

MINUTES OF THE
KWINANA LIAISON COMMITTEE

Date: Tuesday 15 July 2008
Location: Kwinana Community Arts Centre, Sulphur Road, Kwinana
Time: 5.30 pm – 7.00pm
Chairperson: Kerry Sanderson

Community Representatives:

Brian Cox, Cockburn Power Boats Association
Hazel Duggan - Community
Janet Moore - ComNet
Bart Houwen - ComNet
Allan Gade &
Annette Gade - Conservation of Rockingham Environment
Chris Oughton, Kwinana Industries Council
Elaine Christy, Rockingham Bay Seagrass Monitoring Inc.
Chris Christy, WA Naturalists' Club (Inc.)
Steve Hesse - Kwinana Progress Association
Peter Christian - Verve Energy

Guest Presenters

Dawn Skinner and James Mumme -
Naragebup Rockingham Regional
Environment Centre

Fremantle Ports' Representatives:

Kerry Sanderson - Chief Executive Officer
Ainslie de Vos - Manager External Affairs
Helen Elliott - Community Relations
Coordinator Advisor
Lyle Banks - Manager Planning and
Environment

Apologies:

Cr Ruth Alexander - Town of Kwinana
Neil Hartley - CEO Town of Kwinana
Cr Val Oliver - Coolbellup Community Association
Morris and Barbara Danks - Casuarina Wellard Progress Association
Milo Mihovilovich - Minara Resources

1. WELCOME, APOLOGIES AND INVITATION FOR AGENDA ITEMS

Kerry Sanderson welcomed members and guest presenters, Dawn Skinner and James Mumme from Naragebup Rockingham Regional Environment Centre. She read out the apologies and called for any additional agenda items. Steve Hesse requested time be allowed to discuss the issue of clinker dust.

2 MINUTES

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 18 March 2007 were confirmed.

3. NARAGEBUP AND BUTTERFLY HOUSE

Dawn Skinner and James Mumme gave a presentation on Naragebup's sustainability vision, current projects, challenges and forward business planning. They said the demand for Naragebup services was growing. Dawn and James spoke about the work with local schools and the new and very successful Butterfly House built with sponsorship from Fremantle Ports. Monarchs are the butterfly species introduced into the Butterfly House, and community members were coming into the centre to care for them. Other species may be introduced later.

Alan Gade described a location in the Wellard area where milkweed grew in profusion, attracting thousands of butterflies.

4. KWINANA QUAY

Lyle Banks presented an update of the Kwinana Quay project to obtain approvals for container and general cargo port facilities at Kwinana, with associated road and rail links. He listed a number of additional studies being undertaken this year.

The level of assessment had been set at Environmental Review and Management Plan, and the draft ERMP would be formally advertised for public comment.

In response from a question from Steve Hesse about impacts on air quality of emissions from shipping and the possible impact of salt in intensifying any pollution effects, Lyle said studies had shown that compared with other forms of freight transport, shipping had the least impact in terms of emissions. Steve undertook to send Lyle the reference to the emissions information he was referring to.

James Mumme said he had put in a submission in his own right to the scoping study for the Kwinana Quay Environmental Review and Management Plan. One of the issues was cumulative impacts but there did not appear to be any discussion

of the proposed marina at Point Peron, which would involve a good deal of turbidity.

In response, Lyle Banks said that scenario modelling was being undertaken as part of the ERMP to look at the impacts of port development. However, the zone of impacts did not extend as far down as the bottom part of the Sound.

In response to a question from Alan Gade about the cumulative impacts with James Point if it were to go ahead, Lyle said that modelling work taking into account James Point was being undertaken.

5. LOSS MANAGEMENT REPORT

Lyle Banks presented Fremantle Ports' Loss Management Report for March to July 2008.

Incidents addressed included:

- Heavy rain over several days caused the HIs melt coal stockpile to slump, resulting in damage to an adjacent fence and coal to spread onto the northern side of HIs melt stacker rails. The site was monitored until the stockpile decreased in size.
- During a routine safety inspection at the Kwinana Bulk Jetty a quantity of foam was seen floating on the water. Investigation revealed that a foam trailer had been recently tested and fire fighting foam had been discharged into the waters surrounding the jetty. The maintenance person involved was asked to discontinue this practice and a pilot boat was sent to break up the foam.
- Water containing bulk cargo residues, including fertiliser product, was discharged into Cockburn Sound from the containment system at the Kwinana Bulk Jetty's Berth 4. Cleaning contractors had opened a valve to allow rainwater to run from the jetty and this had resulted in a plume. The valve was shut, Fremantle Ports environmental officers were advised and an incident investigation was conducted.
- On 22 May 2008 a complaint was received from the Kwinana DEC office about white dust coming from the KBT site. Fremantle Ports' dust monitoring system showed a spike in dust levels around 12.30 p.m. at a dust monitor located near the boundary downwind of the import storage sheds. White clinker was being discharged at the time to the import sheds and the silos. At 12.40 the dust monitor went into corrective action required status and the rate of feed to the sheds was reduced by the control room operator. As an extra measure, discharge to the sheds was then ceased altogether recommencing only when the dust levels dropped below corrective action alarm level. The daily report demonstrated that dust management kept the 24 hour average below the EPP limit.
- A need was identified for a documented procedure for wharf isolations at Kwinana Bulk Berth 3 to assist with compliance with the Australian standards regarding hazardous areas created by fuel ship discharge. A new procedure has been developed and approved.

- Kwinana Bulk Terminal has introduced a system whereby a site inspection is conducted at the start of each working day so that any hazards are photographed and corrective actions required are noted and emailed to all operators. The aim is to improve safety and port operations.

Discussion followed on the subject of Fremantle Ports' dust monitoring system. Steve Hesse said it was important that Fremantle Ports monitor for the smaller particle size and that he would be interested to see our dust monitoring results in relation to the May 2008 incident.

6. GENERAL BUSINESS

Intermodal Terminal

Janet Moore asked whether Fremantle Ports was in a position to say anything about options for the location of the proposed intermodal terminal. She said there was considerable public interest in this topic, and some anxiety, particularly amongst property owners in the area. As yet there had been no ministerial announcement.

Kerry Sanderson said that LandCorp was the lead agency on this project.

Farewell comments

Kerry Sanderson said this would be her last meeting with the Kwinana Community Liaison Group. She took the opportunity to thank members of the group for their interest, participation and constructive contribution over many years.

In response, Alan Gade said Kerry had been an absolute asset to Fremantle Ports.

Conclusion:

The meeting concluded at 7.00 pm. and was followed by refreshments.

Next meeting:

5. 30 p.m. Tuesday 16 December at the Kwinana Community Arts Centre, Sulphur Road, Kwinana.