

**Port Botany Expansion  
Community Consultative Committee  
Minutes**

**Date:** 16<sup>th</sup> March, 2010

**Meeting number:** 29

**Attendees:**

Roberta Ryan (RR) - Chairperson  
 Neil Melvin (NM) - Community Representative  
 Paul Pickering (PP) - Community Representative  
 John Burgess (JB) - Community Representative  
 Michael Kavanagh (MK) - Business Representative  
 Steve Poulton (SP) - City of Botany Bay Council  
 Warrick O'Brien (WO) – City of Botany Council  
 David Packer (DP) - Baulderstone  
 Quentin Pitts (QP) - Baulderstone  
 Vanessa Tiernan (VT) - Baulderstone  
 Marika Calfas (MC) - Sydney Ports Corporation  
 Kathy Lloyd (KL) - Sydney Ports Corporation  
 Shane Hobday (SH) - Sydney Ports Corporation  
 Sandra Spate (SS) - Minutetaker

**Apologies:** Nancy Hillier; Mick Costelloe

**Not present:**

Item	Issue	Action	By whom	When
1	<p><b>Site Tour</b>  <b>PBE Site</b>            The site tour included the area set aside for the new rail sidings for T3. The revetment walls at the rear of the reclamation are complete. The area is expected to be finished in 2 months.            The saltmarsh area is doing well.            1.4 million cubic metres of dredged sand is currently being stockpiled ready to be used in the reclamation .            Production of the counterfort units is expected to finish within 2 weeks after which the production area will be demobilised.            The east/west counterfort unit wall is complete and the north/south wall is almost half finished.            The major dredging activity by the Marco Polo is expected to be completed by 2 April 2010 although trim dredging with smaller dredgers will continue for some time yet.            The two bird roosting islands in the estuary</p>			

	<p>were visible as well as some of the pylons from the old government pier.</p> <p>There will be a noise wall along the eastern edge of the new terminal, 4m high in the main section and 3m along the inter-terminal access road.</p> <p>Notifications have gone out regarding the terminal access bridge construction, particularly the associated pile driving.</p> <p>The safety record on the site to date has been good.</p> <p>NM asked whether the new bridge would isolate the estuary.</p> <p>SH replied that it was designed to allow the estuary to flush on each tide.</p> <p><u>Hale Street Extension construction works</u></p> <p>The group observed the site where Hale St would link to Foreshore Rd with a signalised intersection. Traffic would be able to turn in either direction at this intersection, and it is specifically intended to reduce truck traffic along Botany Road. There would be a left turn only permitted at Gate Number 16 to SACL land. All the construction works associated with this intersection were expected to be finished mid year.</p> <p><u>Banksia Street Pedestrian Crossing</u></p> <p>Part of the Conditions of Approval for the port expansion was the provision of an overbridge across the railway line to replace the existing at grade pedestrian crossing. SPC has been in discussion with Botany Council and has held a public information session at the Banksia St crossing. A photo montage showed ramps and stairs on both sides. Lifts were not included due to the isolated location and the potential for vandalism. An additional benefit to local residents will be the elimination of the need for trains to sound their horns on approach to the crossing at all times during the day and night. Now that the detailed design has commenced it has been determined that the height could be dropped from the original plan which allowed a</p>			
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	<p>reduction of 10m in the length of the ramps. SH indicated that the clearance would allow for single stacked containers only, as it will never be a dual stacked line due to 23 other bridges on the line allowing for single stacks. MC reported a lot of residents had been supportive of the bridge, but some were concerned at the extra distance people would need to travel to cross the line. MK asked whether there would be a dual line. SH replied there would be eventually, although the single line has adequate capacity for a number of years.</p>			
2	<p><b>Welcome and introductions</b> Steve Poulton and Warrick O'Brien from City of Botany Bay Council and David Packer from Baulderstone were introduced to the meeting.</p>			
3	<p><b>Minutes of last meeting</b></p>			
3.1	<p>Regarding item 3.3 in which PP reported an odour as he came in to the meeting, SPC investigated and were unable to identify an odour. SPC requested they be notified immediately if odour is noticed in the future to enable it to be investigated immediately. Action is closed</p> <p>3.8 MC responded regarding landings on the overhead bridge. There are landings on the ramp located approximately every 15 m. This complies with the Disability Discrimination Code and has been approved by the RTA. Regarding action 3.9 as to whether rocks had been secured as part of the safety in design review, it was reported that the smaller rocks at the Millsteam end have been replaced and the very small rocks near the boatramp have been removed.</p> <p>JB noted large gaps between boulders posed a potential risk of people fall between the boulders. He noted that rubbish can be seen trapped some distance down between boulders on the seawall. A lot of the rocks are not stable and will pitch when stood on. He realizes gaps have been left deliberately for movement of water and for drainage, but he foresees the possibility of injury to people</p>	<p>SPC will monitor the gaps between</p>	<p>SPC</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>

