

**Port Botany Expansion
Community Consultative Committee
Minutes**

Date: 30 November, 2010

Meeting number: 33

Attendees:

Roberta Ryan - Chairperson
 Neil Melvin - Community Representative
 John Burgess - Community Representative
 Nancy Hillier - Community Representative
 Paul Pickering – Community Representative
 Michael Kavanagh - Business Representative
 Bronwyn Englaro - Randwick City Council
 Vince Newton - Baulderstone
 Quentin Pitts - Baulderstone
 Vanessa Tiernan – Baulderstone
 Kathy Lloyd - Sydney Ports Corporation
 Shane Hobday - Sydney Ports Corporation
 Sandra Spate – Minutetaker

Apologies: Peter O’Leary - Sydney Ports Corporation; Steven Poulton - City of Botany Bay Council, Paul Jerogin – Sydney Ports Corporation, Matthew Flugge - Sydney Ports Corporation, Marika Calfas – Sydney Ports Corporation

| Item | Issue | Action | By whom | When |
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| 1 | Welcome and apologies | | | |
| 1.1 | The chair welcomed members and thanked SPC for organising the end of year lunch for the committee after a productive year. Apologies were received from Peter O’Leary, Steven Poulton, Paul Jerogin, Matthew Flugge and Marika Calfas. JB asked whether representatives from Botany Council would attend in future. It was indicated that Steve Poulton would be the ongoing representative from Council. | | | |
| 2 | Update on construction and activities | | | |
| 2.1 | <u>Presentation by BJ-JDN</u> VN reported that all the major dredging is complete. There is minor dredging still occurring in the estuary. Silt curtains are being progressively removed. Permanent navigation markers for the recreational craft channel are scheduled for completion in January with the removal of | | | |

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| | <p>temporary markers on January 17 2011. Scour rock is being placed to protect the edge of the new wharf structure from erosion due to wash from ship propellers. The bulk of the work on cope beams and rear crane beams is expected to be finished by Christmas.</p> <p>The four lane bridge to the terminal is expected to be finished by Christmas, with work on kerbs and parapets taking place. Earthworks and compacting activities are also expected to be complete by Christmas, as well as demobilisation of cranes. Construction works will continue until April. These works are expected to have minimal community impacts.</p> <p>Maintenance crews will be on standby over Christmas from December 23 till January 4.</p> | | | |
| | <i>Questions and discussion</i> | | | |
| 2.2 | <p>JB noted that the silt curtains had been good markers and their removal may tempt trespassers to enter the zone.</p> <p>VN replied that discussions were occurring with the Harbour Master and NSW Maritime on this issue.</p> | | | |
| 2.3 | <p>JB suggested that for boats coming back in the shortest route is across the shipping channel. Boaters have worked with Ports but haven't previously had similar restrictions as those proposed.</p> <p>VN noted that with the significantly wider channel there is some pressure on NSW Maritime for more relaxed approach to access.</p> <p>SH suggested that a variation in speed to more than 8 knots may be worth looking at.</p> | | | |
| 2.4 | <p>PP asked whether Baulderstone was responsible for design as well as construction of Foreshore Beach, and if so had there been modeling in relation to erosion and would there be future work in this area.</p> <p>VN replied that there was a concept design in place for the footprint of the terminal when the Design and Construction contract was awarded, but Baulderstone was responsible</p> | | | |

