

**Port Botany Expansion  
Construction and Operations Community Consultative Committee  
Minutes**

**Date:** 1 October 2013

**Meeting number:** 46

**Attendees:**

Roberta Ryan (RR) – Chairperson  
 John Burgess (JB) – Community Representative  
 Michael Kavanagh – Business Representative  
 Karen Armstrong (KA) – Randwick City Council  
 John Ieroklis (JI) – Hutchison  
 Eladio Perez (EP) – EPRM/SICTL  
 Karl McCarthy (KM) – Sydney International Container Terminals  
 Richard Pollock (RP) – Patrick  
 Shane Hobday (SH) – NSW Ports  
 Alison Wedgwood (AW) – NSW Ports  
 Adem Long (AL) – NSW Ports  
 Paul Jerogin (PJ) – NSW Ports  
 Sandra Spate (SS) – Minute taker

**Apologies:** Bronwyn Englaro – Randwick City Council, Steven Poulton (SP) – City of Botany Bay Council, Paul Matthews – Patrick, Trevor Ballantyne – Hutchison, Jason Ambler – Laing O’Rourke

Item	Issue	Action	By whom	When
<b>1</b>	<b>Welcome, introductions and apologies</b>			
	Apologies are as listed above.			
<b>2</b>	<b>Accept minutes of last meeting</b>			
2.1	Minutes from the July meeting were accepted.			
2.2	<p>Actions from the July meeting are as follows:</p> <p>Item 3.7: NSW Ports (SH/AL) to provide Hutchison (JI) with container terminal procedures for dangerous goods information for drivers.            This is done, the action is closed.</p> <p>Item 8.2: SH to forward drawing of groynes to SS for distribution to the CCC.            SH circulated photos of physical modeling which indicated two groynes will be effective. Works will be undertaken in winter 2014 to minimise impacts on beach users. The action is closed.</p> <p>Item 8.4 SH and AW to raise with the NLG the proposal to integrate with the CCC.            To be discussed under agenda item 8.</p>			
<b>3</b>	<b>Update on construction and activities</b>			
3.1	<p><b>Sydney International Container Terminal Works</b>  <i>Presentation by SICTL (KM)</i></p> <p>Civil works are largely complete. The main terminal is due to be finished in 8 to 10 days. Work on rail</p>			

	<p>infrastructure will follow. Automatic stacking cranes should be operational in 3 to 4 weeks. The first quay crane should be operational by October 15, another at the end of October and two in November. The maintenance building is due to be complete by the end of the month, the administration building due for completion in February may be finished earlier. SICTL is gearing up for initial operations by the end of the month.</p>			
3.2	<p><b>Patrick Development</b>  <u>Presentation by Patrick(RP)</u>  Civil works on the knuckle are about a third complete. Current works are earthworks and stormwater infrastructure. Pavement on the bottom third of site will commence in a couple of weeks. Construction works will commence on Ramp D this week. Planning approval has been received for works on the existing terminal. A contractor will be appointed and works are expected to start late in 2013. Autostrads being built in Brisbane and Poland are expected to be shipped early in 2014.</p>			
<b>4</b>	<b>Environmental monitoring</b>			
	<b>Monthly reports</b>			
4.1	<p><u>Presentation by SICTL</u>  KM reported no non conformances. There have been dust issues over the last month but no spike in monitor readings, suggesting dust is staying within the terminal. The terminal is mostly sealed and will be fully sealed soon which is expected to eliminate dust issues. Statistics are on the website.  SH noted that the recent winds have been from the north west which means the dust is being blown to the bay not towards residences.</p>			
4.2	<p>EP reported the first independent annual environmental audit report, which reports against Conditions of Approval, found no non conformances. Some minor issues were identified and have been rectified. The finalised report should be on the website before the next meeting.</p>			
4.3	<p><b>Penrhyn Estuary Post-Construction monitoring program update - annual report</b>  <u>Presentation by SPC (AW)</u>  The Penrhyn Estuary Annual Report is now available on the Sydney Ports website. The link has been forwarded to CCC members.  JB noted in relation to seagrass, studies between 2000 and 2006 indicated a dramatic reduction in seagrass</p>			

