

**Port Botany Expansion
Community Consultative Committee
Minutes**

Date: 12 February 2013

Meeting number: 43

Attendees:

Roberta Ryan – Chairperson
 John Burgess – Community Representative
 Paul Pickering – Community Representative
 Michael Kavanagh – Business Representative
 Bronwyn Englaro – Randwick City Council
 Steven Poulton – City of Botany Bay Council
 Karl McCarthy – Sydney International Container Terminals
 Simon Graham – Sydney International Container Terminals
 Mac Harvey – Sydney International Container Terminals
 Ezzedine Yasseen – Laing O’Rourke
 Adam Adamczewski – McConnell Dowell
 Richard Pollock – Patrick
 Paul Matthews – Patrick
 Peter Engelen – Sydney Ports Corporation
 Paul Jerogin - Sydney Ports Corporation
 Alison Karwaj – Sydney Ports Corporation
 Adem Long – Sydney Ports Corporation
 Tony Navaratne – Sydney Ports Corporation
 Sandra Spate – Minutetaker

Apologies: Darren Price – Randwick City Council, Shane Hobday – Sydney Ports Corporation, Neil Melvin – Community Representative, Jason Ambler – Laing O’Rourke

Not present:

Item	Issue	Action	By whom	When
1	Welcome, introductions and apologies			
1.1	Attendees were welcomed and introduced. Apologies were as noted above.			
2	Accept minutes of last meeting			
2.1	Matters arising from the previous minutes were: Item 1.4 for a discussion regarding Foreshore Beach. This will occur later in the agenda. Regarding the action on the condition of covers around the pontoons, SH is not in attendance. (JB inspected the pontoons after the meeting and noted the cover has been fixed but other issues need attending.) The action in relation to clarification of groundwater			

	<p>depth was finalised at the previous meeting. The action is closed.</p> <p>Regarding communications, an advertorial has been issued. The action is closed.</p> <p>The action regarding the area in the Patrick CEMP where noise monitoring will occur remains open for a response.</p>			
2.2	The minutes from the previous meeting were accepted.			
3	Update on construction and activities			
	<p>Sydney International Container Terminal Works <u>Presentation by SICTL including:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Out of hours application for concrete batch plant - Terminal construction traffic - Little Tern rescue at Terminal 3 			
3.1	<p>KM presented an overall construction update.</p> <p>Three contractors are now on site. Laing O'Rourke is progressing civil works. They have erected the concrete batching plant. Augur piling for automatic stacking beams is progressing,</p> <p>The sub-pavement is largely installed.</p> <p>Downer is progressing service works with 60-70 % of the HV line complete and the main substation progressing.</p> <p>The building contractor on site is commencing buildings.</p>			
3.2	<p>JB reported a person had raised concerns with him that they thought a tanker used to water sand had extracted water from the Botany golf course bore. He would be surprised if that water is being taken as that is where aquifer contamination had been identified.</p> <p>KM replied that they were predominantly using sea water. Water isn't being used from the golf course bore.</p> <p>BE reported that the water being used for the golf course is from a bore away from the golf course</p> <p>SP noted all bores around there are in the exclusion zone.</p> <p>PE reported that all Boulderstone works used sea water.</p>			
3.3	<p>BE asked whether laying of concrete would involve out of hours work.</p> <p>KM replied that it will.</p> <p>EY reported that 200,000sq metres would be laid. The dual batching plant on site will get traffic off the roads.</p> <p>Out of hours concrete pours would be at 4am primarily for hotter weather as there are stringent temperature controls. Saw cutting would be in the latter half of the</p>			

