

# NSW Ports Cargo Facilitation Committee



**NSW Ports**

**Minutes of a Meeting of the  
NSW PORTS CARGO FACILITATION COMMITTEE  
(No. 2/2016)  
SICTL Training Room**

**1 Sirius Road, Port Botany  
Wednesday, 27 April, 2016  
(11:00-12:00Hrs)**

**PRESENT:**

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| Mr Adem Long        | NSW Ports (Chairman)   |
| Mr Jason McGregor   | NSW Ports  |
| Mr Steve Gunn       | Transport for NSW  |
| Mr John Preston     | Road Freight Transport NSW                                   |
| Mr Paul Downey      | Road Freight Transport NSW                                   |
| Mr Greg Baldock     | SICTL  |
| Mr John Karamanis   | Maritime Container Services (MCS)                            |
| Mr Nathan Mills     | Maritime Container Services (MCS)                            |
| Mr Andrew Karas     | Shipping Australia   |
| Mr Garry Douglas    | 1-Stop   |
| Mr David Johnson    | 1-Stop   |
| Mr Craig Hall       | Department of Agriculture and Water Resources                |
| Mr Craig McKay      | Price & Speed  |
| Mr Kevin Malouf     | Price & Speed  |
| Mr Stuart McFarlane | Australian Federation of International Forwarders (AFIF) Ltd |
| Mr John Donnell     | Transport for NSW  |
| Mr David Scott      | CBFCA and CFL  |
| Mr Anthony Tzaneros | ACFS Port Logistics  |
| Mrs Sandra Spate    | Minute taker   |

**APOLOGIES AND MEMBERSHIP**

Apologies were received from:

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| Mr Bill Hanley | DP World |
| Ms Megan White | CBFCA    |

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## 2. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

The minutes from February's meeting were accepted.

## 3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

**Adem L to draft possible next steps around early and late carrier arrivals and arrange meetings with those in the container chain around this.**

- Adem L reported the draft is currently being circulated within NSW Ports.
- Paul D has sent another email to RMS but has got no response. Steve G is following this up.

### MO42 Guidelines

- Stuart M had no updates around MO42 update. The Draft Order is out at a high level. Submissions are due by the end of the month.
- Adem L is working on with Ports Australia on their submission. If anyone wants to raise anything for the submission forward it to him.
- David S suggested it is straightforward. If weight isn't verified you won't get in. It will be either option 1 or 2.
- Andrew K suggested there would be little enforcement.
- Adem L said there are no resources to monitor. It is fine for exports from the depot but not from exporters premises. Some want to do the right thing. There is a possibility to retrofit trailers. Some are outlaying money and others going on as are.
- Paul D said they are going down the road of putting scales on trucks but are awaiting what verification and calibration is acceptable.
- David S noted the accuracy level on calibration is very high.
- Steve G said it depends on what the tolerance is for specific weighing devices.
- Craig M said carriers are coming in looking at the weighbridge. They have decided to lift on a forklift and print out results. It is quick and easy and meets standards.

## 4. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

### a. NSW Port Update

#### *February 2016 Trade Update*

- *February 2016 was up 8.9% when compared with the same period last year. This increase is distorted due to some vessels that were supposed to be in the January numbers but due to the industrial disputes in January several large Nth Asia vessels and two SE Asia vessels that called Sydney on the northbound voyage instead of southbound in January.*
- *Import full was up 9% to last year due largely to the vessels that omitted Sydney in January due to some industrial action in Port Botany.*
- *Export full was down 1.6% to last year due largely to a decrease in cereals and logs, paper remained consistent.*
- *Export empty containers is up considerably 15.7% due to an increase in imports in January and the large increase in imports in the first half of February due to the vessels that arrived early Feb which omitted Sydney in January.*
- *There were 91 vessel visits in February which is up 2% on last year*

#### *March 2016 Trade Update*

- *March 2016 was up 2.67% when compared with the same period last year. This increase is marginal and does look distorted against February, however those figures were also distorted due to industrial issues in January.*
- *Import full was up 3.8% to last year due largely to larger exchanges, vessel visits are 86 this year to 83 last year, in March 2016 we had 9 additional vessels in the 5,000 to, 6,000 TEU capacity range providing for larges exchanges.*
- *Export full was up marginally by 1.2%, this volume was driven this year by logs and paper.*
- *Export empty containers is up 11.8%, in the past two months empty exports have increased considerably.*
- *There were 86 vessel visits vs 83 last year, vessels in the 5,000 to 6,000 range increased substantially and vessels in the 4,000 to 5,000 decreased by 15%.*
- *Adem L reported the first train for Enfield ILC with Aurizon, is due on 9<sup>th</sup> May.*

### b. Department of Agriculture

- *Craig H reported that new legislation will come into effect on June 16 with the Biosecurity Act 2015 replacing the Quarantine Act 2008. They are working to make the transition seamless. There will be changes in terminology and signage.*
- *Trials are being undertaken around extending hours for tailgates.*

- Kevin reported Price & Speed have started these which are going well. Adem L has already forwarded information to members.

