

Meeting No. 141
Wednesday, 05 February 2020
9.00 a.m. – 10.30 a.m.

NSW Ports' Board Room, Level 3 Maritime Centre
91 Foreshore Road, Port Kembla

Minutes

Attendees	
<p>Community members Mark Peterlin Ron Hales Peter Maywald</p> <p>Business Representatives Nigel Harpley - Ixom Evan Wissell - Australian Amalgamated Terminals (AAT) Lorrie Zammit – Bluescope Steel Brian Kiely – PK Gateway Dene Ladmore – Quattro Ports Paul Glynn – Linx CC</p> <p>University of Wollongong John Morrison</p> <p>NSW Ports representatives Trevor Brown Vida Cheeseman Sarah Downey</p>	<p>Wollongong City Council Renee Winsor Isabelle Ghetti</p> <p>EPA Greg Newman Cara - Intern</p> <p>Dept of Agriculture Kiri Calver</p> <p>Chris Haley – Chairperson Natalie Murphy – Minute Taker</p> <p>Apologies John Macpherson – Pacific National Sharad Basin – Port Authority of NSW Brendan Moss- GrainCorp Andy Brownjohn – BOC Gases Paul Bollen – Morgan Cement</p>

Update from Isabelle Ghetti, WCC : Storm Water Pollution

Trevor Brown: There is a need to look for initiatives to protect against storm water pollution. Particularly Allan Creeks catchment. Suggesting Floating Litter Boom similar to Fairy Creek collecting gross pollutants before they enter the Harbour. Seeking joint proposal for litter boom around Allans Creek.

Isabelle Ghetti: Council is currently upgrading and retrofitting a trash rack on Spring Hill Rd. Looking at existing infrastructure and maintaining it well is a priority for council. Council are upgrading the stormwater quality improvement device in JJ Kelly Park.

Isabelle Ghetti: Isabelle to do so some more research on the area of interest- Allans Creek and will come back to the committee. Councils ongoing issue is with funding the ongoing and long-term maintenance. Council needs to look at long- term solutions to maintenance requiring ongoing funds. Stormwater quality improvement device planned for Port Kembla

with drainage to the beach. Design concept completed by end of this financial year. Implemented by next financial year.

ACTION: Isabelle to provide a response regarding current stormwater quality controls in the Allans Creek catchment and opportunities for further improvement measures.

Peter Maywald: Peter has raised storm water pollution with BlueScope who are on board. BlueScope has a rolling fund which may be able to be used for the maintenance.

Ron Hales asked what is the regularity of maintenance and how is it checked?

Isabelle Ghetti: Key areas are identified by City Works and those key areas are checked and maintained.

ACTION: Isabelle to confirm regularity of maintenance at next meeting.

Lorrie Zammit: Questioned whether Council monitors the trash collected at these points and if there is any minimisation of pollution coming from these sources?

Isabelle Ghetti: There is evidence suggesting since the container deposit scheme has been put in place, there is less plastic collected at these key points. Data has been collected.

ACTION: Isabelle to report back the findings from the data collected at the next meeting.

1. Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting No. 140 held on Wednesday, 4 December 2019

The minutes of the meeting 140 were confirmed.

2. Key Initiatives and Actions

Trevor Brown: NSW Ports

- Sustainable Development guidelines should be completed by March
- Plan launched last year
- Storm water pollution plan presented last meeting
- Guidelines for storm water and waste management due for completion in March
- Illegal dumping of waste – complete. Last meeting
- Water boom: Isabelle discussed at today's meeting
- Pest and weed control: deferred until next year
- Sustainable Anchoring – stage 1 complete. Seeking further funding
- Educational resources for school – working up strategies
- Website discussions; To be discussed at a later meeting. Group website delayed

3. Climate Change

Renee Winsor: Wollongong Council adopted emission targets at beginning of Dec. Net zero emissions for Wollongong City by 2050 and net zero emissions by the Council by 2030. Targets are in line with the state government. Collaboration will happen between council and industries. Currently in early stages of development.

Greg Newman: Climate change is referred to at Federal level – not at State level. EPA are not looking at Climate Change as an agenda item.

4. Road and Rail Infrastructure

Trevor Brown: Not aware of any significant issues. Working in collaboration with Pacific National and RMS to do a review of our level crossings and to bring them up to standard. Sought funding through RMS for boom gates but this was unsuccessful. Cost of bridges at this stage is unsubstantiated.