	<p>day.</p> <p>So far audibility trials indicate work to be inaudible. Early morning tests are yet to be conducted. If 4.00am work seems to be audible they will need to submit an application to the DP&I and install further mitigation measures.</p> <p>BE asked whether testing was to see if work is audible to surrounding residents</p> <p>EY confirmed this. There has been testing in Dent St but the 4.00am testing is still to be undertaken. This is the worst case scenario.</p> <p>MK asked about the timing of concrete placement works.</p> <p>EY indicated most would be done by November 2013 with some in December. Out of hours work will mostly be in March.</p> <p>BE asked how the community would be notified if out of hours works go ahead.</p> <p>KM replied letterbox drops would be coordinated with SPC and normal protocol would occur.</p> <p>MK asked if the concrete batching plant would be used for external uses.</p> <p>KM replied it is only for on site. The aim is to have all concrete batched on site but there is an external provider as back up in case of break down. This would only be in the short term.</p> <p>The Chair asked that the CCC be informed if that happens.</p>			
3.4	<p>Laing O'Rourke revised and resubmitted their construction traffic management plan at the end of last year for approval by the DP&I. Reviews by RMS and Council confirmed no issues. However, DP&I only approved truck numbers up to what was included in the original EIS.</p> <p>PJ reported that with Patrick commencing construction soon as well as current SICTL works, the combined truck numbers are likely to be different to those assumed in the original EIS.</p> <p>Construction Traffic Management Plans for each contractor need to be presented to the Department of Planning & Infrastructure (DP&I). Each plan has to be discussed with Roads and Maritime Services and Council prior to being issued to DP&I As the construction truck numbers will be different from those previously assumed, an assessment of the up to date</p>			

	<p>truck numbers is being carried out. The objective is to demonstrate that the revised construction traffic numbers do not impact unacceptably on local traffic conditions.</p> <p>SPC is working with Patrick and SICTL to review combined construction truck numbers for all remaining construction work. The revised traffic assessment will be discussed with RMS and Councils as part of each construction contractor preparing their Construction Traffic Management Plans.</p> <p>AK noted that the revised traffic assessment will ensure cumulative community impacts are managed from both Patrick's and SICTL construction traffic.</p>			
3.5	<p>PP asked whether there will be more piling work. KM replied that there is piling under the operations building but with screw piles not driven piles and impacts aren't expected.</p>			
3.6	<p>KM reported that a Little Tern hatched in a far corner of the site which is not an active construction zone. It was being monitored daily but fell down a 2m hole. The tern was found and rescued by the avian ecologist. The juvenile and the parents had departed the site the next day. There was a news article in the Southern Courier February 5.</p> <p>AK reported the attention is due to the fact that they are a threatened species.</p>			
3.7	<p>KM provided an update on the noise wall. Laing O'Rourke has largely finished the stormwater drains penetration. The noise wall construction will begin this month and is expected to be finished in May. It is expected to reduce noise impacts with an enclosed site on the northern and eastern perimeters of the site.</p>			
3.8	<p>Patrick Development <i>Presentation by Patrick</i></p> <p>PM reported that the Patrick website contains a live page to provide information to the community including monitoring and reporting updates and means to contact Patrick. The site will be updated regularly. The link to the website is: http://www.patrick.com.au/community/w1/i1002943/ Council and community members can sign up sign up for email notifications by forwarding email addresses to communitynews@patrick.com.au</p> <p>RP reported McConnel Dowell has been engaged as the preferred contractor and has taken on the</p>			

	<p>Construction and Environmental Management Plan and is in the process of getting documents approved. The stormwater modification has been approved. The contractors are looking to be on site at the end of March.</p> <p>AA reported on potential issues the CEMP seeks to address. He noted issues of concern to the community as traffic, noise and dust impacts.</p> <p>The Management Hierarchy includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acid sulphate soils control • Flora and fauna (minimum impacts are expected) • Soil and water management • De Watering management (deep excavations on site need to be de watered, monitored and treated before discharge) • Dust management. The 18 hectares have been sprayed with sealant and Patrick will follow similar principles to the adjoining site. • Noise and vibration management. Construction is expected to be within normal construction hours. Noise monitoring will be undertaken. • Piling activities are expected to last 4-5 months and will commence early on. Out of hours work is not expected. • Solid and liquid waste management. • Spills management. <p>These are addressed in detail in the CEMP and sub plans which will be forwarded to CCC members. Documents should be available by the end of the week. Comments should be provided within two weeks. These documents are similar to those provided prior to Christmas.</p>	<p>CEMP and Subplans to be sent to CCC members with the minutes.</p> <p>CCC members to provide comments on documents within two weeks after receiving.</p>	<p>Patrick</p> <p>CCC members</p>	
<p>3.9</p>	<p>JB reported the mercury issue had been raised at a recent Orica meeting with new people on the committee resulting in the issue being raised in the media. He noted that monitoring has been carried out reasonably well in the past identifying areas that can and can't be remediated. There have also been questions directed to Port to which SH has responded. There were exhaustive studies done prior to dredging. Most areas</p>			

