

MEETING AGENDA
Meeting #34
Port Botany Community Consultative Committee

Location: Online – zoom link as sent in calendar meeting invitation
Date: Tuesday, 22 February 2022
Time: 5.30 pm - 7.00 pm

Attendees	
<p>Community members Charles Abela John Burgess Peter Fagan Mal Jagdev-Imrich Paul Pickering Louise Brawn – Bayside Business Enterprise Centre Patrick Medway – Bayside Chamber of Commerce</p> <p>Council representatives Bronwyn Englaro – Randwick City Council Clare Harley – Bayside Council</p> <p>Port Authority of NSW Glen Young</p> <p>Business representatives Russell Brown – ACFS</p>	<p>Dozie Egeonu – Hutchison Karen Jones – Opal Mark Bernhardt – Origin Energy Michael Kinnell – Origin Energy George Tanevski – Origin Energy Gus May – Patrick Terminals Mark Walker – Qenos Steve Barclay/Trent Gearside – Quantem Derrick Quinlivan – SafeWork NSW Michael Martin – Vopak Alan Chambers – Vopak</p> <p>NSW EPA Erin Barker</p> <p>NSW Ports representatives Bryan Beudeker Jonathan Lafforgue Catherine Pemberton Peter Munro</p> <p>Georgia Peters – Minute taker Roberta Ryan – Chairperson</p> <p>Apologies: Greg Walls</p>

Agenda Items
General Business
<p>1. Welcome, apologies, introductions</p> <p>CP introduces PM as the Head of Corporate Affairs. PM's responsibilities include managing corporate and community strategy.</p> <p>PM discusses his role in community engagement.</p> <p>2. Minutes of last meeting</p> <p>BE provides an update on the matter of beach erosion at Botany Bay.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Randwick Council is seeking grant funding to assess the sea wall, cliff stability, wind erosion and other things.

- The above will work cooperative with landowners and land managers.

JB says that he has flagged the matter of erosion with Council. He is particularly concerned about Frenchmans Bay, Yarra Bay and La Perouse beach.

JB mentions the sea wall Council installed to prevent the playground from being washed away. He notes that half the beach has been washed away.

JB says that from a social licence and responsibility perspective, NSW Ports is responsible for tackling erosion. In his view, the ports deepening and expansion has negatively impacted the beach.

JB says that the Council's review is not occurring soon enough and that this is a time sensitive matter. He asks Ports NSW what actions they are taking to address erosion? He highlights that the environment is precarious, and that bad weather is enough to cause harm to vegetation. He notes that the trees have already been undermined.

NSW Ports says there is no evidence that it is responsible for such erosion.

RR says that there is little need for the Ports to be involved in Council's research.

BE says that the information Council gathers as a part of their research will be freely accessible to all including landowners.

RR believes the Council is the most appropriate avenue for this research.

JB says he does not agree and reiterates the scarcity of time available before environmental damage inevitably occurs.

BB says he does not believe the Ports are to blame for erosion.

RR highlights that, in the last meeting, the group decided that Council was the most suitable avenue to address this issue. She encourages JB to take these issues up one-on-one with the relevant stakeholders, like Council.

BE notes that Council is bound by legislative requirements to consult with public authorities about land management.

RR introduces GY. GY is the acting GM at the Port Authority whose background is in vessel infrastructure and traffic systems.

Actions arising from previous minutes

NSW Ports Business Update

3. Operations update – JL

JL explains that the global disruption to supply chains are ongoing and that there is a high demand for shipping internationally at the moment.

Port Botany, like all other aspects of the Australian economy, has been impacted by the Omicron wave outbreak. He explains that there has been a reduction in total throughput as workers have been sick with COVID or been close contacts. This has also been exacerbated by the surge of annual leave over the Christmas and New Year period.

He says that Port Botany container throughput is back on track now. They are operating at normal levels.

4. Corporate Affairs update –New Head of CA, Molineux Point signage update, PAMA/PBLIS review and Productivity Commission review into Maritime Logistics

CP shares that the signage discussed at previous meetings is not up yet, as initially planned. She says that the design is complete and the order has been placed. She anticipates that this sign will be up in the next couple of weeks and apologises for the delay.

CP says that the Federal Government's Productivity Commission is investigating maritime logistics. NSW Ports will be making a submission to this. CP will provide reports as this project progresses.

The State Government is also reviewing the *Ports and Maritime Administration Act 1995* and the Port Botany Landside Improvement Strategy. NSW Ports will also be making a submission to this.

There is little news on the submissions being provided to these reviews at this point.

CP notes that the Productivity Commission's current terms of reference are very broad and will have to focus as the Inquiry progresses.

CP highlights that maritime logistics are important for community supply. She notes that everyone has felt the ramifications of disruption with COVID. She notes that the Federal Government review is likely a response to these disruptions whereas the State Government PAMA/PBLIS review is unrelated.

Committee Member Updates

5. Port Authority: Port Botany community assets – GY

GY provides an update on the lighting on North Shore Beach. This is commencing this month. The components have arrived and staging commences next week (w/c 28 February). This process will replace 85 solar lights.

GY also notes that a condition assessment of the boat ramp is being conducted. They are developing a plan maintenance system.

JB asks if they will consult with boatowners as a part of this process?

GY says that the focus of the assessment is the condition of the ramp.