5. PKHEG Website

Trevor Brown: Submit further ideas for website delivery at next meeting

6. Legislation and Policy

Lorrie Zammit: Waste legislation has changed in Victoria due to a couple of incidents in the last 12 months. It has incorporated improved environmental controls. Minimising environmental impact whilst improving overall health of the community. Victoria has tightened up waste management. E-waste i.e. laptop screens are totally banned in landfill.

7. Round Table

Renee Winsor: Council is preparing a Climate Change Mitigation Plan. The timeframe is to be on exhibition in May. Key stakeholders should view and comment. The Sustainability document will also be on view in May with opportunity for collaboration and comment to Council.

Mark Peterlin: Letters were written by Port Kembla Pollution Meeting to Dept of Planning last Oct with concerns regarding potential developments in the Outer Harbour and the proposed 37km pipeline from Port Kembla through our bushland to Wilton. Mark has also prepared a map showing the location of “volatile” industries around the port. Hazards and risks associated with current industries in the area need to be considered before making any decisions. Mark also expressed concern regarding the operation of an asphalt plant and that an asphalt plant would provide very limited ongoing employment as opposed to the operation of an overseas passenger terminal which has the potential to provide many ongoing jobs.

ACTION: Mark Peterlin to provide copy of the map with current industries at the Harbour to include in the minutes. Letters to Dept of Planning also to be attached.

Trevor Brown: The planning scheme for the major ports in NSW (known as the Three Ports SEPP) allows some developments to go through as a complying development. Any proposed developments involving significant quantities of hazardous substances or handling of dangerous goods need to be accompanied by key studies of associated hazards and risks. AIE (GAS terminal project) developers are in the process of seeking a modification to their approval. The modification is due to greater than expected demand from the community as clients for the gas in the cooler months.

The Outer Harbour Development is subject to a Major Project Approval with substantial conditions to ensure impacts are appropriately managed. NSW Ports have a 30- year Master Plan for the Harbour to be utilised as a container terminal with short term plans for other uses also being considered.

In 2019, NSW Ports worked with local industry and EPA to assess the risk of major environmental incidents associated with industries located at Port Kembla. An Executive Summary of the outcomes of the study has been prepared.

ACTION: Trevor Brown to discuss the summary at the next meeting.

Trevor Brown noted the modification to the LNG Project was received last September. Dept of Planning needs to determine if the modifications will be accepted.

Wollongong Heritage Collections (WHC) group have taken over the Breakwater Battery Museum. There are painters working on the interior of the building provided for by a grant.

Sea Scape Café: Expect a new outlet operating in late Feb. An Italian pizza bar is opening with a liquor licence. Currently being refurbished.

Mark Peterlin: Mark noted concern from marine branch employees with the liquor licence at the new premises.

Nigel Harpley: IXOM are in final stages of commissioning the new tanker loading bay. Live testing of the systems should be in operation by next meeting.

Vida Cheeseman: Research was recently conducted on the reputation of NSW Ports. 9 participants from this meeting group took part and feedback was collected from a random selection of residents within local postcodes as well. There was an overall rating of “strong” with Industry Groups. The “average” Community group rating was lower. The community want to see sponsorship and partnerships within the community. Requesting governance and transparency in business.

The Website project is in the design phase. Comments and suggestions of what you would like to see highlighted on the website is invited. An invitation will be sent out to you in the near future to participate.

The Education Portal: Is on hold as the website is the current priority.

NSW Ports news and headlining stories have been broadcasted on digital platforms like LinkedIn and are making good traction.

Peter Maywald: Peter noted that there are community groups in the Illawarra that do not have access to digital media and requested these demographics be updated of harbour news via other means.

Brian Kiely: Port Kembla Gateway rail movements were affected for a period of time due to fires. Warping on the line at Lithgow occurred resulting in delays. Business as usual now. Dry-fogging: All the equipment on site has been installed. Services are held up in China.

Greg Newman: EPA: Caught up in the fires. Sinter Plant Waste Gas Cleaning Plant will be turned off for 3 months to replace duct work that handles the waste gas.

Evan Wissell: AAT is converting 100% of its yard lighting to LEDs on site. Due for completion in the next month. Reduction in power in one substation by 60%, other areas 40% and 20%.

Dene Ladmore: Quattro Ports: 2020 will see continuing partnership with Manildra Group. (Nowra). Ongoing east coast drought. Hopefully next year we will export again.

Kiri Calver: Agriculture, Water and the Environment – new name change. No change to business.

8. Next Meeting:

DATE: 01 April 2020
VENUE: NSW Ports Board Room
Level 3, Maritime Centre
91 Foreshore Road
PORT KEMBLA
TIME: 9.00 a.m. to 10.30 a.m.