	<p>falling between the gaps.  SH responded that SPC would continue to monitor this.</p> <p>Item 6.3. JB reported that more recent updates to the Sydney Ports Trade Report could be obtained from the SPC website. Item is closed.</p> <p>9.3 regarding supplying NH with the DA by Terminals Pty Ltd for two new tanks, the DA was sent to NH and a presentation given at the last Port Botany Neighbourhood Liaison Group meeting. Action closed.</p> <p>9.4 regarding the operation of the new Hale St intersection, traffic could enter and exit from either the north or the south. The Hale St works was included in the site tour. The action is closed.</p> <p>NM asked what the purpose of the intersection is.</p> <p>SH replied that trucks carrying containers between warehouses and the port currently travel via Botany Rd. This eliminated the need for this.</p> <p>SP noted there was an intention to have the Botany shopping centre free of large trucks. JB indicated he thought the current resurfacing works on Botany Rd would be more productive once trucks moved off in several months time.</p> <p>Item 9.6 regarding placement of bins at the seawall. JB reported that he noticed the area was a lot cleaner than it had been</p> <p>MC reported that the area is cleaned. The area would continue to be monitored to determine whether there was a need for bins here.</p> <p>PP asked whether SPC would also clean litter from the waterway.</p> <p>MC replied that the beach area would be cleaned, but not the water unless rubbish posed a boating hazard.</p>	<p>boulders on the seawall for potential to cause injury</p>		
4	<b>Update on construction and activities</b>			
4.1	<p><u>Presentation by BJ-JDN (DP)</u>  Counterfort unit construction is 90% complete and is expected to be completed by mid April. Installation works are 42% completed and are ongoing.  Bulk dredging works will finish at the end of</p>			

	<p>March with the Marco Polo and associated machinery expected to be demobilized at the end of the month.</p> <p>Land based operations include filling-in behind the counterforts and dynamic and vibro compaction works are ongoing.</p> <p>Work will commence in three weeks on the installation of the cope beams, which sit across the top of the counterforts and to which the fenders and bollards are attached.</p> <p>Piling works for the terminal access bridge will commence the middle of April. Work on the rest of the bridge is expected for a 6 month period after this.</p> <p>The focus will move from large scale works to smaller works with less impact.</p> <p>With the demobilisation of large scale dredging and the pre cast area there may be increased truck movements from April to the end of May, but this will be offset by a reduction in concrete deliveries.</p> <p>At the Foreshore Beach area, beach reprofiling and nourishment works have commenced this week between the boatramp and the Millstream groyne. Sand will be removed and sifted to remove rocks. The intention is to retain access to a portion of the beach at any one time. If this changes, notifications will go out.</p>			
	Questions and discussion			
4.2	<p>PP asked whether drainage pipes through the beach would be affected by reprofiling works. SH replied that the existing stormwater drains would continue to drain through as now. They normally only flow in heavy rain.</p> <p>PP asked about water quality of water from these.</p> <p>MC responded that this would be as for any stormwater drain.</p> <p>JB asked whether Beachwatch monitoring that had previously been undertaken at the beach had been suspended and whether it would be reinstated.</p> <p>WO reported that council had met with Beachwatch this morning. They will continue</p>			

	<p>faecal monitoring only at the moment, while responsibility for overall monitoring is under discussion.</p> <p>MC noted that Beachwatch had said early on that they couldn't find access points to the beach. SPC had remedied this early in the process and if monitoring had not been undertaken it was their decision.</p>			
4.3	<p>PP noted that at the boatramp the outer corners of the pontoons had been broken by work boats. He suggested installation of a roller type buffer to stop damage to the end of the jetty.</p> <p>SH noted that the boatramp is still in a trial period and time is being allowed to work out what all the issues are and how they need to be addressed. The suggestion will be investigated as part of the overall operation of the boatramp area.</p>	<p>SPC will investigate the use of roller buffers at the boatramp as part of the ongoing assessment of issues here.</p>	SPC	
5	<b>Environmental monitoring monthly report</b>			
5.1	<p><u>Presentation by BJ-JDN (QP)</u></p> <p>In January there were no issues with acid sulphate soils; no bird hazard issues; no heritage issues; no marine mammals issues; and no noise or odour complaints.</p> <p>There were three dust exceedences but the source of these was not identified. One was at the Esplanade well away from construction activities. It was thought it unlikely that these were construction related. There were no dust complaints.</p> <p>The saltmarsh is doing well with over half planted and the remainder expected to be planted in May.</p> <p>The seagrass area has continued to experience turbidity with divers unable to see clearly. The area is expected to clear when bulk dredging has been completed. Turbidity levels are within licence limits.</p> <p>Sediment deposition continues to be monitored.</p> <p>There were no issues with shorebirds.</p> <p>There were no waste management issues, with recycling of over 90% of materials occurring.</p>			