	<p>picked up as part of this are well contained within the new port facility. The publicity has caused community anxiety and pressure to allow an independent auditor to undertake a study. JB feels the issue of an independent study would best be addressed by government: DECCW and the EPA and Health if they feel they want to undertake an enquiry. He noted previous studies by Professor Priestly and is confident of the results of these indicating some areas around the estuary where fishing should not be undertaken.</p> <p>SP reported that Council has been involved in meetings with Orica, the EPA and NSW Health in the last week and Terms of Reference have been established for a steering committee. There will be an Orica community meeting in the next month attended by the EPA which will be advertised.</p> <p>BE asked that the CCC be alerted of any construction activities which have potential to stir up contamination to reassure the community.</p> <p>PM suggested it is not within Port operators role to reassure the community about mercury.</p>	The CCC to be informed of the community meeting around mercury issues and any EPA or Orica media releases	SPC (AK)	
3.10	<p>Tug Berth Modification <u>Presentation by SPC</u> PJ reported that SPC has been approached by a tug boat and barge operator for a tug berth. SPC has submitted a Section 75 modification for a temporary tug berth on the terminal side of the channel to allow boarding and disembarking of barges and tug boats.</p>			
4	Environmental monitoring			
4.1	<p>Monthly reports <u>Presentation by SICTL</u> KM noted that the monthly environmental monitoring reports are available on Hutchison's website. There have been no exceedences. Links to the Hutchison PBE project web page are included on the Sydney Ports website</p>	Include a link to the SICTL website in the minutes - www.hutchisonports.com.au/port-botany-expansion		
	Questions and discussion			
4.2	<p>PP asked whether recent heavy rain had caused problems. KM replied that it hadn't. It assists in dust suppression.</p>			
4.3	<p>PBE annual environment audit report and post construction compliance report <u>Presentation by SPC</u> PJ reported that two reports have been prepared. The</p>			

	<p>first, the annual environmental audit coincided with the finish of the grade separation works (GSW). The Audit Report was submitted to the Department of Planning and is on the SPC website. The audit concluded that a high level of environment management was demonstrated by Boulderstone. The next annual audit scheduled for the end of the year will include SICTL and Patrick works.</p> <p>The second report - the post construction compliance report addresses compliance with the MCoA at the conclusion of the GSW and identifies any ongoing issues for management that need to be addressed post the GSW. The report has been prepared and submitted to the DP&I and will be available on the Ports website.</p>			
4.4	<p>Penrhyn Estuary Port-Construction monitoring program update <i>Presentation by SPC</i></p> <p>AK reported that next month marks one year since the commencement of monitoring. A detailed report will be available at the next meeting.</p> <p>The Saltmarsh is in good condition with no dead or dying plants. Mangroves have not encroached. Seagrass monitoring will be undertaken in March and results provided at the next meeting.</p> <p>Peak numbers for shorebirds is up but long term averages are lower.</p> <p>JB noted that seagrass monitoring hasn't occurred since last year. AK reported the second round of monitoring is due in March.</p> <p>AK will report more detail the next meeting. The test sites are being monitored to identify the most successful seagrass transplant methods.</p>	A detailed report on the Penrhyn monitoring program to be presented at the next meeting.	SPC	
5	<p>Update on communication activities including complaints</p>			
5.1	<p><i>Presentation by SPC (AK)</i></p> <p>There are now monthly construction reports available from SICTL which will be placed on their website and a summary will be provided to the CCC each meeting.</p> <p>There have been two PBE related complaints recently. One involved vibration in Dent St. This was followed up by Laing O'Rourke and monitored while construction activities were undertaken. Monitoring indicated no impacts were observed as a result of the works.</p> <p>The second was a dust complaint from the EPA in mid December without details of where, when or who. There</p>			

