

Meeting No. 148  
Wednesday, 15 December  
2021  
9.00 a.m. – 11.00 a.m.

Inside Industry Visitor Centre

Minutes

Attendees

<p><b>Community members</b> Ron Hales Philip Laird Mark Peterlin Peter Maywald Jess Whittaker</p> <p><b>Business Representatives</b> Dave Allan – Quattro Ports Paul Bollen – Morgan Cement Brian Kiely- Port Kembla Gateway Evan Wissell - Australian Amalgamated Terminals (AAT) Lorrie Zammit – BlueScope Olivia Fanke – BlueScope</p> <p><b>University of Wollongong</b> Andy Davis</p> <p><b>NSW Ports representatives</b> Bryan Beudeker Trevor Brown Catherine Pemberton</p> <p><b>Port Authority of NSW</b> None Present</p> <p><b>NSW EPA</b> None Present</p>	<p><b>Wollongong City Council</b> Renee Winsor</p> <p><b>Dept of Agriculture</b> None present</p> <p><b>Guest Presenters</b> Nigel McKinnon - Deputy Director, Illawarra-Shoalhaven Hydrogen Hub Not present</p> <p>Chris Haley – Chairperson Natalie Murphy – Minute Taker</p> <p><b>Apologies</b> Alison Broad– University of Wollongong Dene Ladmore– LINX Nigel Harpley – Ixom John Morrison – UoW Greg Newman (EPA)</p>
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## **Introduction & Apologies:**

### **1. Introductions & Apologies**

1.1. Welcome attendees & guest presenters – Chris Haley

### **2. Presentation**

2.1. Port Kembla – Hydrogen Hub - Nigel McKinnon Deputy Director, Illawarra-Shoalhaven

- Nigel McKinnon was absent from the meeting

### **3. Round Table Reports**

3.1. Manildra/Simosa – SEPP update overview – Catherine Pemberton (ref Mark Peterlin request)

- Mid Nov Dept of Planning amended legislation: Manildra and Simosa are now going through Dept Planning State Significant Development (SSD) process.
- Manildra is at stage 1 of planning – early consultation. Simosa still not at that stage.
- Planning process on Department of Planning website: Link:<https://mpweb.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/assessment/state-significant-development/ssd-process> (see attached presentation **Appendix A**)
- SSD approval process is similar to a regular Development Application – requires more community consultation than a Complying Development Certificate.
- Amended legislation applies to bulk liquids.
- Community Committee member raised concerns/ dissatisfaction that this forum is the only consulting platform. Development consultation should be available to wider community (*note: the SSD process which Simosa and Manildra will use requires community consultation at Step 3*).
- Early consultation process is now through Dept Planning
- Community Committee member expressed concerns that previous minutes do not reflect questions asked, also requiring presenters to respond to unanswered questions (*note: prior minutes summarised the Q&A section on p3*).
- A community member raised that in the last PKHEG, Manildra/Simosa mentioned they had approval. Trevor Brown representative NSW Ports advised that the reference by Manildra & Simosa to 'approval' meant that NSW Ports had approved/consented that Manildra and Simosa may submit a DA (ie as at the last PKHEG meeting, Manildra & Simosa had not yet made their applications to the regulatory authorities).
- Bryan Beudeker NSW Ports noted to the Committee that during the development application process, an advertisement notifying when the DA is exhibited will be circulated. Also email notifications and other avenues of communication are available to keep those interested in the development abreast of current information.
- Bryan also noted that minutes require to be accepted at each meeting and amendments if any made at this time.
- A community member expressed concerns that people/business residing outside of our area are making decisions that impact our community. The community has expectation Wollongong City Council will take on board community concerns.
- Council representative Renee Winsor has noted the concern received by the Community Committee member and will pass onto the Lord Mayor?
- A community member asked the Committee referring to Point 1: Early consultation, if it is at this point community members are consulted. Trevor Brown, NSW Ports noted that Step 1 'Early Consultation' is the consultation between the department and the applicant (ie not the community consultation). Trevor noted that there will be community consultation/ obligations & opportunities during Step 2 & 3 of the process (Step 2: Prepare the EIS and Exhibit the DA).

