

MINUTES
MEETING # 3
Port Botany Neighbourhood Liaison Group

Location: ACFS – Boardroom
Date: 17 February 2009
Time: 5.30pm to 7.00pm

<p>Attendees</p> <p>Community Members: Charles Abela (CA) – Community representative Nancy Hillier (NH) – Community representative Lynda Newnam (LN) – Community representative Thomas Nolan (TN) – Community representative Paul Pickering (PP) – Community representative Tony Steiner (TS) – Community representative</p> <p>Council Representatives: Karen Armstrong (KA) – Randwick City Council Fay Steward (FS) – Rockdale City Council</p> <p>Business Representatives: Brad Crockett (BC) – Terminals Pty Ltd Mick Egan (ME) – Patrick Stevedores Paul Burtenshaw (PB) – DP World Stuart Tierney (ST) – Australian Customs Services Aldo Costabile (AC) – Elgas Limited John Kellaway (JK) – Vopak Martijn Fock (MF) – Vopak</p> <p>Sydney Ports Corporation: Shane Hobday (SH) Marika Calfas (MC) Morgan Noon (MN)</p>	<p>Apologies:</p> <p>Jenny Branighan – Origin Energy James Mather – DP World Paul Weedon – SPC Paul Shepherd – City of Botany Bay Council John Burgess – Community representative</p>
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Agenda Items:

1. Accept minutes of last meeting as correct

Minutes of the last meeting were accepted as correct.

2. Actions arising from previous minutes

Regarding the action for MN to report on a firebreak, MN has forwarded a request to the railways operators and is awaiting a response. **The action remains open.**

On the action for SPC to provide TS with additional Information on wave modelling, TS has been offered the opportunity to review the reports at SPC's Port Botany Expansion offices, with SPC's Tony Navaratne available to clarify any issues.

LN has provided footage of the B60s (rather than a Super B Double) on Bunnerong Rd. She has met with RTA and suggests more liaison between RTA and SPC. She suggested that the impact of the B Doubles on the community was comparable to that of the Super Bs. MN replied that a Super B would not travel that route. However, it is a B Double route nominated by the RTA. Some of these would also use Beauchamp and Denison to access certain complexes. Only 20% of the trucks are ports traffic. He suggested the issue be moved forward by taking it to the Local Traffic Management Committee. It is a council, RTA and SPC issue.

LN agreed that the issue should be taken up outside this committee, although she noted that she had raised it with the Local Traffic Management Committee who didn't seem to have any information on the subject. She noted that it also relates to the SEPP developments.

3. Development activities in the port

Sydney Ports

SH and MC provided an update on the Port expansion works which include continuing reclamation works and the piling of dredged sand. A large dredge is to arrive this Sunday to commence trench dredging for the Counterfort units that will form the outside wall of the reclamation. The dredger will remain for approximately 1 month. The reclamation for the boat ramp is complete and work on the amenities is commencing. A new groyne will be located at the start of Millstream. Works associated with the lookout at the estuary are taking place. Saltmarsh planting has been undertaken. Excavation works on the northern side of Foreshore Rd are for the pedestrian overpass. The reclamation is expected to be complete by about March 2011 and operational by 2012.

Other activities on Botany Bay include the presence of a barge for laying pipes for the desalination plant.

Works are being undertaken on the new Ports administration facility, and SPC hopes to move in by the end of the year.

Proposals for the intermodal terminal at Enfield close at the end of March.

Detailed design for the second bulk liquids berth should be completed in 4-6 months. Ports funding approval for this is being sought.

LN reported that there have been complaints of filthy beaches.

TS also noted presence of mud.

SH responded that there was turbidity due to dredging. The silt curtain was in place to contain this. Turbidity is being monitored and if it exceeds allowable limits dredging has to be shut down.

LN asked whether dredging has so far been shut down due to turbidity. Public perceptions are that the area is dirty.

SH replied that dredging hasn't been shut down.

PP asked whether there would be an extension of the container wharf at that location of the new bulk liquids berth, as he was under the impression that this had been proposed.