	<p>were concerns it emanated from site. SICTL has provided their dust monitoring results to EPA. There were no dust level exceedences in the results and no complaints received directly by Sydney Ports. BE noted there were more general dust complaints around that time. People go to the EPA if unsure of the source.</p>			
6	Other Matters/next meeting			
6.1	<p>JB noted a recent report of a truck rolling over in Military Drive. He witnessed two empty trucks racing each other along Foreshore Rd on February 9. The both overtook traffic, one on the verge and the other on the right hand lane and went through two sets of red lights. Another concern is dangerous traffic conditions at the boat ramp in peak times when the car park could not hold more vehicles. Security directed traffic to do illegal u-turns on Foreshore Rd with trucks on the road. There is a need for cameras here.</p>			
6.2	<p>JB reported overzealous actions by security guards who were unaware of what is allowed in the area. Recently at the charge of shift a guard arriving sent away a father and children who had been fishing at the seawall all day saying they weren't allowed to fish there. A regular boat ramp user was told he was not allowed to walk on the pontoon unless with his boat.</p>			
6.3	<p>Operational requirement of this PBE committee to commence The committee was reminded of a Director General's requirement that an operational community consultative committee is required to be established 6 months prior to operations commencing. The CCC had agreed to become the operational committee after construction. The Chair suggested this would require a restructuring of the agenda to allow construction matters to be discussed followed by operational matters. PE noted the forecast that operations may start late September and SPC are required to have the Operations CCC formerly set up 6mths earlier than that. Formal correspondence to the DP&I to be prepared confirming the establishment of the Operational CCC.</p>	<p>Formal correspondence to the DP&I to be prepared confirming the establishment of the Operational CCC.</p>	Chair	
6.4	<p>Retirement of Nancy Hillier from the committee AK reported that Nancy will retire from this committee. She is still attending the Port Botany NLG meetings and Shane will keep her updated. The Chair asked members to be mindful of who else</p>	<p>Send a formal thank you to Nancy for her tireless effort on the CCC</p>	Chair	

	<p>could be invited to become a member of the committee. Invitations have been advertised previously but with no responses.</p> <p>The CCC recorded a vote of thanks to Nancy for her tireless contribution to the committee and would like a formal thank you to be forwarded.</p>			
6.5	<p>Foreshore Beach stabilisation works update</p> <p>TN reported that a preliminary study early last year had shown the need for construction of couple of groynes on Foreshore Beach. The study suggested complex wave action and the need to for a more detailed study to determine the number of groynes and the spacing. There is also concern with the frequent blocking of stormwater pipes. A study is being undertaken with Sydney Water.</p> <p>Concerns have also been raised by the boating community for safety in certain wind conditions and groynes are being looked at to protect this. SPC has engaged Worley Parsons to undertake the study and Manly Hydraulics laboratory to build a physical model.</p> <p>The study is expected to take approximately 6 months and for construction to commence next year.</p> <p>PP asked whether once groynes are in sand will be brought back from the airport area as erosion has exposed the aggregate. He suggested T shaped groynes as have been used in Tel Aviv could be investigated.</p> <p>JB suggests a need to control wave action as the new sand placed in December lasted 3 or 4 weeks. Groynes or a seawall are the only way to control this and stormwater drains need to be further out otherwise any accessible beach will be destroyed. He expressed some lack of confidence in previous contractors who undertook the initial studies.</p> <p>The Chair noted concerns with the beach. SPC is working on the problem and will keep the community informed throughout the project.</p>			
6.6	<p>Regarding item 3.15 from the previous meeting, JB suggested that if Laing O'Rourke is looking to do something with the community there is talk of funding for a new community bushcare group to rid Banksia Park of bitou bush. He also noted that while Banksia Park has some good new play equipment it needs a well designed sun shade.</p>			

	The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday May 7			
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These minutes have been endorsed by the Chair, Roberta Ryan.