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| | <p>for detailed design.</p> <p>Boulderstone were responsible for the construction of the Port Botany Foreshore but they were not responsible for the design. SH replied that SPC is responsible for the design of the Port Botany Foreshore and questioned whether SPC had possible grounds for an action against BH for remediation of design flaws.</p> <p>JB suggested there are flaws in the design related to the beach and Foreshore Road. The sand is gone from the new beach leaving rocks exposed and a one and a half metre drop has developed between the walkway and the area below. In his opinion the landscaping will disappear in the next couple of weeks. He noted the issue was raised at the previous meeting, but since then more of the beach has gone.</p> <p>SH replied that SPC has an ongoing commitment in regards to Foreshore Beach, with ongoing maintenance and sand replenishment requirements. They are waiting for the beach to stabilize to identify areas where there is erosion occurring, but the commitment remains. He noted that hydraulic engineers involved in the project have been involved in Botany Bay for 30 years. JB responded that this gave little comfort.</p> <p>PP asked whether it could be appropriate to investigate options such as those used in Canada where log pontoons are used to break wave action.</p> | | | |
| 2.5 | <p>PP asked whether dynamic compaction is nearing completion, noting his area was still being impacted by vibration.</p> <p>VN replied that it was hoped it would be finished by Christmas.</p> <p>PP suggested that he has identified to BHJDN movement at his house but was awaiting a reply.</p> <p>VT noted that she had received communication from PP asking what steps he needed to take. He had been advised that he needed to submit a property damage</p> | | | |

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| | claim in writing, either letter or email. | | | |
| 2.6 | <p>MK asked about progress at Hale Street. KL replied that she understood the intersection should be completed mid to late December.</p> <p>MK asked whether it would be as narrow as it appears, with room for only one truck at a time. He asked who was responsible for the bridge.</p> <p>SH replied it is an RTA responsibility, but both SPC and Botany Council have contributed to it.</p> <p>KL assured the meeting that it is wide enough for two trucks to pass.</p> | | | |
| 3 | Grade Separation Works update | | | |
| 3.1 | <p><u>Presentation by BHJDN</u></p> <p>VN reported that works have commenced with diversions being implemented to take traffic off Penrhyn Road. Construction of temporary roads is required. Water diversion works will be undertaken.</p> <p>New access to the Patrick's terminal is planned to open on December 8.</p> <p>Piling works will commence late January or early February but these will be low impact works.</p> | | | |
| | <u>Questions and discussion</u> | | | |
| 3.2 | <p>MK asked what timeframe is expected for the grade separation works.</p> <p>SH replied it is expected to be completed about 22 months from now, which will take it beyond the timeframe for the reclamation part of the Port expansion.</p> <p>VN noted it required a lot of staging works with traffic diversions associated with each stage. The piecemeal approach required a longer timeframe.</p> | | | |
| 4 | Banksia St overpass | | | |
| 4.1 | <p>SH reported that tenders have closed for the overpass and a tender is expected to be awarded in mid January with construction to commence in February. Construction is expected to take 4 to 6 months and is expected to finish around the middle of next year. Much of the work will involve pre cast units built off site to minimise local impacts.</p> | | | |

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| | Council has been supportive regarding design. | | | |
| 5 | Environmental monitoring monthly report | | | |
| 5.1 | <p><u>Presentation by BJ-JDN</u></p> <p>The November report is currently being completed and will be available in December. The September and October reports were distributed.</p> <p>QP reported that as dredging is finished, and water monitoring requirements have been reduced, the license for this has been surrendered to DECCW.</p> <p>As levels of turbidity inside the silt curtain have been confirmed as being the same as the rest of the Bay, turbidity monitoring units have been removed.</p> <p>Monitoring now relates to nutrients and physical parameters. Acid sulphate soils have not been an issue.</p> <p>Bird hazards have not eventuated.</p> <p>There have been no dust complaints or exceedences. There have been no heritage, marine mammal, or noise issues since the last meeting.</p> <p>The saltmarsh is doing well but seagrass, in front of Foreshore Beach, continues to decline. With dredging in September there was turbidity around the boat ramp.</p> <p>There has been a lack of shorebirds but they seem to be returning. A pair of Pied Oyster Catchers on site has hatched chicks, and two Little Terns have nested on site.</p> <p>There has been one vibration complaint related to daytime dynamic compaction. Monitoring was offered and taken up. In November a resident of Dent St wished to document they were feeling vibration. It is hoped to finish dynamic compaction by Christmas.</p> | | | |
| | <u>Questions and discussion</u> | | | |
| 5.2 | <p>JB noted it has been a long time since the last dive to monitor seagrass. He thinks it may be 12 months.</p> <p>QP noted there had been no dive this month due to turbidity, but it was hoped to undertaken one soon.</p> | | | |