SH replied that this had been considered but was deemed to be too expensive due to the deep water in the channel there and the cost of relocating the bulk liquids berth.

LN asked what the final Port capacity would be.

SH replied that it is the same as in the Conditions of Consent.

Tenants

PB reported that DP World was currently monitoring truck turn around times. Also, they were proposing to move the eastern fence on the interterminal access road. There are three sidings here but there are difficulties accessing the 3rd line. DP World is currently going through approval processes to move the fence back towards the neighbouring boundary.

ME reported that a new administration building is planned for the Patrick terminal for July of this year at Gate B110. It would be a 3-4 storey building, hopefully operational by end of year.

LN asked what the approval process would be.

ME was unsure of the approval processes for this.

PP asked whether the area on the right of Patrick Port Services was just for containers or would it become a truck queuing/parking area.

SH replied that it was for container storage only.

PP asked whether there are plans for any further truck parking.

MN replied that there were no proposals for truck parking at present. There are currently some areas undeveloped by the terminals.

AC reported that Elgas was proposing a minor traffic change before gate 53. A groundwater monitoring point is located here which requires safe access. Approval for a slip lane here (on Simblist Rd) is being sought through Randwick Council.

MF noted that the additional tanks for Vopak reported on at last meeting have been commissioned. Testing has been taking place and tanks are ready for the first product to come in.

ST reported that Customs has had a recent break-in through cemetery area. He asked that people witnessing suspicious activity in the area note number plates and report these. LN noted the advantages of people walking around the area in terms of security. She suggested this was another reason to retain the bus depot at its current location. SH reported that SPC has a roving patrol on port roads, but not in the cemetery area.

4. SEPP – Marika Calfas

MC explained to the meeting her understanding of the Proposed Major Projects SEPP amendments. A discussion paper has been distributed publicly and is currently with the Department of Planning, before it moving into legislation. Under current legislation Port Botany and Glebe Island White Bay are identified as state significant sites but the Port of Newcastle and Port Kembla, while containing state significant developments within them, are not state significant sites. MC outlined her understanding of current approval processes for these ports and approval processes under the proposed amendments. She showed a map of the current state significant area around Port Botany and a map of the proposed changes to the area. While the map showing boundary of the state significant site has been slightly expanded, it doesn't change Ports ownership of land. Marika suggested that the proposed amendments are likely to make approval processes more consistent across the ports.

PP asked whether under the proposal, developments at the Botany Beach area such as the boatramp, would be council approved.

MC responded that potentially they would be, depending on the nature of the development.

CA asked whether the map is available on the DoP's website.

MC replied it was, as part of the proposal document.

LN asked that the proposed new map of the area be included in the minutes.

MC noted that the map could be included, but it may be subject to change.

Action: A copy of the map of the proposed revised state significant area around Port Botany be attached to the minutes. (SPC – MC)

NH asked whether the bulk liquid berth had been approved, and whether an Environmental Impact statement had been prepared. Would larger vessels berth at this terminal?

SH responded that it was approved in 2008 by ministerial approval and that an Environmental Impact Assessment was undertaken. The second berth would be of a similar size to the existing.

NH asked whether there would be rail links for this.

SH replied that the rail corridor no longer exists here nor do railheads in most regions.

JK noted that about 30% of product went out by pipeline last year this proportion was expected to increase.

NH asked that regular updates on the bulk liquids berth be provided.

Action: SPC provide the NLG with regular updates regarding the new bulk liquid berth.

LN noted that she thought the proposed amendments give the minister wide power of approval. A media release prior to Christmas suggested the proposal had already gone through. Unless developments are under \$30m the community effectively won't have input. Council is the only government agency the community has.

KA requested feedback on what sort of port facilities would likely be covered by less than \$30m. There is not a great scope for public consultation.

PP asked that if residents experience impacts from vibration during work on the port expansion, who they should appeal to.

SH responded that in the first instance BH-JDN as they were the contractors undertaking the work and the monitoring. If issues are not satisfactorily resolved, then go to SPC.