	<p>prior to construction. However, he cautioned against stating in the report that negative impacts weren't associated with the expansion project. He asked what happened between 2000 and 2006 to impact seagrasses.</p> <p>PJ replied the reason for this reduction is not apparent. There has now been five years of detailed monitoring. If performance criteria are not met there are financial penalties. There is a positive trend towards achieving targets.</p> <p>KA asked what the seagrass target is.</p> <p>PJ replied there is no requirement around seagrass but there has been experimental transplanting of seagrass to the national park area across the bay.</p> <p>JB suggested the experiment has shown no future in transplanting seagrass with the emphasis now on rejuvenation. Levels will never get back to 2002 levels, but it would be an achievement to get back to 2006-7 levels.</p>			
4.4	<p>SH reported on discussion around the height of roosting islands in Penrhyn Estuary at a recent inspection by delegates of a Ports and Coastal conference, with experience in Brisbane suggesting birds won't roost if the island is much above the intertidal zone.</p>			
<b>5</b>	<b>Update on communication activities including complaints</b>			
5.1	<p>SH reported on complaints to the Minister for Planning and the Minister for Ports around visual impacts of the new SICTL cranes and associated flashing lights at night. Department of Planning responses noted the cranes are consistent with the planning approval.</p> <p>There have been negotiations to get some lights turned down. KM and SH offered to visit residents to assess impacts but this was declined by residents. SH acknowledged that there could have been better notification of the broader community. There will shortly be an update on port activities in the Southern Courier.</p> <p>KM noted that the lights switch from white to red for daylight and night respectively and adhere to CASA's specifications, particularly given the proximity to the airport. They have asked CASA whether the intensity can be reduced, but the lights have to be brighter than runway lights.</p> <p>JB reported on plans for the airport to extend runway lights into the bay.</p>			
<b>6</b>	<b>Project modifications</b>			

6.1	<p><b>Modification No 15 Change to Wording of Condition C2.22 Allowing Intrusion into Sydney Airport OLS (SICTL)</b></p> <p>KM reported that as cranes were intruding into the Obstacle Limitation Surface by 50mm a modification had to go through the official approval process. This has now been approved.</p>			
6.2	<p><b>Modification 16</b></p> <p>KM and JI reported an approach to Sydney Ports regarding a modification around the handling of dangerous goods through the expansion area. This will not change the volume of goods through the terminal but is around interpretation of Conditions of Approval. There will be meetings with Patrick and Hutchison on Friday then meetings with Sydney Ports and NSW Ports.</p> <p>SH noted Sydney Ports as regulator of dangerous goods are supportive of the modification.</p>			
<b>7</b>	<b>Operations</b>			
7.1	<p><b>Update on SICTL OEMP documentation</b></p> <p><u>Presentation by SICTL</u></p> <p>JI reported that the SICTL OEMP has been approved as have most of the sub plans and will be soon uploaded onto the website.</p>			
<b>8</b>	<b>Other Matters/Next Meeting</b>			
8.1	<p><b>Foreshore Beach Stabilisation Works update</b></p> <p><u>Presentation by SPC (SH)</u></p> <p>Photos of physical modeling undertaken by Manly Laboratory were distributed. Modeling assessed location of groynes to stabilise sand and indicated no difference between two or three groynes. Discussions are being held with Sydney Water to integrate their pipes with the groynes.</p> <p>JB asked whether Sydney Water had committed to fund the extension of pipes.</p> <p>SH replied they part funded the modeling. Existing pipes come out on the beach and become blocked with sand causing inundation of the hinterland. The plan is to extend pipes beyond the water's edge and integrate them with the groynes.</p> <p>JB reported impacts on businesses with flooding of streets and factories. Some businesses have had to close.</p> <p>MK asked whether Foreshore Beach works are funded. SH replied that the funding for these works has already been set aside but work won't commence till winter 2014 to reduce impacts on beach users.</p>			

8.2	<p><b>Creation of the PB CCC</b></p> <p>SH reported that approval has now been received from the Department of Planning to combine the current CCC and the Neighbourhood Liaison Group with the independent chair and minute taker. This has been progressed after feedback from community and councils and difficulties attracting new members for the CCC. The first meeting of the joint Port Botany Community Consultative Committee is proposed for November 26 at 5.30pm with representatives from this CCC, the NLG and port tenants. Meetings will be quarterly unless required more often. MK notes difficulties with a 5.30 start. Details of time and venue will be worked out outside this meeting.</p> <p>KA reported Randwick Council is happy with these meetings being combined. She reported that Council has resolved to also hold regular meetings (six monthly or yearly) with the Federal Member, State Ministers and local representatives dealing with the major concerns of noise, but also local amenity issues and traffic.</p>			
8.3	<p>Jl reported SITCL completed pre-operational noise monitoring yesterday. The monitoring occurred over two weeks. Results will be posted on the website.</p>			
8.4	<p>SH commented on the passing of Nancy Hillier, who had been a member of both the CCC and the NLG since their inception and opposed building of the port in the 1970s. Nancy treated everyone she dealt with at all times with respect. The committee agreed that she was a wonderful lady and her passing is a great loss. Council is discussing how to commemorate her at the Banksia Street overpass. AW reported the serialisation of her life as a history of Botany is being completed by Orica and is expected to become a resource for local schools.</p>			

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

