Neighbourhood Liaison Group (NLG) meeting and discussions were taking place between SPC and RTA over options for a marshalling area outside the Port precinct which would contain some amenities. The issue would continue to be progressed through the NLG.</p> <p>Item 5.2 - SH reported that a meeting of the Local Emergency Management Committee (LEMC) had taken place that day, and MC and NH attended. MC reported the purpose in attending was to assess whether the LEMC had safety concerns with closing the Banksia St crossing and providing access via Stephen Rd. The Committee didn't see a problem for access and egress during emergency, especially if gates could be provided at Banksia St for use in emergency.</p> <p>SH reported results of a pedestrian count at the Banksia St crossing conducted between 6.00am to 8.00pm on Monday, Wednesday and Saturday and till midnight on Thursday the previous week. There were 417 people on Monday, 390 on Wednesday, 342 on Thursday and 244 on Saturday. People generally declined to provide information regarding their destinations, so that feedback wasn't able to be collected. JB asked what is the public perception about the changes to pedestrian access - especially as there is about 400m to Stephen Rd? MC noted that the surveys were to ascertain this, but SPC was unable to get that feedback. However, SPC was looking at options to reduce the distance. NH asked whether there would be easy access for wheelchairs. MC responded that there would be compliance with disabled access requirements, and Stephen Rd may be better option than Banksia St for this. NH noted concerns regarding safety issues at the railway and there is evident of the presence of vandals. There was a threat of stones being thrown on the line. She expressed concerns for train derailment presenting the risk of fire as contents of containers were unknown. Safety issues need consideration. E.g. is a fire buffer required at Swinbourne Street? It was suggested these issue be referred to the</p>	<p>The issues of safety around the railway area and the question of a fire buffer to be</p>	<p>SPC and community members</p>	
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	<p>NLG. MC reported that a Railcorp representative was at the Botany LEMC meeting who had taken on board NH's concerns regarding safety and would take these concerns back to Railcorp and report on them at the next Botany LEMC meeting. JB also raised the issue of the level crossing off Botany Rd towards the airport. If rail targets are to be met this crossing would also have to be addressed.</p> <p>PP referred to the proposed linking of Hale St to Foreshore Rd. Pedestrian/bike paths within the park were intended to link with those by the weirs and golf course. If the road crosses the trail it will intrude on the amenity of cyclists and pedestrians. There was some feeling that an underpass should be built.</p> <p>MC responded that while it is not an SPC proposal, there is a lot of support from residents for it because it will take trucks from Botany Rd. There are design issues yet to be resolved and there is currently no approval. From a safety perspective SPC wouldn't advocate a pedestrian or cycle underpass.</p> <p>Item 6.1 regarded redevelopment of the Orica land known as 'Southlands'. MC reported that an application has been lodged with DoP and is undergoing an agency adequacy review assessment. SPC is not on the list for this, but is on the list for notification on public release for comment. SPC will be formally notified and make submissions as appropriate.</p> <p>Item 6.2 regarding adequate notice for meetings – the issue has been resolved, reminders were sent to members for this meeting in a timely manner. NM gave his apologies for the previous meeting. He was unaware it was on, having not received notification and meeting papers.</p>	<p>taken to the NLG, as well as the issue of the level crossing off Botany Rd towards the airport.</p> <p>The issue of the road from Hale St to Foreshore Rd to be brought to the NLG once referred to SPC by DoP</p>	<p>SPC</p>	
<p>2</p>	<p>Update on construction and activities</p>			
<p>2.1</p>	<p><u>Presentation by BH-JDN (VN)</u></p> <p>Foreshore Rd works – works are starting at Millstream. The groyne has been built. Carpark work and landscaping is continuing, as is work on the deceleration lane.</p> <p>Street lighting and signal conduit is commencing at the median area.</p> <p>New terminal access acceleration and deceleration lanes work commencing.</p> <p>At the boatramp, starting on rock revetment for the new breakwater.</p> <p>Piling on Foreshore Rd for the pedestrian bridge</p>			

	<p>programmed to commence on 6/4/09. Pedestrian bridge girder prefabrication commencing. In April recontouring of the upper estuary to commence. Compaction and revetment works occurring from beginning of May. Leonardo De Vinci (dredge) arrived on February 22 and commenced dredging on February 27th. This is ongoing. In March and April preparation of foundation for counterfort units. Prefabrication of counterfort units is about to commence. In April services works into Sir Joseph Banks Park and Tupia St will occur – community notices will be issued. Penryhn Road boat ramp carpark changes are occurring in May. (Diagram distributed to meeting outlining extent of changes). Sixty spaces will be provided.</p>			
	Questions and discussion			
2.2	<p>JB indicated it was not his understanding that 40 parking spots would be lost leaving 60 spaces. He thought there would be minimal loss at one end. While it may not have a major impact now, it would in October coming into peak season. VN responded that by October there was a requirement that 100 parking spots are available, and this would be done.</p>			
2.3	<p>VN provided photos showing the dredging area in the estuary. The existing dune formation would be removed, with only the small bird roosting island remaining. JB noted a build up of sand where the dune was, at the rear of the island. (He noted his disagreement with the removal of the last dune in this area of the bay). VN replied that the sand was from the existing dune, but eventually the whole dune would be removed.</p>			
3	Environmental Monitoring Monthly Report			
3.1	<p><u>Presentation by BJ-JDN (QP)</u></p> <p>The February report was sent to SPC today and should go to committee members in the next couple of days. All is going well. There have been some Little Terns fledglings at the site. We are not sure of the number - but we had one for certain and there may have been two more but they are extremely difficult to see and track when they are fledglings. <u>January</u> No problems to date with acid sulphate soils. The bird hazard count was down this month,</p>			