LN asked what the approved port capacity would be.

SH replied 3.2 million teu's.

5. Community members agenda items

- Pedestrian and Cycle Paths – Lynda Newnam

LN asked whether the proposal for a Botany Bay trail is being redone. She has been trying to get material on a revised proposal.

KA noted it is a study only at this stage. The SSROC intention is for the trail to continue around the Bay, but agreement would be needed from regional councils.

LN noted the first proposal had people diverting around the port from Botany to Yarra Bay.

SH said community input is noted. SPC would defer to council. However concern remains around the interaction between cyclists and heavy trucks.

LN responded that pedestrians and cyclists cope with heavy trucks throughout the district. The previous proposal isolates communities on the La Perouse headland.

- Relocation of Port Bus Depot – Lynda Newnam

LN sought clarification around the draft Randwick Strategy which referred to cooperation between Randwick Council and Ports, but the bus depot was not identified as a port related activity.

KA responded that the LEP was under review. A study was being undertaken which would inform recommendations for the LEP. Council considered the bus depot critical infrastructure. If STA wants it to stay in its current location Council would support this, or assist in finding a suitable location if this was preferred.

CA noted that the community would like the depot to remain where it is.

LN suggested that bus drivers should be part of the committee as they are affected by issues raised here.

SH responded that they have been invited and would be welcome in the future.

Action: SPC to ensure Bus Depot is invited to future meetings.

- Noise from Port Activities (referred from Port Botany Expansion Community Consultative Committee) – John Burgess

SH noted the issue of cumulative noise impacts generally in the area had been raised at the Port Botany Expansion CCC and referred to this committee. SPC is in little position to do anything as cumulative impact studies as SPC can only be held accountable for the contribution from the port.

MC noted that while no recent monitoring of cumulative impacts has been undertaken, these were considered as part of the Port Botany Expansion Environmental Impact Assessment.

LN noted IPART recommendations for 24/7 operations and suggested this was one reason port operations moved from Sydney Harbour.

CA reported there had been noise complaints from residents of Little Bay Rd.

SH emphasised the importance of residents being encouraged to log complaints as they occur so that the source of the complaints can be tracked. There have been very few noise complaints to the complaints line (SPC Harbour Control on 9296 4001) over the past year.

PP reported that noise on Foreshore Rd has been reduced by slowing traffic from 90 to 70kph.

- Truck Driver Amenities – John Burgess

MN reported that SPC has been working on potential areas for truck marshalling. With the IPART taskforce, amenities is an item to be looked at. However, there are few suitable areas

available. The process may take some time. There are up to 5 groups in the taskforce, which are also looking at measures to spread trucks through pricing.

LN asked what amenities are like in Port Brisbane.

MN responded that the port itself doesn't have any, but Patrick's have set up facilities on land they purchased in the Port Brisbane.

ME noted that there are not amenities, but land for waiting trucks.

- **Botany Bay Events – Lynda Newnam**

LN noted the vibrancy of the Brisbane Port area. When SPC operated from Sydney Harbour there was a sense of ownership of the Harbour. This tends not to be the case with Port Botany, although there are many events on Botany Bay. It would be good to see these events publicised through SPC and a sense of ownership. Two weeks ago there were 150 lasers on the Bay. There should be something on website celebrating these events. SPC should take leadership as the main maritime presence.

SH replied that SPC does sponsor events around the Bay such as the Navigators' Cup, but would be happy to consider other proposals as well.

PP suggested that it would be good to see a plaque commemorating SPC's contribution at Sir Joseph Banks Park which is an icon and plaques at the gates show industry contributions.

SH responded that SPC's predecessor, the Maritime Services Board created and paid for the park, and there is in fact a plaque indicating their contribution.

LN asked whether there could be an upgrade of the viewing area in Prince of Wales Drive.

She suggested that it required more than maintenance from maintenance staff.

SH replied that maintenance staff are currently tidying up the area, but LN's point is noted.