3.2. Maldon Dumbarton update – Philip Laird

- Advice from Deputy Prime Minister has advised work will start 2023 on Mount Ousley Interchange. \$200 million allocated to this project. Due completion mid-2026.

3.3. Lord Mayoral Minute: Production, Storage and Transport of Products at Port Kembla – Philip Laird

- Not discussed at this meeting. Move agenda item to next meeting

3.4. Motions - proposed by Peter Maywald Community Rep CF7

**Motion 1.**

*That PKHEG join with NF5, NF7 and Port Kembla Pollution Meeting to request that Wollongong City Council undertake, require or identify in relation to Port Kembla Harbour operations:-*

- 1) *the routes that trucks must use and specifically prohibit those through residential neighbourhoods;*
- 2) *regular surveys to monitor truck movements associated with Port operations*
- 3) *the proportion of trucks using Mount Ousley going to or from Port Kembla Harbour*
- 4) *the potential for the use of existing rail infrastructure as an alternate to road transport and*
- 5) *the levy to be applied for road upgrades and repairs if rail cannot be used.*

<b>Queries relating to:</b>	<b>Responses/Updates</b>
Motion 1.	<p>Mount Ousley is a state owned and managed road therefore Wollongong City Council is unlikely to accept all 5 items in Motion 1.</p> <p>Trevor Brown NSW Ports questions whether WCC is the right agency to address all of the 5 points in Motion 1.</p> <p>Trevor Brown NSW Ports suggested Items 2-5 be put to Dept of Transport. Suggested amendment asking to support the thrust of Motion 1 and follow up with Dept of Transport on behalf of PK Environment Group Committee.</p> <p>Bryan Beudeker NSW Ports suggested a WCC Snr officer who liaises with Dept of Transport NSW attend a PKEG Committee meeting to listen to and address concerns from Committee members. Also suggested for a Transport for NSW representative to attend the next meeting also.</p> <p>Committee resolved to invite Wollongong City Council Senior Officer to next PKEG meeting</p> <p>Committee resolved to invite representative Transport for NSW to the next PKEG meeting</p> <p>Committee resolved to write to Wollongong City Council asking for WCC support for Motion 1.</p>

**ACTION:** Committee resolved to invite WCC Senior Officer to next PKEG meeting.

**ACTION:** Committee resolved to invite representative Transport for NSW to the next PKEG meeting

**ACTION:** Committee resolved to write to Wollongong City Council (WCC) asking for WCC support for Motion 1.

**Motion 2.**

*That Manildra be asked to give further consideration to use of rail to move ethanol to Port Kembla and that Simosa be asked to give further consideration to use of rail to move bitumen from Port Kembla.*

<b>Queries relating to:</b>	<b>Responses/Updates</b>
Motion 2.	<p>It is suggested that communication be sent from this group to Manildra and Simosa thanking them for their presentations to this Forum and to consider further rail transport as an option.</p>

**ACTION:** Communication to be sent to Manildra and Simosa thanking them for their

presentations at PKEG meeting and to further consider rail transport as per PKEG Committee members concerns regarding transport management within and around the harbour.

**Motion 3.**

*That the NSW Government be requested to facilitate the use of rail for these proposed new developments, if need be, by introducing a Mode Shift Incentive Scheme to apply to Port Kembla similar to that applied in Victoria.*

Queries relating to:	Responses/Updates
Motion 3 Mode Shift Incentive Scheme (incentives to move to rail)	Financial incentives for Rail usage, lower emissions, reduce noise pollution etc. Penalties for not using rail if was mode of transport was available but not used. Trevor Brown NSW Ports noted to have successful rail transport there needs to be a Point A to Point B. Import cargo distributed to a number of points across the state, rail is not sufficient. Required scale to keep operating efficiency For Manilda, scale will be a possible challenge. Possibility to truck exports to Port Botany for distribution. Dave Allen Qube, confirms rail has limitations and pushes traffic congestion to other areas. Does affect the bottom line. Committee resolved to postpone Motion 3 for further investigation and conversation. Agenda item at next PKEG Meeting in February 2022.