### **c. CMCCs/ TfNSW Update**

- John D reported they have looked at the first impacts of mandatory standards changes which haven't set off alarm bells. This is in part due to the spread of volume is across the three terminals.
- There is concern regarding densities which are down. Mandatory Standards measures that were designed to get density up have not been implemented by DP World and Patrick. TfNSW is chasing and considering options.
- One impact is on late receivals. It is mandatory to accept trucks up to 30 minutes late. It has had an impact by delaying trucks that arrived on time. There doesn't appear to be concerns from carriers.
- DP World have commenced empty receivals direct to the terminal starting this week. It is a soft launch while they refine the process. TfNSW will work with them to minimise impacts.

### **d. Australian Border Force**

No representatives were present

### **e. Road Transport**

- Paul D reported RFID tags are not being used. Some don't have them. They have discussed an information letter explaining this to carriers.
- John D said emails have been sent to carriers who don't have a tag or are using registration not associated with the tag. There will be follow up emails and then a tag blitz to check all truck's RFID tags. TfNSW will then look to enforce standards, sending show cause letters. TfNSW is also looking at license recognition cameras. They will do all they can before enforcing penalties.
- Steve G reported 15% don't have tags or have tags that don't match registration.
- John P asked to be kept updated about industrial action at Patrick. There was a stop work on Friday.
- John P noted impacts on carriers, especially country carriers with the increase in empty returns to stevedores. Adem L replied they need to get an RFID Tag. John P said there are problems in the short term for carriers if shipping lines don't redirect or where carriers used to take boxes to rail.

- Adem L reported he has assumed responsibility for traffic in the Port. There are a mixed match of road signs particularly on Simblist Road which are confusing to drivers. Tankers are waiting on Simblist Road at 2am for terminals to open at 6am. Adem has been liaising with John P and John D around changes. When finished he will distribute for feedback.
- The right hand of Simblist will have no stopping. Queuing can be extended on the left hand side. There are too many signs on Simblist.
- Over the years there have been issues with dangerous goods tankers. At ACFS on the right hand side of Friendship Road there is room for 10 trailers. There are a couple of options for tankers.
- He thanked both Johns for the input and asked for any suggestions to be forwarded to him.

#### **f. Rail Transport**

- Steve G reported the rail modal share for March was 18% and 16.2% annually. It is up 13.5% on this time last year. Some of this is seasonal volume but a lot is new business, some from the Riverina, the mid North West, Bathurst, and more is coming from far north NSW.
- The Port Botany rail operations group meets today and is looking to fix interface issues to improve rail performance. This is not needed currently but will be needed in the future.

#### **g. Intermodal**

- John K reported the Sydney Flyer has been performing consistently.
- Adem L about Transport for NSW proposed work on regional rail. Steve G reported it is being organised by the Minister and is likely to be released shortly. It is similar to the program of fixing country roads. Proponents can put submissions to TfNSW who will look at submissions, then can provide a full submission for funding.

#### **h. Empty Container Parks (ECPs)**

- Nathan M reported MCS is undertaking some concreting but it should have no impact.
- Jason M asked if numbers on ECPs could be provided again as used to be the case. Adem L noted that Claude M used to do that but is no longer in that role. David W had offered to do this. Adem L will follow up.

## **5. REPORTS BY COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

## 6. OTHER BUSINESS

- David S reported member's frustration at incurring additional costs, when shipping companies force importers to de-hire empty containers at Royal Wolf, Moorebank instead of Port Botany. Some Committee members suggested the additional transport costs, should be referred back to the shipping line.
- Steve G noted some will probably start shipping boxes to intermodals rather than Port Botany so people will know in advance.
- Adem L said an intermodal in Melbourne's is in discussion with Border Force in relation to be set up as a port. If this is approved, it will set a very positive precedent.
- Andrew K suggested volumes won't be high. They don't want their boxes there.
- Paul D said people who own boxes are charging agents to take them to the wharf.

## 7. COMMITTEE MEMBERS – Required Actions by next meeting

- Adem L follow up on figures for ECPs to present to CFC meetings.

## 8. NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 8 June.