

**Port Botany Expansion  
Community Consultative Committee  
Minutes**

**Date:** 13 March, 2012

**Meeting number:** 38

**Attendees:**

Roberta Ryan – Chairperson  
 Neil Melvin – Community Representative  
 John Burgess – Community Representative  
 Nancy Hillier – Community Representative  
 Michael Kavanagh – Business Representative  
 Bronwyn Englaro – Randwick City Council  
 Daniel Banovic – Baulderstone  
 Vanessa Tiernan – Baulderstone  
 John Gallagher – Sydney International Container Terminal Ltd (SICTL)  
 Marika Calfas – Sydney Ports Corporation  
 Shane Hobday – Sydney Ports Corporation  
 Frank Van Den Brink – Sydney Ports Corporation  
 Alison Karwaj – Sydney Ports Corporation  
 Peter Engelen – Sydney Ports Corporation  
 Sandra Spate – Minutetaker

**Apologies:** Steven Poulton – City of Botany Bay Council, Trevor Stolz – Patrick

Item	Issue	Action	By whom	When
<b>1</b>	<b>Welcome, introductions and apologies</b>			
1.1	Attendees were welcomed to the meeting, and new attendees introduced. It was reported that a representative from Patrick Trevor Stoltz had been invited to attend, but offered his apologies for this meeting. John Gallagher will be replacing Ryan Smith as SICTL's representative.			
1.2	SH revisited the current role of the CCC. Part of the Conditions of Consent for the Port Botany expansion is to have a community consultative committee throughout the construction of facilities. This includes SPC's work and the tenants' works. SICTL has 40 hectares with Patrick having approximately an additional 16 hectares. Work on their facilities is expected to continue into 2013. The Chair noted that she would be looking at ongoing membership of the CCC, and			

	members should contact her if they have any concerns regarding continuing commitment to the committee or potential time conflicts.			
1.3	The CCC wishes to send condolences to the family of Quentin Pitts, and to recognise his contribution to the project and the work of the committee.			
<b>2</b>	<b>Accept minutes of last meeting</b>			
	<b>Actions</b>			
2.1	Regarding Item 7.1 that SPC (SH) will circulate a copy to the CCC of the letter seeking approval for modification of Conditions of Approval for substation works, JG reported the intention had been to go ahead with the substation as an advanced contract, but it will now probably be rolled into the main contract.			
2.2	Regarding Item 7.3 that SPC will forward CCC members copies of the noise wall drawings, PE distributed diagrams to members indicating the design and appearance of noise walls. MC reported discussions regarding the final form were still occurring, and the information provided is indicative of the first stage. CCC members should provide any comments at this stage to SH.			
2.3	The minutes from the previous meeting were accepted by the CCC.			
<b>3</b>	<b>Update on construction and activities</b>			
3.1	<u>Grade Separation Works – Presentation by Baulderstone</u>  DB reported that a continuous concrete pour for the elevated roundabout would occur on 24 and 25 March. Two ramps are near completion. There will be a major traffic switch towards the end of May for linking to Penrhyn Road. Another traffic switch is expected in October. SH reported the major concrete pour would occur overnight and noise modeling has indicated no noise impacts on the nearest			

	<p>residents.          FB reported this will involve approximately 450 truck loads of concrete.</p>			
3.2	<p><u><i>Banksia St – Presentation by SPC</i></u></p> <p>FB reported there had been issues with piling activity requiring positioning of a protection slab on Ellis St before piling commenced. All major concrete works should be finished by the end of the week. Formwork will be removed next week and lifting of the steel deck would occur on 26<sup>th</sup> or 27<sup>th</sup> March. Finishing works should then take two to three weeks.</p>			
3.3	<p><u><i>Sydney International Container Terminal Works – Presentation by SITCL</i></u></p> <p>JG reported tenders for the main construction went out mid December last year. Five large firms have responded, with tenders closing last Friday. Review of responses is expected to take three months, and it is hoped construction would start around mid year. Last year was spent completing plans for the terminal.</p>			
	<p>Questions and discussion</p>			
3.4	<p>NM asked whether a representative from the successful tender company would attend CCC meetings. This will help members understand the detail.          JG indicated the successful company would be heavily involved in community consultation. He will confirm to the CCC whether they will attend CCC meetings.</p>	<p>SICTL (JG) will confirm the attendance at CCC meetings of a representative from the successful tender company.</p>	<p>SICTL</p>	
3.5	<p><u><i>Patrick Development</i></u></p> <p>PE reported that an additional area approximately 400m x 400m at the Brotherston Dock end is available for Patrick. SPC and Patrick's are still negotiating lease conditions. SPC has seen the development plans for the area. The rail will be extended a couple of hundred metres</p>			