	<p>There were no exceedences regarding water quality but elevated levels of nitrogen and phosphorous which are typical in the Bay. At a Department of Planning site inspection this week, DoP was very impressed with the work area.</p>			
	<p>Questions and discussion</p>			
5.2	<p>JB noted that following an Orica community meeting concerns were raised regarding implications for stormwater and groundwater discharge. There was concern about whether water entering the hydraulic containment system is being monitored. He asked whether there is ongoing monitoring and Human Health Risk Assessment being undertaken by SPC. He suggested that when consultants (URS) used by SPC and Orica were essentially the same people there would have been a natural passing on of information, but he was concerned that this may not be the case now. MC replied that a Human Health Risk Assessment was done as part of the EIS process. Access to the estuary has been precluded to reduce the human health risk. The only public activity here was viewing from the lookout. There was no ongoing involvement with URS.</p> <p>JB noted that Foreshore beach would be a publically accessible beach managed by SPC. Professor Priestley should also investigate potential contamination issues here, as Orica would be unlikely to deal with this as it is out of their area. If the public will have access to the beach, whose responsibility is it to ensure there is no health risk here?</p> <p>MC sought clarification from JB as to whether there was some formal advice about groundwater contamination in this area to allow SPC to assess the implications of this. JB advised that there was no information to confirm the presence of contamination in the groundwater in this location it was just a concern he and others had.</p> <p>PP asked who had installed the "no fishing" sign near the old boatramp and whether it was</p>	<p>SPC to respond to the issue of responsibility for any potential human health risks at Foreshore Beach.</p>	<p>SPC</p>	<p>Next meeting</p>

	<p>evidence based.</p> <p>JB replied that the Department of Health and the Fisheries Department had been responsible for the sign. Fisheries haven't carried out testing, but Orica has done some. Professor Priestley has undertaken a lot of testing. JB has tried to get Fisheries to assess the health risk. However, he is most concerned with the beach area as people will access the beach.</p> <p>MC indicated she was unaware of any evidence of groundwater discharging at the beach. Orica's groundwater contamination did not exit along the beach, the contamination was located in the direction of the estuary. JB indicated that problems potentially come from upstream of the Orica site. Orica only tests for those contaminants sourced from Orica, but there may be other sources as a legacy of the broader industrial area over time.</p> <p>WO noted that council has opened discussions on the issue as council has nominated the beach as a swimming beach. Discussions have opened on who is responsible for giving advice on this.</p>			
<b>6</b>	<b>Update on communication activities including complaints</b>			
6.1	<p><u>Presentation by BJ-JDN (VT)</u></p> <p>The Complaints Report and Statistics Report for the period February 8 to March 15 were distributed to the meeting.</p> <p>There have been a number of enquires regarding the opening of the pedestrian bridge opening. All facilities will be opened at the one time expected to be in late May.</p> <p>Complaints were received regarding the boatramp design and the fish cleaning facilities. Signage will be erected this week regarding use of the use of fish cleaning facilities.</p> <p>Notifications have gone out regarding work for the new access bridge and notifications will go out regarding construction of the new navigational aids in Sir Joseph Banks Park.</p>			

	<p>Of four property claims two have been closed and two are outstanding.</p> <p>A construction update will be produced and will be placed in the display board and distributed to the local community. More regular distribution of construction updates to the community is being considered.</p> <p>As there has been no change to the Issues and Activities Report, no new report was distributed. A change of format will be investigated.</p>			
7	<b>Beach Closure</b>			
7.1	The proposed reprofiling of the beach was included in the site tour.			
8	<b>Early handover and opening of new facilities</b>			
8.1	<p><u>Presentation by SPC (SH)</u></p> <p>SH reported it is proposed that all facilities from the Millstream groyne to the pedestrian bridge over Foreshore Road will be opened to the public simultaneously in either late in May or early June following the completion of the beach works.</p>			
9	<b>Other Matters/next meeting</b>			
9.1	The chair thanked SPC for the site tour. SH thanked members for coming earlier for the tour and staying for the meeting.			
9.2	The next meeting will be Tuesday 27 April 2010 – there is no conflict with the Orica meetings.			
9.3	PP offered his apology for 18 <sup>th</sup> .			

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