**ACTION:** Add Motion 3 to the next PKEG meeting agenda in Feb 2022

**3.5. UOW – Andy David**

- UOW working with a team from Barbados regarding anchorage cruise ships impacting the reef. Mapping provided by DPIE.

**4. Climate Change / Sustainability Initiatives**

**4.1. NSW Ports Community Service Grants – Catherine Pemberton NSW Ports**

- Launched in September 2021. \$63,000 awarded to local community groups including: Dress for Success, Kemblawarra PS, PK Junior Rugby League, Cringilla PS, SYC Rehabilitation, coaching and mentoring, South Coast Writers Centre, PK District Meals on Wheels, PK Youth Project, Coniston PS, Community Cancer Link, PCYC Wollongong, PK Public School.

**4.2. Port Kembla Habitat Offset Packages Presentation - Bryan Beudeker NSW Ports Appendix B**

- Department of Fisheries recommended areas of focus become Gurungaty Waterway and Purrah Bay Reserve.
- Gurungaty Waterway in summary, removing part of the causeway and open channel to enhance flow with environmentally friendly seawall resulting in an increase of habitat and fish mobility. Consistent with NSW Weirs Policy.
- Purrah Bay Reserve offset in consultation with WCC. Consistent with Illawarra Coastal Management Plan. Work managed by WCC contractor and once approved works will start 2023 for committed program of 3 years.
- Committee discussed public access with enhanced walking tracks.
- Monthly or quarterly reports tabled by WCC with photographic timeline taken.
- WCC vegetation plan for the area for longer term management of site after completion.
- Condition 2.11 and 2.12 Outer Harbour Development Plan was activated therefore AIE prepared environmental report and ongoing monitoring. AIE working with NSW Ports on this offset.
- Sand on Foreshore Rd will go back to LNG site and also recreation area.
- Allans Creek does not form part of this offset. Land next to Freeway is owned by BlueScope.
- Committee member asked about potential for Bluescope initiative for Allans Creek. Lorrie Zammit representing BlueScope added there are no future initiatives at this time for Allans Creek.

- AIE required to monitor offset program with extensive conditions overseen by NSW Ports Brian mentions previously WCC monthly or quarterly reports
- Committee expressed concerned that science behind inhouse monitoring is not robust. Possible opportunity for student involvement from UOW.
- If opportunity for supplementary funding available NSW Ports happy to discuss with WCC.
- Peer review of monitoring involved. Can it be done by UOW or third party.
- Committee raised concern no attendee from AIE present due to the size of these developments.

**4.3. AAT Terminals – Power reduction usage initiatives & achievements – Evan Wissell AAT Terminals**

- Solar 98kWp installation to warehouse
- All warehouses converted from metal halide to LED
- All floodlights converted from metal halide to LED
- All HMLT towers converted from metal halide to LED
- Redevelopment of site, removal of energy inefficient portable offices and amenities and replaced by energy efficient 2 story office complex.
- All remaining portable office lighting converted from fluorescent tubes to LED tubes.

**5. Legislation and Policy**

**5.1. Illawarra and Shoalhaven Transport Plan – Chris Haley, Appendix C & D**

<https://future.transport.nsw.gov.au/plans/illawarra-shoalhaven-regional-transport-plan>

- Appendix C: Letter from PKEG to Paul Scully
- Appendix D: Return correspondence from Paul Scully
- Appendix E: Letter from Morgan Cement

**5.2. Productivity Commission review of Australian Maritime Logistics System – Catherine Pemberton (for information: see slide 10, **Appendix A**).**

**6. Next Meeting:**

**DATE:** TBC February 2022  
**VENUE:** TBC  
**TIME:** 9.00 a.m. to 11.00 a.m.