

MINUTES OF THE
KWINANA LIAISON COMMITTEE

Date: Tuesday 16 December 2008
Location: Koorliny Centre, Sulphur Road, Kwinana
Time: 5.30 pm – 7.00pm
Chairperson: Ainslie de Vos

Community Representatives:

Allan Gade - Conservation of Rockingham Environment
Annette Gade - Conservation of Rockingham Environment
Chris Oughton - Kwinana Industries Council
Steve Hesse - Kwinana Progress Association
Cr Ruth Alexander - Town of Kwinana
Peter Knol - Department of Environment and Conservation
Sunny Miller - Naragebup Rockingham Regional Environment Centre

Fremantle Ports' Representatives:

Ainslie de Vos - Manager External Affairs
Helen Elliott - Community Relations Coordinator Advisor
Lyle Banks - Manager Planning and Environment
Jane Edwards - Social Sustainability Coordinator

Apologies:

Neil Hartley - CEO Town of Kwinana
Cr Val Oliver - Coolbellup Community Association
Milo Mihovilovich - Minara Resources
Nick Gregson - BP Refinery
James Mumme - Naragebup Rockingham Regional Environment Centre
Patrick Coffey - Alcoa
Elaine Christy - Rockingham Bay Seagrass Monitoring Inc
Chris Christy - WA Naturalists' Club
Peter Christian - Verve Energy
Cr Deb Hamblin - City of Rockingham
Chris Leatt-Hayter - Fremantle Ports

1. WELCOME, APOLOGIES AND INVITATION FOR AGENDA ITEMS

Ainslie de Vos welcomed members, read out apologies and called for any additional agenda items.

2 MINUTES

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 15 July 2008 had been previously circulated and were confirmed.

3. STRATEGIC PRIORITIES AND TRADE

Ainslie de Vos said container trade for the 2007/08 financial year had increased by 14.7 per cent in 2007/08 and had averaged about 10 per cent annually since 1990/91. There had also been strong trade growth in some of the bulk trades handled at Fremantle Ports' two facilities at Kwinana - the Kwinana Bulk Terminal and the Kwinana Bulk Jetty.

The port was now handling more than \$24 billion in trade annually but the international economic downturn was expected to impact on growth in some trades this year.

Achieving approvals for the proposed new port facilities at Kwinana to accommodate trade growth and achieving approvals for deepening of the Fremantle Inner Harbour to enable bigger, deeper draft ships to call fully loaded continued to be high priorities. Fremantle was already receiving visits by some of these bigger ships, although not with capacity loads.

Continuing to working with key parties to improve landside logistics to enhance efficiency and help reduce the rate of growth of truck traffic was another priority.

4. OUTER HARBOUR PLANNING

Kwinana Quay

Lyle Banks gave an update on work towards approvals for Kwinana Quay (the proposed new container and general cargo port facilities for Fremantle Ports).

He spoke about the status of marine and terrestrial studies being undertaken as part of the Environmental Review and Management Plan (ERMP). Scientists undertaking the extensive range of marine studies associated with the project recently attended a morning of information exchange on the results so far of the work being done.

In response to a question from Alan Gade about potential impacts on snapper breeding grounds, Lyle said that Fremantle Ports was supporting research being undertaken by the Dept of Fisheries and that the work included looking at fish nursery areas.

Lyle said it was hope to have the ERMP in draft form to the EPA in March. This document would be advertised for public comment.

In response to a question from Annette Gade about the implications for the proposed James Point private port development, Lyle said the offshore island option for Kwinana Quay was compatible with James Point stage 1. Cumulative impacts of James Point Stage One and the Kwinana Quay plans had been modelled as part of the studies undertaken.

Alan Gade asked whether consideration had been given to the feasibility of obtaining some of the material required for construction of the new port by removing part of the causeway. In response, Lyle Banks said that had not been considered. Rather, various alternatives for supply of rock were being looked at as well as the possibility of incorporating some recycled materials.

Steve Hesse asked whether, if uranium mining were approved, it was possible that nuclear waste could be shipped through the new port. In response, Lyle said there were only Australian ports currently licensed to ship uranium - Darwin and Port Augusta, and no approaches had been made to Fremantle Ports.

