

NSW Ports Cargo Facilitation Committee



NSW Ports

**FINAL Minutes of a Meeting of the
NSW PORTS CARGO FACILITATION COMMITTEE
(No. 3/2014)**

**Lakes Business Park, Botany
Wednesday, 11 June, 2014
(11:00-12:30Hrs)**

PRESENT:

Mr Adem Long	NSW Ports
Mr Hart Krtschil	Australian Industry Working Group on Biosecurity (AIWGB)
Mr Greg Lawson	Australian Trucking Association NSW (ATA NSW)
Mr Andrew Waterworth	Australian Federation of International Forwarders (AFIF) Ltd
Mr Andrew Karas	Shipping Australia Limited (SAL)
Mr John Karamanis	Maritime Container Services (MCS)
Mr Craig McKay	Rail Operations Representative
Mr John Donnell	PBLIS
Rod Thorne	Patrick Logistics
Mrs Sandra Spate	Minute taker

APOLOGIES AND MEMBERSHIP

Mr Steve Gunn	Sydney Ports Corporation PBLIS
Mrs Jodie Broadbent	Australian Trucking Association NSW (ATA NSW)
Mr Stephen Ironside	Hutchison Port Holdings (HPH)
Ms Megan White	CBFCA
Mr Allan Flynn	Hutchison Port Holdings (HPH)
Neil Truskett	Patrick Terminals
Shane Hobday	NSW Ports
Jason McGregor	NSW Ports
Sue Tomic	Maritime Container Services (MSC)
Ian Ross	DP World
Claude Varnier	Empty Container Parks Representative

2. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Thank you letter to Michael Moylan

- AL has forwarded the letter to Jodie B for review.

Light sensors

- Adem L said there is nothing to report since the last meeting. RMS have been asked for more specific data. There is an issue that Ports trucks trigger sensors, but don't cause damage. He understands no fines have been issued but signage is confusing with 4.3m on one tunnel, 4.4m on another and 4.6m for those with a permit. More consistency is needed.
- Hart noted the issue has been on the agenda of the CFC for a considerable time and the early indications were that, if the 4.6m limit was enforced, around 50% of trucks may not be able to go through the tunnel.
- Greg L suggested that if there is capacity to go higher it should be higher for fixed height vehicles.
- Rod T reported Patrick will have height sensors on the new WIMS. 4.3m is the height for standard containers.

Super Bs

- Rod T reported Patricks have been told they will have a permit by tomorrow. (This was issued to Patrick 12/6/14)
- Adem L reported that the Patrick side of the wharf, which was under the previously completed Cost Benefit Analysis (to determine if pavement upgrades needed to handle the extra weight can be justified) is now being passed to a consultant working for TfNSW, to take it to the next step.

Road Safety Remuneration Tribunal

- Adem L reported the Australian Logistic Council is pushing to disband it, but there is no further news.

National terminal working group

- Hart K reported that the "port biosecurity facilities consolidation" project was moving slowly. The project aimed at having one central biosecurity facility per port where all container inspections could be carried out.
- If this is agreed by the Department of Agriculture, Hart K has suggested a working group be formed with interested stakeholders to discuss how this will operate
- Need to also run a trial at a central terminal.

4. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

a. NSW Port Update

- Adem L reported trade results are solid, with an expected 4% increase YTD. As normal results will be published on the NSW Ports website.
- Hutchison has started work at Enfield and hope to be operating in the 4th quarter 2014.
- NSW Ports has gone through a Expression of Interest process and are now going through the Request for Tender stage.
- NSW Ports have changed email addresses (to nswports.com.au) and phone numbers.
- Several projects are underway concentrating on increasing rail mode share. This is NSW Ports' number one priority.
- Longer term NSW Ports is focussed on ensuring the current infrastructure can cope with the estimated volumes 20-30 years on.

b. PBLIS/ TfNSW Update

- John D reported great improvements at Hutchisons, with TTT now under half an hour (in the low 20s) and on par with the other two terminals. Invoices are now coming out with testing next week for a single place to check disputes. TTT is improving at DP World. Road interface at port is improving.
- The Mandatory Standards proposed changes are out and stakeholders have till June 18th to respond. Adem L will insert a link to the proposed changes to Mandatory Standards on the website and insert the link in the minutes.

