

**Port Botany Expansion
Community Consultative Committee
Minutes**

Date: 31 August, 2010

Meeting number: 32

Attendees:

Roberta Ryan - Chairperson
 Nancy Hillier - Community Representative
 Neil Melvin - Community Representative
 John Burgess - Community Representative
 Michael Kavanagh - Business Representative
 Steven Poulton - City of Botany Bay Council
 Dave Packer - Baulderstone
 Quentin Pitts - Baulderstone
 Vanessa Tiernan - Baulderstone
 Kathy Lloyd - Sydney Ports Corporation
 Shane Hobday - Sydney Ports Corporation
 Paul Jerogin - Sydney Ports Corporation
 Sandra Spate - Minutetaker

Apologies: Paul Pickering - Community Representative, Marika Calfas - Sydney Ports Corporation, Matthew Flugge - Sydney Ports Corporation

Item	Issue	Action	By whom	When
1	Welcome and apologies			
1.1	Apologies were received from Paul Pickering - Community Representative, as well as Marika Calfas and Matthew Flugge from Sydney Ports Corporation.			
2	Minutes from the previous meeting			
2.1	<p><u><i>Matters arising from the previous minutes</i></u></p> <p>The issue of beach erosion raised by PP will be discussed as an agenda item.</p> <p>JB noted that he had raised at meeting number 30 the need for a health study for the beachfront area, as there has been a historical legacy from Orica, the Port and the airport. He noted Professor Priestly has done a study for the estuary, but if the beach area is to be used it is a matter of prudence that a study be undertaken of the beach. He has raised this here previously as well as at the Orica community meeting, but it seems to have fallen off the agenda.</p> <p>SH noted that Beachwatch has recommenced</p>	The chair to follow up ensuring the issue of a health study for Foreshore Beach remains on the agenda.	Urbis	

	<p>regular monitoring of water quality at Foreshore Beach.</p> <p>JB indicated he thought a more substantive assessment is needed.</p>			
2.2	<p>The Minutes from the meeting of 8 June, 2010 were accepted without amendment.</p>			
2.3	<p><u>Public availability of minutes – SPC</u></p> <p>PJ reported that questions were raised by the environmental auditor regarding the timing for the finalisation of the minutes. The Planning Minister's Conditions of Approval require that minutes be placed on the website within a month of the CCC meetings and be submitted to the DoP within 2 months. Currently the draft minutes are circulated, corrections made, the final minutes are placed on the website and forwarded to the DoP following the next meeting, not within the one month timeframe. He realises that members want to see them before they are signed off, but technically this delay has been in breach of Conditions of Approval. He requested the meeting consider a process that would deal with the minutes within the month.</p> <p>RR noted that Urbis usually sends minutes to SPC within 24 hours of the meeting where minor errors are corrected and when Urbis receives them back they are sent to members who then have a week to forward corrections. Delays occur as they don't officially get ticked off till the following meeting. They could be considered finalised once corrections are submitted.</p> <p>KL noted that they would then go on the internet</p> <p>JB suggested that once feedback is given members could be notified that these are the final minutes to be ratified at the next meeting. There is scope to raise anything else at the following meeting. He noted advantages to getting minutes onto the internet promptly, as this would allow members to speak the community about issues raised.</p> <p>The meeting agreed that minutes could be finalised and placed on the website as soon as the time for members comment had elapsed.</p>	<p>Minutes to be finalised and forwarded to SPC once the time for members' comments has elapsed.</p>	<p>Urbis</p>	

