

MINUTES of MEETING

FREMANTLE PORTS KWINANA LIAISON COMMITTEE

**Held at the Kwinana Community Arts Centre, Sulphur Road Kwinana
Tuesday 18 March 2008
6 to 7.30pm**

Community Representatives

Janet Moore – Com-Net; Chris Christy – WA Naturalists' Club (Inc); Elaine Christy – Rockingham Bay Seagrass Monitoring Inc; Peter Ricci – City of Rockingham; Chris Oughton – Kwinana Industries Council; Cr Val Oliver – Coolbellup Community Association; Steve Hesse – Kwinana Progress Association; Allan & Annette Gade – Conservation of Rockingham Environment

Fremantle Ports' Representatives

**Kerry Sanderson, Chief Executive Officer
Gino Valenti – General Manager Business Sustainability
Ainslie deVos – Manager External Affairs
Jane Edwards – Social Sustainability Co-ordinator**

WELCOME:

Kerry Sanderson welcomed those present and called for additional agenda items

APOLOGIES:

Neil Hartley (Rockingham Town Council)
Milo Mihovilovich (Minara Resources)
Rob Gelok (Homestead Ridge Progress Association)
Barbara and Morris Danks (Casuarina Wellard Progress Association)

MINUTES:

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on Tuesday 27 November 2007 at the Kwinana Golf Club were accepted.

KWINANA QUAY UPDATE:

Gino Valenti gave an update on progress towards approvals for the Kwinana Quay project. He said Cabinet's decision to evaluate both an island option and the partial land-backed option was based on the importance of the project to the State. Both options were smaller than those originally proposed. Each had an ultimate annual

capacity of 1.4 million standard containers (compared with 2.1 million capacity for each of the four earlier options).

He said the statutory approvals process would determine which of these two options now under consideration performs best overall.

Only one option would be selected for construction.

An eight week public comment period for the Environmental Review Management Program had been completed and responses to public comments were currently being developed. The majority were simply seeking confirmation that issues have been included.

He listed the proposed further studies underway or to be undertaken in relation to the two options.

Gino explained that in all a total of about 4.5 to 5 kilometres of quay length would be needed to cater for metropolitan trade at least until 2035. This would be provided by the container and general cargo berths in the Fremantle Inner Harbour and the berths planned for Kwinana Quay.

Fremantle Inner Harbour container berths plus the proposed new container berths at Kwinana Quay would ultimately handle 2.6 million standard containers, with the two facilities operating in tandem.

Alan Gade said he remained opposed to the island port option.

Kerry Sanderson said container berths needed protection from wind and waves to enable the 24/7 operation that container shipping required.

She said container ships were increasing in size to Fremantle Ports would need to cater for drafts of 14 metres, which meant dredged depths of 15.6 metres.

There was a need to balance social and environmental impacts between the existing and future operations to avoid exceeding thresholds at any one location and this was another reason why it was important to have Fremantle Inner Harbour and the proposed Kwinana Quay facilities operating together.

INCREASING OUTER HARBOUR BULK CAPACITY

Gino Valenti spoke about the future possibility of adding an additional arm to Fremantle Ports' existing Kwinana Bulk Jetty to create an additional berth for bulk shipping. Fremantle Ports was keeping approvals in place for this. He said this jetty did not require any dredging. He also spoke about plans to reconstruct the currently disused jetty at Fremantle Ports' Kwinana Bulk Terminal. This terminal was currently experiencing 80- to 90 percent occupancy and this was leading to some delays for shipping. The decking and piles would need to be replaced and some dredging would be needed for a swing basin to accommodate the larger ships.

He said if Fremantle Ports achieved approval and went ahead, it would be good to use the dredged material for the reclamation needed for Kwinana Quay project, particularly if the partially land backed option for Kwinana Quay were selected.

Gino said the reconstruction of the disused jetty at the Kwinana Bulk Terminal was linked to HISmelt Stage 2.

LOSS MANAGEMENT REPORT:

Gino Valenti presented the Loss Management report for the period Nov 2007 to Feb 2008.

- Incident 1. Dark slick of an unknown substance sighted in water south of Kwinana Bulk Berth 2. Source did not appear to be from Kwinana Bulk terminal or related operations. Sample was examined by Dept of Water (Phytoplankton Ecology Unit) for possible algae but no significant levels of algae found. Dept of Water suggested taking sample to Chemical Centre for further analysis. Chem Centre advised it was most likely a weathered degreaser or similar substance.
- Incident 2. Oil slick in water identified by Fremantle Ports contractors. Source determined to be from capped disused BP Refinery bunker line. Oil line was isolated and leaking oil decanted into 20 litre containers at Kwinana Bulk Berth 2. BP requested to investigate. Clean up of slick on water undertaken by Fremantle Ports.
- Incident 3. Dead dolphin washed up on the beach at Woodman Point. CALM notified and responded. Cockburn Council arranged for subsequent removal.
- Incident 4. Complaint from member of the public alleging spillage of fertiliser product at Kwinana Bulk Jetty while vessels are being unloaded and also that there was excessive amounts of product being spilled onto the road outside the Kwinana Bulk Jetty. Complainant's husband is a truck driver. No exact dates given. Fremantle Ports contacted complainant and the DEC. Advised that the complaint would be investigated. A more proactive spill watch has been initiated and activities at the Kwinana Bulk Jetty are being regularly monitored to ensure use of spill deflector plates. Further inspection and assessment by Fremantle Ports' environmental officers undertaken during the next shipment and all procedures were found to be in compliance with environmental licence. A system of spot checks and security monitoring has been implemented.

TOPICS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS:

Lead exports

In response to a question from Annette Gade about Magellan Metal's plans to export lead through Fremantle, Kerry Sanderson said the planned safeguards had been described as being beyond best practice. Annette said the group would be interested in the monitoring process for this product.

Intermodal terminal

Janet Moore asked where things were up to with the proposed intermodal terminal and said this topic would be of interest to the group.

Habitat Protection

Elaine Christy said protection of marine and land habitats was a passionate interest and an ongoing topic for the group.

COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTION:

Ainslie de Vos spoke about some of Fremantle Ports' current sponsorships and partnering arrangements, including the Kwinana Festival, Native Arc, Cockburn City Council community program, penguin research, Rockingham Senior High School, Curtin University's Indigenous Mentoring Program. She also mentioned Fremantle Ports efforts in relation to raising awareness of employment opportunities in the maritime industry and a recent seminar held on that topic.

In response to comments from Steve Hesse concerning funding and allocation of sponsorships, Ainslie said that Fremantle Ports' used its sponsorship guidelines to assess requests for support. The guidelines were on the Fremantle Ports website and youth, education, and environment were among the main areas targeted.

Kerry mentioned at Fremantle Ports was participating in Earth Hour 2008, involving switching off its lights (those not essential for safety and security) for one hour as a contribution to reduction in global warming.

KWINANA LIAISON GROUP TERMS OF REFERENCE:

It was agreed that the Terms of Reference for the Kwinana Liaison Group should be circulated to members of the group for consideration of any changes required.

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 15 July at the Kwinana Community Arts Centre, Sulphur Rd., Kwinana
Commencing at 5.30pm to 7.00pm