RSVP: Trevor Brown on Telephone: 4275 0714
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Attachment to Minutes of PKHEG Meeting No. 141 held on 5 February 2020

From: [Mark Peterlin](#)
To: [Trevor Brown](#)
Subject: FW: Cssi 18 9471 AIE Port Kembla Gas Terminal
Date: Monday, 27 January 2020 6:52:02 PM
Attachments: [harbour.development.doc](#)
[Port Kembla Gas Terminal.doc](#)
[volatile.industries.in.wollongong.PNG](#)

Hello Trevor,

Attached please find some letters that we would like to be tabled at the PKHEG meeting.
The chart that I mentioned in my previous email is also attached.

Thank you
Mark Peterlin

From: crab4@internode.on.net [mailto:crab4@internode.on.net]
Sent: Sunday, 26 January 2020 6:01 PM
To: Mark Peterlin <MPeterlin@portauthoritynsw.com.au>
Subject: Fw: Cssi 18 9471 AIE Port Kembla Gas Terminal

From: crab4@internode.on.net
Sent: Monday, December 16, 2019 12:15 PM
To: Rose-Anne.Hawkeswood@planning.nsw.gov.au
Subject: Cssi 18 9471 AIE Port Kembla Gas Terminal

Hello Rose- Anne,

Attached please find the following documents:

A submission from the Port Kembla Pollution Meeting (PKPM),
A letter from PKPM to the Planning Minister, and
A chart outlining the location of volatile industries in the Illawarra.

These three documents form the basis for our submission on the above project.

yours faithfully

Mark Peterlin

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Department of Planning Industry and Environment
Director Southern Region
Att: Ms Lees

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20/10/19

Hello Sarah,

ref: MDPE19/2711

The Port Kembla Pollution Meeting (PKPM) has recently written to Mr Scully and Mr Stokes expressing concerns regarding the future development of Port Kembla Harbour and adjacent areas.

Of particular concern to the PKPM committee members are those developments that fall under the Three Ports Sepp and the means by which those developments are approved.

Our primary concerns are:

That complying development proposals are initiated, developed and progressed to approval stage without notification to the community which in turn means it is not possible for the community to effectively assess and have input into these proposals before commencement of construction.

That under The Three Ports SEPP the State Government can (and has) allow(ed) development proposals to proceed by permitting private certification without full and transparent public consultation of D.A.s.

That because NSW Ports is now a leased enterprise there is an appetite to develop Port Kembla Outer Harbour, meaning that for NSW Ports any revenue stream is better than none and consequently any business, regardless of its impact on the community, may be allowed to proceed.

Also,

Mr Stokes, in his letter (referenced above), says " Further proposed amendments to the 3 ports SEPP seek to unlock additional and essential routine

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development potential to be assessed and determined via a streamlined approval pathway such as exempt and complying development.”

We understand the benefits of growth BUT complying developments do not permit any community consultation.

Mr Stokes says “Complying developmentmust meet strict conditions and criteria.” The vague application of “strict conditions and criteria” gives no comfort to a community that has endured decades of being poisoned by many industries that have had “Strict license Conditions and Criteria” written into their licenses yet those same industries perpetually assaulted the community with their toxic fumes and fallout.

Mr Stokes also says “ Any major development of a contentious nature will include opportunities for community consultation.”

We have concerns about what criteria will be used to determine whether a proposal is major, contentious and significant. These terms are too vague to offer the community any certainty that full and genuine consultation will occur.

The Port Kembla Pollution Meeting Committee members seek reassurance that all future development (and those in the pipeline already) for Port Kembla Harbour and precincts will be fully disclosed to the community and that genuine consultation be afforded to the whole community.

This would mean that the Port Kembla / Illawarra community are given full details of the project, full details of the applicable controls, details of the planning process to be considered, details of license conditions and -if not licensed- details of why it is not licensed. Most importantly the community expects to be afforded the opportunity to analyse and comment on all developments applications.

Further to these concerns and most alarming to the Illawarra community is the aggregation of highly volatile industries in Wollongong.

Illawarra is now home to:

- Two volatile grain handling facilities,
- One volatile fuel depot (adjacent to the two grain facilities),
- One volatile coal terminal,
- One sewer treatment plant (potentially volatile),
- One large volatile fuel storage farm,
- One volatile fuel oil berth,
- One acid processing plant (potentially volatile),
- One acid berth
- One volatile LNG processing facility (proposed),
- One volatile hydrogen power plant (proposed),
- One asphalt plant (proposed),
- One highly volatile fertilizer plant (proposed),
- Two volatile extremely large gas storage tanks,
- One volatile gas processing plant ,

**One coal tar facility,
One volatile blast furnace and associated volatile infrastructure**

All these facilities are contained within a 2.5 by 3.5 square kilometre area and are dispersed amongst a web of pipelines carrying their volatile products; and the city of Wollongong and residential area surrounds all the above . See the attached chart.