<http://freight.transport.nsw.gov.au/network/cmcc/pblis-regulations-standards.html>

- John D reported an issue with a truck overturning on the Grade Separation leading into Patrick Terminal on Sunday about midnight blocking access for about 6 ½ hours (difficulties finding a crane at that time on the long weekend)
- An issue at the last meeting was payments. Greg L reported these have started trickling out. John D reported they are about four weeks behind.

c. Department of Agriculture

- No representatives were present. Hart K reported the Department restructure should be implemented by July 1.

d. Road Transport

- Greg L reported that with no streamlined approach to red line hazardous containers they have fielded phone calls all weekend in relation to DP World. It can come down to a guard going off shift at midnight saying they have 6 hours or the container goes back onto the ship.
- Hart K noted that previous discussions with the EPA were aimed to have a standard position in relation to all requirements attached to hazardous cargo transport and to provide a clear determination as to the time limits within which containers had to be removed from the terminals. It should be 12 hours.
- Andrew K suggested the issue is with communication. Terminals know if the container is hazardous.
- Rod T noted putting in the UN to the SPC website will give you exact information.
- Greg L suggested a need for an automatic switch saying a container is off the ship now.
- Adem L reported he has provided Hutchison with Patrick procedures, as these seem to have worked well. He will talk to terminals to present to the next meeting on their red line processes.

f. Rail Transport

- Craig M reported cotton has started up again but grain has dropped off. Having no rail at Patricks has put pressure on deliveries, but they are happening.
- Adem L suggested Hutchison hoped for rail by the end of July.

g. Empty Container Parks (ECPs)

- Rod T noted empty parks have been full recently, with Patrick having a lot in the yard last week. A 600 to 700 TEU run out brought levels down.

5. REPORTS BY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Sydney Flyer

- John K reported the flyer commenced on May 6th with 11 round trips to DP World and good cooperation between DPW and Pacific National. Volumes aren't as high as wanted yet, but it is an ongoing process. There has been positive feedback for the concept. An opportune time for a launch would be when Patrick rail is re-opened.
- Hart K asked whether the tailgate position at MCS was resolved. For trucks picking up there needs to be clarity on where a tailgate is done if required.
 - An update has been provided by MCS for the above question:
 - Delayed due to initial non approval from DoA
 - A new pit is required to be installed. Work commenced on 19/6 and expected to be completed and tested by 24/6/14.
 - Once tested, this pit needs to be approved by DoA

Shipping lines

- All good.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

Noise issues

- Adem L updated the Committee on some of the apparent noise issues within the Port precinct. Measures so far include:
 - Qube has now replaced all reversing alarms with flashing lights after OH&S assessments
 - NSW Ports is working with terminals regarding rail gate alarms which have to be on while gates open.
 - NSW Ports have approached other tenants to get summaries of how many forks each site have.
 - Noise is also coming from the Bumborah Road industrial area in the Randwick Council area. NSW Ports are assisting RCC with approaching these tenants.
 - EPA was requested by residents to do a study several months ago.

- The report indicated no noticeable increase in the last five years and no exceedences of the sleep disturbance criteria in the EPA's Industrial Noise Policy
 - EPA has set up a group which NSW Ports and agencies attend to roll out a Port Noise Strategy.
 - NSW Ports representatives have been out in the early hours of the morning.
 - They are talking to RMS about a moveable a traffic island at night to prevent as trucks having to go through Matraville shops.
 - Adem L asked that all CFC members 'have noise' on their radar.
- AFIF reported good feedback from their national conference last week.

7. COMMITTEE MEMBERS – Required Actions by next meeting

- Adem L will insert a link to the proposed changes to Mandatory Standards on the website and insert in the minutes.
- Adem L will talk to terminals to present to the next meeting on their red line processes.

8. NEXT MEETING

Next meeting is Wednesday 13th August.