

Minutes of the Port of Brisbane Corporation Community Consultative Committee meeting

**Held at the Visitors Centre, Port of Brisbane
Wednesday 9 May 2007**

Present:

Rick Morton (Chairman), Nikki Wood (Secretary), Rosie Field (Convenor), Jill Greenhill (Bayside Creeks Catchment Group), Dennis O'Neill (North Point Residents Group), Cameron Thorpe (Port Community), Barry Wilson (The Rivermouth Action Group Inc), Simon Baltais (Wildlife Preservation Society), Margo Canavan (Pinkenba Neighbourhood Watch), John Dobson (Moreton Bay Environmental Alliance), Sarah Alexander (Wynnum Chamber of Commerce), Christine Briggs (Wynnum Manly Regional Development Partnership), Ian Hill (Wynnum Manly Regional Development Partnership), Brad Kitchen (PBC), Bill Morley (PBC).

Apologies:

Sandra McLeod (Hemmant Community), Pamela Pavey (Manly Chamber of Commerce), Bill Benham (Rotary Club of Port of Brisbane), Catherine Brosnam (Wynnum Chamber of Commerce)

Guests:

Narelle Daniels (Department of Main Roads), Bob Wagner (Department of Main Roads)

1. Introduction of new members and observers

Rick noted the apologies and welcomed Sarah Alexander as the alternate for Catherine Brosnan from the Wynnum Chamber of Commerce.

Rick introduced Narelle Daniels and Bob Wagner from the Department of Main Roads, who presented to the Committee on the Port of Brisbane Motorway Upgrade Planning Study.

2. Port of Brisbane Motorway Upgrade Planning Study

Narelle provided an overview of the Port of Brisbane Motorway, from stage 1 to the current upgrade, including the community engagement process, the environmental and engineering investigations, the refinements to the original design and options for the staged development of the project.

Bob provided information on traffic flows and designs of the various sections of the motorway.

Members were given a pack containing a detailed map of the design and invited to provide feedback on the project.

Access to and from Pritchard Street concerned a number of Committee members, including the number of intersections that the public would have to pass on the 'on' and 'off' ramps to the port and the city.

Narelle said that Pritchard Street had been highlighted as an area of concern by a number of local agencies and businesses and that the changed traffic arrangements would make the intersection much safer.

Sarah asked about the possibility of an alternative route to Wynnum via Tanker Street. Narelle said that Tanker Street was to be redesigned for the tankers coming and going from Santos, and that there were a number of obstacles, including the rail line and wetlands, preventing the linkage of Tanker Street to Wynnum Road.

Simon asked about the amount of wetlands that had been earmarked to be resumed in the first part of the Stage 2, and suggested that the Department of Main Roads look at developing an offset policy in this regard.

Christine was concerned about the conditions of the roads in the Anton Street area. Narelle said that these roads were the responsibility of the Brisbane City Council, but indicated that the Council had earmarked this area for an upgrade.

3. Approval of minutes

The Committee approved the minutes of 14 February 2007 as being a true record of that meeting.

4. Business arising

WSUD

Rick informed the Committee that a presentation on Water Sensitive Urban Design would be given at a later meeting.

Annual fees

Members were informed that the annual fees were currently being processed.

5. Stevedoring update

Cameron gave an update on the port's stevedoring activities. The biggest issue facing both stevedores is the increased activity required to manage the rate of trade growth.

DP World's two new post-Panamax container cranes are due in June, and last month the company successfully demolished and removed its oldest container crane. The post-Panamax will handle the larger container ships that are starting to call at the port.

Hutchinson Port Holdings Limited (HPH) was announced as the operator for Berths 11 and 12, with the berths due to be operational in 2012 and 2014 respectively. Brisbane is the first Australian port to announce a third stevedore.

Truck queuing has not been a problem for the port over the past couple of months, but the port is about to enter its busiest period leading up to Christmas. This will place pressure on all port businesses, ie. stevedores, container parks, trucking companies, to consider a 24-hour working day. The Corporation supports a 24-hour port operation.

6. Port mangrove health

Brad presented on the health of the mangroves adjacent to the port, with the most degraded mangroves located on the land side.

The cause of the degradation is unknown, but is most likely a combination of primarily natural and man-made impacts.

The same type of degradation is occurring to mangroves along the coast at a number of locations, including St Helena Island and Victoria Point.

Brad advised that there is no evidence that port-related activities are impacting the mangroves near the port.

The Corporation is working with a number of universities and government agencies to use the port as a model in an attempt to identify why this is occurring.

See presentation – Port of Brisbane Mangrove Health

7. Portable water consumption at the port

Brad presented on how the Corporation had reduced its potable water consumption by more than 90% since 2003.

Strategies adopted have included alternative water eg. seawater, recycled water, harvested rainwater; the installation of water tanks at Corporation offices; education of staff and tenants; and a port tenants water forum.

We are also looking at a number of future options, including shared rainwater tanks.

See presentation – Port of Brisbane Corporation Water Use

8. Discussion on top five issues

Rick presented on the top issues provided by each Committee member, explaining that aim was to increase the relevance of our annual reporting to Committee members and the groups they represent, and improve communication between the community and the port.

The top environmental issues including port environmental impacts, such as ground water and stormwater, dredging, greenhouse gas emissions and climate change. The social issues including community and business opportunities, road and rail transport, the power lines and Caltex refinery.

Rick provided a breakdown on each issue, which included the current situation and future opportunities.

Rick concluded the presentation with an invitation for each Committee member to prepare a brief talk outlining their group's role in the community, its objectives and how information from the Community Consultative Committee is distributed to the group.

Dennis agreed to be the first member to present to the Committee at the next meeting.

Simon indicated his interest in the stormwater run-off study that Brad is undertaking with the Queensland University of Technology, as well as any projected dredging activity, and any other impacts that may result from the increasing size of ships.

Rick informed the Committee that the Corporation was beginning to talk to port tenants about greenhouse gas emissions, and that it was currently undertaking an air-quality baseline study that would compare the port's air emissions with Long Beach Port at Los Angeles.

Christine asked about retail opportunities at the port for local businesses.

Rick said that Port Central One, which was the first commercial office to be built in the commercial and retail precinct, had three

retail outlets. The Corporation would operate one as a café. The other two outlets would be leased.

Sarah asked about the possibility of local businesses being placed on a supplier register for port businesses. Nikki said that while the Corporation was interested in engaging local businesses and that the register would be useful, the Corporation could not influence other port businesses, and that the Chamber should make contact directly with these businesses. Christine indicated that a register of local businesses was being prepared.

Christine also thanked the Corporation for altering the Transport Bus timetable to suit local employees to a greater extent.

See presentation – CCC Top Issues

ACTIONS FROM TOP ISSUES PRESENTATION:

- a Annual presentations on:
 - QUT stormwater research project
 - Dredging/reclamation activities
 - GHG reduction activities
 - Sponsorships
- b Place summary of number of hours, volumes, activities, permit breaches relating to dredging on the website
- c Port tours for Committee members, including Port Central One
- d Inform Committee of the outcome of a possible Careers Day

8. Other business

Barry asked about the inland port article in the King's Property magazine. Rick said that the Corporation does not support the concept of an inland port.

9. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 8 August 2007 at 6.00pm for 6.30pm at the Port of Brisbane Visitors Centre.