It should be evident that approval to construct and operate major or minor facilities should not be performed in isolation from other developments and that by allowing complying developments without community consultation is denying the democratic process, which evidently opens the door to a potentially dangerous and perhaps catastrophic situation for Wollongong and its residents.

The Port Kembla Pollution Meeting has lodged objections to the use of private certifiers and Complying Developments both to parliamentarians, NSW Ports (through the PK Harbour Environment Group) and the SEPP review that occurred recently.

The Port Kembla Pollution Meeting remains steadfast in its objective to work co-operatively with industry and government. The committee does not object to the establishment of industry but we DO object to the negative impacts that industry may have on the community.

We would like to point out that the Port Kembla Pollution Meeting has been dealing with pollution issues for more than 30 years. All these pollution issues have been born from vague interpretation of ineffective license conditions, corporate persuasion over governments and false promises of “Strict governance” by politicians.

In other words the Port Kembla Pollution Meeting Committee members have seen it all before and as a consequence the community are very engaged, aware, enlightened and wary of false promises.

We believe our concerns are very real and that there is potential for catastrophe as has been evidenced by recent incidents of major fires within industry and the ongoing problem of an underground fire at Cringila Public School which has been burning for years.

**Yours faithfully
Helen Hamilton /Mark Peterlin
for and on behalf of PKPM**

**cc Minister Stokes,
cc Minister Paul Scully,
cc Lord Mayor Gordon Bradbury**

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The Director – NSW Planning

16/12/19

Att: Rose-Anne Hawkeswood

Re: Modified DA Port Kembla Gas Terminal CSSI 18 9471

The Port Kembla Pollution Meeting (PKPM) has received notification that a modification to the above proposal has been submitted.

We (representatives of the Port Kembla Community) have met with AIE in the past and through those discussions we were informed of various aspects of concern of the proposal, namely dredging, safety, volatility, risk of explosion and the environmental impacts of cooling water.

We have reservations about the control over each of the above and the level of risk associated with each of the above. We rely on planners and administrators to make sure that adequate controls and limits are placed on the project.

The fragmented tactical approach by developers to lodge a DA using “small numbers” to limit the interest in their project then submit a modification which changes the project significantly should not be permitted.

As is the case in this instance we argue that this project (AIE PK Gas Terminal) now needs complete reassessment as it could readily be seen as a new project in that the volumes proposed in the modification greatly change a large number of facets of the original proposal.

In other words to double the number of vessels doubles the volume of product which doubles the environmental impact and doubles the risk.

When we speak of environmental impact we mean the potential impact of the revised volume of cooling water that will be released into the harbour. The public are smart enough to realise that to say the impact to the harbour environment is minimal is false. We probably do not fully

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understand the total and long term impact of the release of cooling water into Port Kembla Harbour, particularly in the volumes now proposed.

When we speak of risk we mean that the Illawarra is congested with highly volatile industries and to double the through put of gas significantly increases the risk of explosion, terrorism and devastation of the Illawarra. The public are smart enough to understand that there is a risk of terrorism and /or explosion (intentional or not) with gas pipelines and to say it is not an issue is false.

A new 37 kilometre pipeline also changes the project significantly in terms of the environmental impact during its construction and the footprint that it will consume as well as changing the risk factor of the whole project in terms of the potential risk of explosion or interference anywhere along that 37 kilometres of pipeline and the return of that explosion back to the source at berth 101. What would happen then would be catastrophic.

We have previously written to the Planning Minister with our concerns about the congestion of volatile industries in The Illawarra and we enclose a copy of that letter with this submission.

We also enclose a copy of a chart which details the location of highly volatile industries in very close proximity to each other including the proposed Hydrogen Generation Plant which has been rumoured to be located right next door to the Port Kembla Gas Terminal.

In light of our very real concerns about the Illawarra being a potential bomb and the fact that AIE have surprisingly submitted a DA modification a few months after the initial DA (with the potential for further modifications if things change again); we ask that the modified DA be completely re assessed and treated as a new DA.

With that assessment we ask that international terrorism agencies be consulted, master plans be developed for the potential catastrophic destruction of parts of the Illawarra and most importantly we ask that Governments set up a task force to examine the economic impact of a major catastrophic event on the economy of Illawarra , NSW and Australia.