3	Update on construction and activities			
3.1	<p><u>Presentation by BHJDN (DP)</u></p> <p>The last Counterfort unit is expected to be in place later today or tomorrow. Backfilling is occurring for the next 3 weeks but these activities are expected to be completed by the end of September at which time trucks will go offsite. Vibro-compaction is expected to be completed by the end of October. Dynamic compaction activities are expected to be completed by the end of the year. The cope beam, rear crane beam and access bridge should be completed by the end the year. It is anticipated that the bulk of heavy construction will be completed by the end of the year, with work on fenders and bollards next year.</p>			
	<u>Questions and discussion</u>			
3.2	<p>MK asked whether there had been a break in dynamic compaction activities. SH replied that there had been continuous activity but it was towards Brotherston Dock end of the site, so further away from residences. It will be closer to residential areas over the next 3-4 months. JB noted media reports misrepresenting the finish time for construction as this week.</p>			
4	Environmental monitoring monthly reports and Annual Environmental Audit			
4.1	<p><u>Presentation by BHJDN</u></p> <p>QP reported on the June and July Environmental reports, which were distributed to the meeting, along with the Second Annual Independent Environmental Audit. There were no major issues in June though there were some elevated nutrients and copper levels at the Millstream mouth after rain. There were no exceedences. In July there were no issues with acid sulphate soils though monitoring is continuing. There were no significant bird hazards or issues with marine mammals, and there were no noise exceedences. There was one minor dust exceedence, but the</p>			

	<p>sample was contaminated with bird faeces.</p> <p>There was one dynamic compaction vibration complaint which monitoring indicated was below the structural damage level and the person was satisfied with this.</p> <p>The saltmarsh is doing well.</p> <p>There was one successful dive to monitor seagrass at the beginning of August, but there has generally been poor visibility. Hopefully visibility will improve when dredging finishes in September.</p> <p>Sediment deposition was slightly over the criteria but as construction has finished in the area it was likely to do with movement in the estuary. Monitoring will continue.</p> <p>Migratory shorebirds are expected to start returning in October.</p> <p>There have been good results with recycling, with all concrete recycled on site to the reclamation.</p> <p>There have been no exceedences this month regarding water quality, but there were elevated nutrient levels</p> <p>With dredging winding down 3 of the 6 buoys have been removed, but turbidity monitoring is still occurring.</p> <p>There were again outstanding results in the Annual Independent Environmental Audit report in May. There were good comments from the auditor and a letter from the Minister expressed pleasure with the environmental outcomes.</p>			
	<u>Questions and discussion</u>			
4.2	<p>PJ reported that during investigation of the elevated nutrient levels on June 4, Sydney Water confirmed a licensed overflow the day before into the Millstream due to heavy rain in the catchment. Elevated nutrient levels have generally occurred after rainfall events.</p>			
5	Update on communication activities including complaints			
5.1	<p><u>Presentation by BHJDN (VT)</u></p> <p>The Project Newsletter and Complaints Report were distributed to the meeting. 12,000 newsletters will be distributed tomorrow via a letterbox drop. Members were also encouraged</p>			

	<p>to take copies to distribute to the community. They will also be available at the public boat ramp.</p> <p>VT thanked NH for raising the fact that dust had been left off some issues in the construction update at the last meeting. There was no change to the update.</p> <p>An SPC notification has gone out regarding the grade separation works, and there have been notifications regarding the Foreshore Rd repairs and vibro-compaction works.</p> <p>There have been five complaints since the last meeting. One was regarding insufficient consultation about the new navigational aids in Sir Joseph Banks Park. There had been community notifications and signs in the park, but this person had not seen the notifications. One was in regard to ongoing issues at the boatramp. There will be a meeting of some boating representatives and the local state member at the boat ramp late this week. One complaint was about dynamic compaction. The person was offered monitoring but declined. Due to a misunderstanding, a team went to the block of flats to monitor, and the community member complained about them trespassing in the car park. There was also one complaint regarding vibration compaction. Monitoring was accepted. There was also a complaint about the rocks on Foreshore Beach.</p>			
6	Grade separation works update			
6.1	<p>SH reported that a diversion road will open off Penrhyn Rd next Monday but this would be within the Port precinct. Co-ordination will be required with tenants.</p> <p>The early works including services diversion have commenced.</p> <p>DP reported little impact regarding road layouts would occur this year.</p> <p>The new access road to Patricks is down the side rather than through the roundabout and would allow more truck queuing inside the port precinct, with 300m of 3 lanes for queuing.</p> <p>PJ reported that notifications regarding service diversions were issued.</p>			