JB notes that, historically, the boat ramp has been pulled apart at great cost to the community.

GY thanks JB for bringing that to his attention and says that he will seek feedback.

6. Port Botany Expansion operational update (Patrick/ Hutchison) – GM, DE

7. Tenant developments & round table updates – All & NSW Ports

RR asks for updates from Committee Members.

SS says that the rail project is on schedule to meet its late 2022 – early 2023 date for completion. There has been significant impact on business because of COVID during the Christmas and New Year period. This has impacted productivity.

MW says there has been no real change to operation to report.

SB says Quantem was relatively lucky with COVID cases and that they maintained normal operations throughout the Omicron outbreak.

RB relays a discussion he had with Trevor from NSW Ports about potentially installing a Stop sign on the road coming off Foreshore Rd to Military Rd's T intersection. There was an incident where a cyclist hit truck who was slowly using the T intersection. The cyclist was not injured however the incident has flagged that the situation at this intersection has the potential to be dangerous. There is currently a Give Way sign however this may not be sufficient.

JL says that Trevor raised this at an internal meeting and that they found that the road was not the responsibility of NSW Ports – it is managed by traffic operators.

CH reports that the Risk Management Committee is looking at sea level rise and has a meeting with Council organise for March to consider whether to extend consultancy. She also notes that the Working Group for Industrial Relations is working with the Sydney Commission in relation to the activities of the Port and land use.

PM notes that there is increased traffic on Forest Rd as people are trying to avoid increased tolls on nearby roads. Lots of trucks are taking Forest Rd which is a matter of concern. He says that Frenchmans Rd is also impacted. He notes that there is a new Mayor and Deputy Mayor.

All others signal nothing to report.

8. EPA update – EB

EB notes that the State of Environment Report was released.

The Draft Energy Waste Regulation Amendment is open for public comment until 20 March 2022. This is available on the EPA website on the frontpage for those who are interested.

HSE Update

9. Summary of complaints/incidents – BB

BB reports 3 noise complaints since the last meeting in November 2021. He says this is not unusual at this time of the year. This time last year there were more complaints.

BB notes that one complaint made on 17 January was actually erroneously attributed to Port operations and was in fact about a police operation that was being conducted with helicopters.

In terms of incidents, BB repeats the bicycle incident mentioned earlier. His view is that a Stop sign will not remedy the issue.

BB notes that a noise monitor has been installed at La Perouse Public School in January 2022.

10. Port Botany Expansion Rail Noise (as per CoA 2.28) – BB

No issues.

11. Biosecurity – BB

No biosecurity issues have been monitored.

BB says that the NSW Department of Primary Industries is implementing a marine pest surveillance program commencing later this month. A report about this program has been published. It is looking at Port Botany, Eden, Newcastle and Sydney. They are using divers and Remote Operative Vehicles (RAVs) and are looking for exotic species.

BB will provide a link to that information and provide updates on the above.

<https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/fishing/aquatic-biosecurity/pests-diseases/marine-pests>

Other Business

12. Community member comments

PM is keen for the rail system to be installed to alleviate the strain on the roads.

JB says that in the last meeting it was recorded that the exposed energy lines at La Perouse had been fixed. He has tried to contact Energy Australia (EA) about this operation and has been unable to track down anyone who is aware of this action. JB says that the issue has not been fixed.

CP says that she will forward this question to GW.

JB says, because of erosion, these cables have been visible for 4 years. There were lots of discussion about this issue in 2015 where the strategies suggested were:

1. Relocation
2. Sandbags
3. No action

JB says it may be a long-term issue with vessels coming through. NSW Ports says there is no evidence linking this with vessel movements.

BE says she sent an email to EA to confirm that the operation had been completed. BE said that when she asked what strategies they used to do this, they could not provide any information. BE is concerned about the impact on marine biodiversity.

BE says that she will send through her email exchange with EA to JB, CCs inc. CP and GW.

PP suggests re Yarra Bay and Frenchmans Bay erosion the possibility of using logs similar to how they do in Canada and Melbourne. He says that this relieves swell ad can be moved depending on effectiveness. PP's view is that this strategy can dampen the intensity of waves.

13. AOB

RR asks the community members to reach out to their networks to see if anyone is interested in joining this group. She is planning on putting out an advertisement to local newspapers for expressions of interest.

She reports that the NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment has released new guidelines that the CCC has to comply to.

She asks that people send through suggestions. Ideally, these community members are people who have good business links and representational quality (i.e. people who are well-connected in the community). She is not interested in people who are politically aligned.

RR and PW are to discuss the above further.

RR asks if the group is interested in holding face-to-face meetings.

RR says that full vaccination is a condition of the above.

BB is keen to do face-to-face meetings but with an option to dial-in.

PW suggests a 50/50 model where some people are in-person while others are on Zoom.

RR says that the 50/50 model is not preferable as those who are on Zoom find it difficult to participate.

EB believes that in-person meetings are important for developing relationships and for quality communication. She says that she is based in Parramatta and that holding an in-person meeting during work hours would be preferable for her. She recognises that it is important that community members are able to attend these meetings and that, accordingly, they should be held in Port Botany.

RR asks if anyone is opposed to face-to-face meetings. No one is opposed.

Next Meeting

Tuesday, 24 05 2022

5:30pm – 7:00 pm

Location: TBA