We acknowledge that there is a need for energy supply (but that is predominantly due to Governments selling off Australia's resources) and we acknowledge that there are inherent dangers in heavy industry but given the adhoc approach to development in the Illawarra with regard to

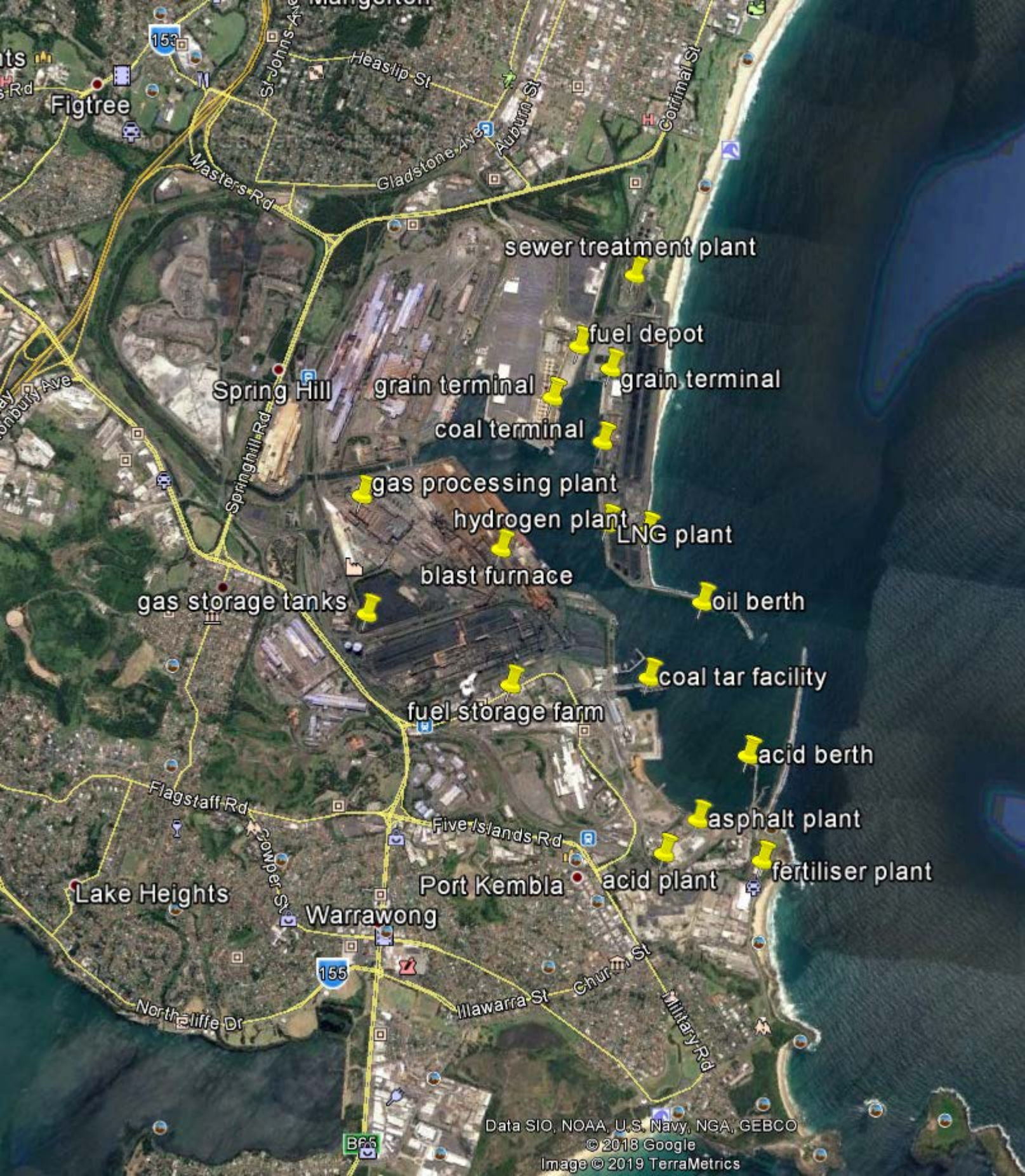
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volatile industry we wish to now object to this proposal and ask for a complete reassessment with consideration of the above and consideration of the agglomeration of volatile industries in the Illawarra.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Mark Peterlin
For and on behalf of PKPM.



sewer treatment plant

fuel depot

grain terminal

grain terminal

coal terminal

gas processing plant

hydrogen plant

LNG plant

blast furnace

gas storage tanks

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