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| 5.3 | <p>JB asked about reports on base metals in the monthly monitoring. He noted copper concentrations again in August, which was similar to last year.</p> <p>QP noted the same result was recorded at Port and in the Bay background. Heavy metal monitoring was a condition of the Environmental Protection Licence, which has now been surrendered and therefore are no longer part of the monitoring program for the construction of the expansion</p> | | | |
| 5.4 | <p>NH asked whether preservation of the heritage of the port at the old government pier had commenced. If it is lost, what evidence will remain of the early port? She thought it should be preserved for posterity. QP replied it has been left alone, as was the requirement. The area has been identified, protected with geometric materials and covered with sand.</p> <p>SH noted heritage requirements were that it not be damaged.</p> <p>JB noted it can be seen from the observation deck. He and SH noted difficulties in preserving the pier indefinitely as it contains scribbly worm and would have deteriorated naturally.</p> <p>BE asked whether interpretative signage could be placed.</p> <p>KL noted there is signage at the lookout in Penrhyn Estuary.</p> <p>PP suggested there is evidence of the road to the port on the raised area at the golf club.</p> | | | |
| 5.5 | <p>PP asked why there had been a proliferation of the green algae in the new growth areas and whether it was damaging plants that Ports were trying to establish.</p> <p>QP replied that it is a naturally occurring phase and was not related to new construction. It generally goes away in a short period of time. It hadn't occurred in the saltmarsh area.</p> | | | |
| 5.6 | <p>NH asked whether videos had been made of the works for historical purposes. If so, can a copy be donated to Botany Historical Trust? VN replied that they were in the process of</p> | Ensure a copy of the film of the project be donated to the | SPC | |

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| | compiling one from film taken over the course of the expansion. | Botany Historical Trust | | |
| 5.7 | <p>KL raised on behalf MC a long term maintenance issue of weed infestation at Sir Joseph Banks Park and its impacts on landscaped areas under SPC control. She proposed writing to council with a request for a regional approach to eradicate weeds, particularly Bitou Bush and asked whether this is supported by the CCC.</p> <p>JB also noted lantana and blackberry where present in Sir Joseph Banks Park.</p> <p>BE noted that Council had established a bush care group in the park in past and maybe multi pronged approach could be used.</p> <p>NH suggested any costs to residents should be borne by Ports, who originally owned the land in question. She agrees the area needs to be cleaned, but doesn't think Botany Council should bear the cost. She supports seeking funds on a regional basis.</p> <p>BE suggested that funding could be available to a partnership of Ports, councils and the regional weeds committee. Funding could be sought through a regional approach.</p> <p>The CCC agreed to a letter to council seeking cooperation to obtain a regional approach to funding for weed control.</p> | SPC to write to Botany Council regarding weed control | | |
| 6 | Fox control in Penrhyn Estuary | | | |
| 6.1 | <p>KL reported SPC had commenced a fox control program in Penrhyn Estuary. The program will run from November 15 to December 22 including fumigation of a fox den in the Penrhyn Estuary and baiting. An advertisement was placed in the Southern Courier prior to the program commencing. So far there has been one dead fox and in excess of 8 baits taken.</p> <p>BE reported it was a regional issue currently.</p> <p>PP asked whether cats were affected by baits.</p> <p>KL reported that cats don't take the baits. However, SPC has commenced a program at Molineaux Point to reduce the feral cats</p> | | | |