Upgrading bulk handling facilities

Lyle said Fremantle Ports had been reevaluating the need to undertake dredging as part of a planned re-construction of a currently decommissioned jetty at the Kwinana Bulk Terminal. He said once the re-building of the disused jetty had been completed, it would be possible to operate this berth for a number of years at the current depth. However deepening may be required further down the track.

Lyle also spoke about the proposed southern extension to Fremantle Ports' Kwinana Bulk Jetty to create an additional berth for bulk shipping. he said Fremantle Ports had approached the EPA earlier in the year for a further extension of the current approval for this work and this had been granted on the basis that the work would need to have substantially commenced by July 2010.

5. INNER HARBOUR DEEPENING

Lyle said the proposed deepening of the Fremantle Ports Inner Harbour was linked with the international trend to bigger ships and to what was happening in other ports. Melbourne was intending to complete its deepening program in 2009 and Fremantle would then become the shallowest container port in Australia.

Unless Fremantle Inner Harbour and approach channel was deepened, containerised cargo destined for Fremantle would be off loaded in ports such as Singapore and would then have to be transferred to smaller ships.

Lyle said the number of ships visiting Fremantle had remained fairly static, but the ships were significantly bigger.

Preparation of the draft Public Environmental Review was nearing completion and this document would be advertised for public comment.

Ainslie de Vos said members of the Kwinana Liaison Group would be advised of the call for submissions once the PER had been advertised.

6. LOSS MANAGEMENT REPORT AUG -NOV 2008

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

An action from the previous meeting had been a request from Steve Hesse to provide results of dust monitoring from a clinker shipment incident on 22 and 23 May 2008. Lyle Banks provided the requested information showing that an exceedance which occurred on 22 May had been responded to immediately by decreasing the discharge rates. Dust levels had not exceeded the EPP limit for the 24 hour average.

No exceedances were reported on May 23, but this may have been because the wind direction was blowing dust towards a monitor which was off line for repairs. With dust management, levels were kept down under the limit on the 23rd.

Other incidents addressed included:

- two employees noticed odour at the Kwinana Bulk Jetty and observed a vapour leak from a discharge valve on an ammonia pipeline. CSBP employee subsequently advised that line bleeding was in progress. An investigation was undertaken and improved procedures implemented to formalise jetty handover when line bleeding is initiated (a day prior to ship arrival rather than when the ship arrives for discharge).
- two spill of hydraulic oil on the Kwinana Bulk Jetty as a result of hose failure on a truck arriving to pick up fertiliser. Absorber granules used to absorb spillage on the jetty and material then collected by a road sweeper for disposal. Investigation of any preventative measures to be undertaken.
- dark plume observed in water at the end of Kwinana Bulk Terminal Berth 2. Contractor had been undertaking high pressure water cleaning of counterweight on conveyor. Discoloured water (no solids) had entered jetty

drains. In response, the jetty drains were blocked and dry product shovelled into the area to absorb water for removal. An investigation is progressing.

- Spillage of coal into the water at Kwinana Bulk Terminal while contractors were replacing a conveyor belt on the jetty. The contractors had assumed the conveyor system was cleaned of product but some residue remained in the chute. DEC informed and residue observed washing onto the beach. Beach users advised that material was not hazardous and a decision was taken to let the residue material naturally disperse because a clean up would have had a greater impact on the beach.
- Fremantle Ports Vessel Traffic Control advised that dredger, Volvox Anglia spilt approx 45 litres of engine oil. Pilot vessel Parmelia attended and continued to break up the spill until only a slight sheen remained. Cockburn Cement informed of the incident.
- Complaints received regarding dust on cars parked near the HIs melt pig iron stockpile; coal dust on a car near the BP security hut; clinker dust on a Patrick employee's car following clinker discharge at Kwinana Bulk Jetty. Dust is mainly impacting on on-site operations and is mostly controlled through increased water sprays.

6. COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTION

Ainslie de Vos spoke about a number of current sponsorships in the Outer Harbour area including:

- partnerships developed and projects being undertaken with several schools in the Outer Harbour area (Hillman Primary School, Rockingham Senior High School, Gilmore College and Orelia Primary School)
- support for the paraplegic Benefit Fund's Prevention-Aqua program for water safety awareness in primary schools
- ongoing support for the Kwinana Festival

Conclusion:

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

Next Meeting: Tuesday 17 March - 5.30 to 7pm at Koorliny Arts Centre