	<p>and pavement put down. When it rains it will drain towards Brotherson Dock. This water will be treated before it is released. No stormwater run-off will flow to the Penrhyn estuary from the Patrick terminal extension, as opposed to the run-off from the SICTL site, which is also treated before it is released. It will likely take a couple months for sign off and then 4 months before construction begins. It may commence in August or September 2012. Construction will be under the same conditions as SICTL with Environmental Management plans coming to the CCC.</p>			
	<p>Questions and discussion</p>			
3.6	<p>NM sought clarification that two separate packages of works would be going on. What is the proposed timeframe for Patrick? SH confirmed there will be two distinct areas of construction. Decisions regarding tenders are yet to be made. PE noted that the lease needed finalising first, then the design, then it would go to tender. Although Patrick would start later, construction time is expected to be less than for SICTL as SITCL's involved significant buildings, while Patrick's was mainly paving. It is likely to go into 2013.</p>			
3.7	<p>NM asked whether Patrick's would use the new access bridge. FB replied they wouldn't. They would use the current access arrangement including the grade separation. The bridge is a SICTL bridge only. JG reported that while the bridge is close to ready, they expect to open it not long before construction. PE noted it would be used for construction traffic initially, then SICTL container traffic. It is not a public road.</p>			
3.8	<p>The Chair noted that when both packages of works are going the CCC will be looking for assistance to better understand interface issues and unpack respective impacts.</p>			
3.9	<p><i>Public Boat ramp changes – SPC</i></p>			

	<p>SH reported the boat ramp has been operating for two years and there has been feedback from users regarding positioning of the two pontoons. Currently the space between the two pontoons allows for the launching of three boats between and one at the side of the southern pontoon. There is an issue for larger boats turning between the pontoons. As a result the southern pontoon will be moved further south to increase the space for launching to four boats. This is about to go out to tender and it is hoped construction will be undertaken in May, outside the main fishing season.</p>			
	<p>Questions and discussion</p>			
3.10	<p>JB reported he had attended a meeting with Roads and Maritime Services and made them aware of the pontoons. He had also talked to them about the possibility of them providing another jetty for fishing. He was lobbying for this from the safety point of view as an evacuation point, rather than people having to clamber up rocks.</p> <p>He also talked about the possibility of SPC constructing another jetty on the southern side of the boatramp seawall - adjacent to the future tug berth operational site. He was lobbying for this from the safety point of view as an evacuation point to save people clambering over rocks in an emergency and also to facilitate safe fishing by people with disabilities". Co -funding from the saltwater licence trust fund might be available for this project but it would need joint support of SPC and RMS.</p>			
3.11	<p>JB had been asked to raise the issue of whether there was adequate disability parking at the boat ramp and utilization of spaces. He knows of four spaces, and another potential car space. He noted the guards are diligent in enforcing rules around parking at the boat ramp. SH responded that in the many visits he had made to the Boat Ramp including at peak times during</p>	<p>SPC (SH) to survey the use of disability parking spaces at the boat ramp.</p>	<p>SPC</p>	