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| | population. This program involves trapping them, taking them to the RSPCA to see whether owners can be traced and other healthy cats sold. | | | |
| 7 | Update on communication activities including complaints | | | |
| 7.1 | <p><u>Presentation by BJ-JDN</u></p> <p>The Consultation and Complaints Report was distributed.</p> <p>VT reported that five community members had made contact, with six complaints recorded as one person had contacted twice.</p> <p>One complaint was in relation to property damage; four related to vibration, with these people offered vibration monitoring; one was in relation to Mr Whippy at the boat ramp. The van was moved on by onsite security.</p> <p>Community notifications included one for the commencement of grade separation and one for fox baiting. The Newsletter has gone out. There has been an email to boat users. A media release was issued regarding the opening of the Foreshore Road facilities.</p> | | | |
| 7.2 | <p>KL reported on an email bringing to SPC's attention issues regarding the pedestrian crossing and wheelchair access to the boat ramp. These have been rectified. However, comments around an issue raised regarding the addition of a path at end of the pedestrian overpass directly into the carpark has been noted, but a new path will not be implemented as the paths are intended to separate pedestrians and vehicles. The area in question also leads directly into the path of vehicles bringing boats around to use the boat washing facility and visibility is limited.</p> | | | |
| | <u>Questions and Discussion</u> | | | |
| 7.3 | <p>The chair noted the change of procedure relating to minutes following the auditors report. The last minutes were finalised and went on to the website on the right day. This procedure seemed to work, however needs the previous minutes as an agenda item at meetings in future.</p> | Minutes of the previous meeting become a standard agenda item. | SPC | |
| 7.4 | JB noted that responsibility for health issues | The CCC take | CCC/SPC | |

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| | <p>around the beach was raised at previous meetings as well as Orica committee meetings. Orica has claimed it is outside their responsibility, but joint stakeholders need to recognize there may be grave health concerns related to possible concentrations of dioxins on the north side of the Bay. He suggested that simply noting it is monitored for Enterococci indicates a lack of understanding of risk issues. It requires fortitude from someone to address this. NH noted that it is either a beach to swim at or not a beach. She requested that Sydney Water be asked to attend the next committee meeting.</p> <p>BE reported that Botany Bay testing has looked at heavy metals under federal funding by the Sydney Metro Catchment Management Authority, Botany Bay and Coast Catchment Initiative Program (BCCCI). She suggested contacting John Dahlenberg to drive this forward. They had been investigating what sort of water targets councils and the community was looking for in Botany Bay.</p> <p>The chair suggested that as this is not a construction issue, this committee should provide this information to the NLG along with the concerns raised here.</p> | <p>concerns regarding water quality and potential health risks to the NLG, along with information on studies being undertaken by the Sydney CMA, BCCCI.</p> | | |
| 7.5 | <p>MK noted that the BP station in Botany was applying to extend opening hours, which would impact negatively on residents with trucks en route to Port refueling outside their houses late at night. He asked whether there is provision in the Port's Strategy to allow for truck drivers refueling in or near the port.</p> <p>JB noted that this will entice trucks back along Botany Rd, while the Hale St construction is designed to keep trucks off Botany Rd. He noted the petrol station in Matraville was also gearing up in anticipation of increased truck traffic.</p> <p>SH responded that the option for a facility in the port precinct has been explored and SPC is supportive of the option, but it needs to be commercially viable.</p> | | | |

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| | <p>JB asked about progress for a truck marshalling facility.</p> <p>SH reported that SPC was in the final stages of a internal sign off for a site, and that hopefully a facility would be in place in 6 months within the port precinct.</p> <p>Post meeting: KL would like to add that the development of the truck marshalling yard will be subject to development approval.</p> <p>BE asked whether a service station could be associated with that?</p> <p>SH replied it could be an option.</p> <p>MK asked who determined the road rules in relation to where trucks are allowed.</p> <p>SH replied it is the RTA.</p> | | | |
| 8 | Other Matters/next meeting | | | |
| 8.1 | <p>The next meeting is scheduled for March 1st, 2001.</p> <p>SH noted the commitment to continue meetings 6 months after construction of the entire project finishes. The handover to Hutchison is expected in July to be followed to by their construction.</p> <p>KL suggested that the same committee members were required, at this stage, for the operational CCC however, the current CCC could merge with the Neighbourhood Liaison Group.</p> | | | |
| 8.2 | SH thanked the CCC for the year's work. | | | |

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