	<u>Questions and discussion</u>			
6.2	<p>MK asked whether it is envisaged by the end of the year that there would be impacts on the community.</p> <p>SH reported that no impacts outside Port are expected.</p> <p>DP noted that there would be some traffic diversions but these would be at night and short lived, one night durations. The only impact on the local road network would be at the end of the works when joining with Foreshore Rd.</p> <p>SH noted the intention to keep traffic impacts within the Port precinct.</p>			
6.3	<p>JB noted that the traffic lights are in on Foreshore Rd at the terminal access bridge.</p> <p>DP replied that the lights are in and have been tested as an RTA requirement but are not yet operational.</p>			
6.4	<p>MK asked about progress at Hale St.</p> <p>SH responded that it was expected to be finished in November.</p> <p>SP reported the structure is now complete and roadworks are being finished.</p>			
7	Foreshore Beach			
7.1	<p><u>Presentation by SPC</u></p> <p>PJ reported that SPC has been monitoring the issue raised by PP of rocks on Foreshore Beach and have decided to remove the rocks. This should be completed by August 12. The rocks would be crushed and recycled back into the project. Due to the dynamic nature of the sand more rocks are being uncovered. Monitoring will continue and there are ongoing management issues. The beach will be allowed to stabilise for a period after construction, and will be looked at prior to the beach opening. A lot of rocks have been placed in past years to protect the sand from erosion.</p>			
	<u>Questions and discussion</u>			
7.2	<p>JB expressed concern that removal of the rocks which were placed at the time of previous construction at the port may prove to be a poor move, as the rocks were placed to reduce erosion. Water has at times come up to</p>			

	<p>Foreshore Road and was undermining the road. When he meets with the Minister, the issue of the beach will be raised, but he expects a long term problem.</p> <p>PJ noted that SPC is mindful of potential accidents due to the rocks. They will continue to monitor.</p> <p>SH noted there is increased protection for the beach now as the entire length is not exposed with the boatramp breakwall at one end and the Millstream groyne at the other. The shape of the beach will be monitored. It is expected sand will move in and out depending on prevailing weather, like all beaches. Previously it had no seawalls. There are now seawalls and groynes to limit erosion. .</p> <p>JB replied that seawalls inevitably shift wave action elsewhere. There are no perfect solutions. Containing wave energy in a narrow band means higher impact on wave levels. There will be a lot of wave energy from vessels in a compressed area between the airport runway and the port.</p> <p>RR asked whether there is an ongoing management plan for the beach.</p> <p>SH replied there is expert assistance from coastal engineers who were involved with the original construction with modeling and analysis. There will be a management plan dealing with ongoing issues, and sand replenishment.</p> <p>JB noted there will always be an impact with the stormwater drains. He had previously suggested they be headed off and run at right angles and feed into the main drain.</p> <p>SH replied that SPC had diverted one to the Millstream groyne, but had been unable to get Sydney Water involved.</p>			
7.3	<p>NM asked when the bike path would open.</p> <p>SH replied the plan is to open the Millstream lookout and carpark, the shared path and the boatramp in mid October 2010.</p> <p>NM asked whether all those who drive to the beach are expected to park in the Millstream groyne carpark.</p> <p>SH replied this would be the case as there would be no access to the beach except at the Millstream or the boatramp.</p> <p>JB noted that people are currently parking on</p>			

	Foreshore Rd despite no parking signs, as there is currently nowhere else to park. He hoped people parking here at the moment won't be treated harshly while this is no where else to park. He noted that he had previously asked Botany Council to consider reopening their old carpark which has spaces for over 70 cars still marked, but which is currently only used as a refuse area.			
7.4	MK reported that on a walk with his family he couldn't get over the pedestrian bridge. He noted the old council lookout is a hazard and should be remediated or removed. SH reported that the pedestrian bridge will open in October. It will have a lookout on the Bay side. SP will follow up the issue of the Council lookout.			
7.5	NM asked what percentage of car spaces are currently being used at the boatramp. JB noted it has not peaked as it is seasonal. Over summer more people will come from the western suburbs on the M5 and there will be pressure on parking. He noted that the only additional car spaces over what was here originally were the 35 spaces at the Millstream Lookout which he had been lobbied for.			
7	Other Matters/next meeting 30 November 2010 The next meeting will be on Tuesday 30 November, 2010 and as the last meeting of the year will SPC will investigate incorporating a lunch.			

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