	weekends there was always at least one or two disability spaces empty.			
3.12	SH reported that consultants were reviewing Foreshore Beach and would soon make recommendations regarding what, if any stabilisation works might be required at the beach. Some significant erosion has occurred in the two years since works were finished, particularly at discharge points for the stormwater drains, with the resulting impact on beach access and landscaping.			
3.13	NH asked about pollution coming from stormwater drains. SH replied it is mainly sand. There is a need to look at the whole beach. The sand moves naturally towards Millstream, and will impact on flows from the Millstream.			
3.14	JB asked whether there is a way to get Sydney Water to move the drains back towards Millstream and take them out further into the bay. SH responded that SPC will be talking to Sydney Water and to Council. Sydney Water currently have to excavate the sand around the stormwater outlets every two to three weeks. However, it would be a major job redirecting stormwater drains to the Millstream. SPC should have the report around the end of the month. They will review it and will talk to Sydney Water and Council. He emphasized that they wouldn't rush a decision, as SPC has invested a lot of money in the area and they want to find a long term solution.			
3.15	NM asked whether many use the beach. JB thought not. SH replied it is used as an on leash dog walking area. MC reported families using the Millstream area which is better attended than before the works. Children use the area for bike riding.			
<b>4</b>	<b>Environmental monitoring monthly reports</b>			
4.1	<u>Presentation by Boulderstone</u> DB reported there had been no dust			

	exceedences since the last meeting, no noise issues or water quality issues.			
	Questions and discussion			
4.2	<p>JB asked whether seagrass monitoring had occurred.</p> <p>MC reported that since the last meeting the long term contract for environmental monitoring has been awarded. Work commenced in February and will continue for five years. It will include monitoring for shore birds, seagrass, saltmarsh, water quality and benthos. Shore bird monitoring has been ongoing. Water quality and benthos will be the next priority, then saltmarsh and seagrass. Updates will be provided at future meetings.</p>			
<b>5</b>	<b>Update on communication activities including complaints</b>			
5.1	<p><u>Presentation by Baulderstone/ Sydney Ports</u></p> <p>VT reported that no complaints have been received regarding the grade separation. One long standing property claim has been closed out.</p> <p>SH reported that one complaint had been received in regard to Banksia St works with an oversized delivery truck parked across access to residential property. This was taken up with the contractor. There have been a lot of enquiries about the SITCL work.</p> <p>AK reported SPC has received positive feedback via the enquiries email address from a family at Banksmeadow about the new pathway and lookout. It was reportedly loved by the children. Comments were made on the plantings. An article went into the Southern Courier with photos.</p> <p>JB noted a letter opposing this view.</p> <p>MC noted that while there had been concerns regarding public open space prior to the project, some think it is now better for their recreational needs than previously.</p>			
	Questions and Discussion			

5.2	<p>NH asked how exports were going. SH reported that overall movements are about level with last year. While exports such as cotton and wool are up, imports such as flat screen televisions are down. MC noted that exports included some high end equipment, steel and aluminum.</p>			
5.3	<p>SH reported that as with the advertorial in September last year, which outlined where the project and CCC were at, another is planned for the Southern Courier late this month or early April with an update of the project. It will first be sent to the CCC. BE asked whether there would be a separate 1800 number for SITCL by the time the advertorial goes out. SH and VT reported that it would be the same number, with additional options as to where the complaint would be directed. As soon as SICTL commences construction works, complaints about that would be directed to SICTL. Other options are for grade separation works and Banksia St.</p>			
5.4	<p>MK asked about the noise wall and landscaping document. JG responded that the noise wall is part of SITCL works. He understands the design is almost complete. There will be a 3m high wall along the rail corridor with 1m transparent at the top, and then a 4m wall with 2 metres transparent. It is thought that due to the distance from the public area, there would be no visual impact with regard colouring. MC reported that the key consideration is about shorebird impacts. It should not be too solid a barrier to birds which is why the top panels will be transparent but imprinted. It needs the agreement of an avian expert.</p>			
<b>6</b>	<p><b>Other Matters/next meeting</b> Tuesday 5 June 2012</p>			
6.1	<p>The chaired summarized that the CCC will continue till mid 2013 depending on the timing of works. Members let her know about their ability to make a commitment for</p>			



	another 18 months. NH requested a bigger meeting room and members requested information about the location in advance.			
6.2	JB offered his apologies for the June meeting but indicated he will be able to continue on the committee. PE and FB also tendered apologies for the June meeting.			

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