NH suggested it would be good to see Botany Bay listed on the Heritage Register.

- **Banksia St Overpass – Nancy Hillier**

SH reported that an action from the Port Botany Expansion CCC was to raise this item at this meeting. Under the Conditions of Consent an alternate pedestrian access is to be provided to the current level crossing at Banksia St. A destination survey, seeking information on where people using this crossing are coming from and where they are going to is being undertaken.

NH asked whether SPC was also researching numbers of people who could use the crossing during a time of evacuation. Is a hazard risk assessment being done?

SH responded that the issue would be taken to the Local Area Emergency Committee. He sees that a risk assessment would be the role of the emergency committee.

PP asked whether in the event of a major incident at the Port, is there a way of letting the community know what to expect.

SH responded that the Port has an Emergency Management Plan with a communication system at all facilities. This system is tested weekly. The emergency services are the agencies to inform the community if a wider evacuation is required. Emergency services sit on Ports emergency committee as well as local committees.

PP asked about the line on the map around the Port he is aware of in relation to emergencies.

SH replied that in the Port Safety Study the statistical line around port looks at cumulative risks. Outside the line there is one chance in a million of a person being killed, which the Department of Planning has determined is an acceptable risk for a residential area.

LN noted that the DoP had been asked to provide one merged map of the Randwick/Botany complex study. She asked SPC whether they could help by encouraging DoP to provide an updated, combined map.

PP noted that in 1996 BP was in Banksmeadow. He asked whether the line has moved since then.

CA replied it hadn't, it is only around the Port. He suggested a concern with the studies is that truck movements are not taken into account. What if a chlorine or LPG truck comes to grief in a residential area?

NH also noted gas pipelines and movement of LPG by rail.

SH noted the responsibility for these rests with DoP.

LN noted that SPC would still get the blame in the event of something going wrong.

- **Noise Attenuation (railway between Page Street overpass and Bay St – Nancy Hillier**

MN noted that the responsibility for noise attenuation for rail operations rests with the rail owner. In this case it would be ARTC if the area is in the Botany Yard and RailCorp otherwise.

- **Fire Break (railway between Page Street overpass and Bay St – Nancy Hillier**

As discussed earlier in the meeting, SPC is awaiting a response from the railways.

- **Orica Southlands**

SH reported that it was brought to SPC's attention by John Burgess that Orica was looking at potential uses for its Southlands area. SPC is considering its position on this.

LN suggested this was related to the Ports expansion. Orica is looking at warehousing which is a port related activity. They want to put a road between Botany and Beauchamp Roads from Foreshore Rd. Lynda suggested the community was concerned that this has been flagged for stage 2 and not as part of stage 1. This would put pressure on Botany Rd.

MC reported that community concerns put to SPC was that the road was going in at all, making an additional exit on to Foreshore Rd. Marika reported that SPC has undertaken to liaise with the DoP so it can be included in the Conditions of Approval stage. If this stage has passed, SPC will ensure that its submissions are taken into account.

PP suggested that the area could lend itself to truck queuing.

LN noted it was her opinion it shouldn't be built on at all as it is a floodplain.

SH noted it would have to go through the approval process.

6. Other Matters

KA reported that Randwick Council was reviewing Economic Strategy and looking at areas the council can be involved in to help the local economy. This is on exhibition till the end of the week. She encouraged the community and business to look this and provide feedback. Encouraging shopping locally was council policy. A forum has been suggested. Council wants to work with businesses in the area. The economic study will provide input into the planning review and the LEP. There will be discussion papers throughout the year as part of the process. One of the first discussion papers will be on the Port and industrial lands. Botany Council is also reviewing plans. These will provide direction for port areas. The NLG will be informed when the industrial paper goes to council. When available, more information will be provided on the Botany Bay trail.

CA asked whether the review would be looking at more open space.

KA responded that it would look at all land uses. Suggestions will be welcomed.

The next meeting is on Tuesday May 19th at 5.30 pm at Vopak Terminals, Gate B47 Friendship Road, Port Botany.