	<p>though a family of 6-7 pelicans is of concern to the airport. They are being monitored along with other species of concern.</p> <p>A meeting with SACL's new wildlife consultant took place in early March to co-ordinate and share information.</p> <p>There were no dust complaints, but a minor exceedence occurred at the golf course unrelated to Port construction.</p> <p>There have been no marine mammal sightings. No noise complaints or odour complaints received.</p> <p>Saltmarsh going well though king tides in January had some impact.</p> <p>A number of additional young mangrove shoots called pneumatophytes were removed during weed maintenance work recently.</p> <p>There appears to be an increase in cumulative sedimentation in upper estuary, but no pattern discernable. Not enough preconstruction sampling was undertaken to be able to measure overall deposition.</p> <p>Shorebird roosting and feeding – a lot of activity in January, decreasing in February as birds go on the move again - migrating.</p> <p>Birds of prey have been noted around the site too, scaring off many shorebirds.</p> <p>Water quality – significant dredging occurred over January and February - but the environmental controls put in place minimised any impacts and we had very low turbidity levels as a result. This was a very good outcome environmentally.</p> <p><u>February</u></p> <p>Very similar to January.</p> <p>A minor dust exceedence occurred in the upper estuary related to organic mulching (blowing bark dust) but the problem was resolved by adding more water to the blowing systems</p> <p>There have been 6 vibration complaints from dynamic compaction activities and a number of enquiries. Independent monitoring was undertaken by Wilkinson Murray (Noise and Vibration specialists) and reports provided to DECC and residents. No further complaints have been received.</p>			
	Questions and discussion			
3.2	<p>PP reported that there had been some perceived settling at local residences.</p> <p>JB reported that Dent St residents have also raised with him settling impacts and cracks.</p> <p>These are being responded to by BH through the processes in place.</p>			
3.3	<p>JB reported that residents had raised concerns with him over the fact that noise monitoring was only undertaken on one day a month. He</p>			

	<p>suggested that there be a set day each month, to eliminate any perceptions that monitoring may be carried out on “good” days. He suggested that one day a month was probably not adequate for ambient noise monitoring.</p> <p>QP replied that the days are chosen at random and during start up of significant works both during day and night. This month it wasn’t carried out on the scheduled day due to high winds. The monthly monitoring is undertaken as required by the planning consent and in accordance with the DECC License Conditions.</p> <p>VN noted that the monthly monitoring was not the only noise monitoring done. Monitoring was undertaken at the start of new activities and in response to complaints.</p>			
4	Update on communication activities including complaints			
4.1	<p><u>Presentation by BJ-JDN (LA)</u></p> <p>LA reported the material distributed since last meeting as:</p> <p>An email on 13/2 regarding issues around project personnel parking in the carpark. A sign has been erected and parking is being monitored.</p> <p>A community notification regarding piling and dredging</p> <p>A question and answer sheet regarding turbidity</p> <p>A updated Q&A about around dredging and reclamation</p> <p>On 11/3 a notification regarding Foreshore Beach access changes. Signs were erected one and half weeks before access diversions were implemented. To date no calls have been received.</p> <p>A community notification on 17/3 regarding piling and service works</p> <p>Signage has been erected at the existing boat ramp requesting visitors to the area “do not feed birds. Place rubbish in bins”.</p> <p>The Statistics Report was distributed to the meeting.</p> <p>The Complaints Report will be sent out tomorrow</p> <p>Precondition property surveys have closed. There was no response from some residences despite a range of attempts to contact people.</p> <p>Complaints – 6 vibration complaints were received in February along with a number of general enquiries. With complaints, vibration monitoring is offered. QP and LA visit the resident and explaining the current programme, procedure for vibration monitoring. A copy of the vibration monitoring report is provided to the resident.</p> <p>2 other complaints have been received, about</p>			

	<p>parking and a concern regarding the width of the navigation channel. NSW Maritime is satisfied the requirements have been met with the channel, but have included some additional requirements. There has been one potential property damage claim which is now in the hands of the Contracts Manager for investigation.</p> <p>A notification was issued on Thursday regarding dredging and reclamation and associated dynamic compaction works at the eastern berm and Penryhn Rd.</p>			
	Questions and discussion			
4.2	<p>PP asked when suspected damage should be reported.</p> <p>LA responded that for any concerns, the project should be contacted immediately.</p>			
4.3	NM reported that he was unable to open a zip file that had been sent.	BHJDN to be aware of the size of files sent, and send in alternative format if too large.	BHJDN	
5	Site tour			
5.1	<p>SH proposed that a site tour take place prior to the next meeting. The proposed date and time is Wednesday May 6th, 3.00pm.</p> <p>A meeting to be held after the tour.</p>			
6	Other Matters/next meeting			
6.1	<p>RR reported that a person had been identified as a replacement CCC member. He has agreed and the nomination is currently with DoP for approval. SH and RR will carry out an induction process and he would be invited to the next meeting.</p>			
6.2	<p>JB reported on research being carried out regarding seagrass mapping and innovative techniques in growing seagrasses. He suggested SPC (MC) contact the person responsible for this research.</p>	JB to provide details of the seagrass researcher to SPC.	JB	
6.3	<p>JB reported that as part of the dredging for the fresh water pipes in Botany Bay, large amounts of waste was to be dumped off the north west corner of the runway. He asked whether there was a possibility that the fill be used in the port expansion.</p> <p>VN suggested it unlikely as distance and the ability to transport material would be issues. Also, clay was an unsuitable material for the port reclamation.</p>			

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

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