
Port Stakeholder Working Group

10am-11:30am, Friday 26 February 2016
Port of Townsville Admin Meeting Room, Benwell Road

APPROVED MINUTES

Present	Organisation
David Donohue	Chair (QCCN)
David Zammit, Anne Williams, Greg O'Shea	Glencore
Mark Daniell, Graeme Neilsen	South32- Cannington
Dave King	NSS
Gavin Hammond	Townsville City Council
Melinda Loudon	POTL
Ian Ferguson, Clive Berger, James Hobbs	Community Reps
Damien Farrington	QLD Health
Peta Connelly	TBSH
Chris Wake	DEHP
Wendy Tubman, Charlie McColl	NQCC
Elaine Glen	Sun Metals
Don Neil	DISITI (phoned through)
Apologies	
Sharon Hoops, Ranee Crosby, Kim Gebers	POTL
George Lukacs	QNI
Juliette Sperber	NSS
Judy Newman	Community

1. Welcome, Introductions

David Donohue welcomed attendees and noted the apologies for the meeting.

David Zammit, representing Glencore was welcomed as a replacement for Greg O'Shea who is leaving the organisation.

2. Minutes of previous meeting

Minutes of the January meeting were adopted unchanged.

3. Port Update – *requires follow up as Sharon Hoops was absent*

Agenda items for Sharon Hoops to follow up on

- Port comms update
- Clean Up Australia Day Activity on Friday 4 March (partnered with Townsville State High School)- **Sharon to circulate details to the group**
- Liquefaction event update
- Progress on list of continuous improvement works by port users

4. EHP Update

- Update on data correlation activities
- Coastguard monitoring update

5. DSITI Update

- Resolution of data queries from previous presentations
- Provision of outstanding presentations from previous meetings
- Latest air quality bulletin
- Updates: air quality standards, monitoring sites

There was detailed discussion around the monitoring and graphs and what they mean and various parameters etc.

Concern was raised that this is all we seem to be doing - it was suggested that the results presented need to be reviewed to ensure that important data and trends are easily available without being lost in un-necessary detail.

EHP noted that they are happy to present whatever the group wants to see. They do have a more streamlined but equally meaningful version but have been asked to include more graphs and data each meeting. They are able to present whatever is seen as of value but also noted the potential for an agenda vacuum if this is not presented, particularly if we continue to meet monthly.

Charlie raised the question as to why are we not seeing a decrease (in dust dep) if ongoing improvements are being implemented. Port customers raised again that there is a lag for when improvements can be implemented, budgetary cycles etc and that this is not a quick fix and 5 months of Xact information is not that long.

Charlie also again queried the apparent rising trend in lead content shown in the DEHP data in the face of apparently no increase in throughput tonnage and ongoing efforts by port users to improve practice.

NSS asked what are NQCC'S expectation for which they responded that they would like to understand what is happening and stop it. NSS then asked for an explanation as to what they mean by "it"? This was clarified to a "we have an expectation of a downwards trend". There was some discussion around that there is going to be a plateau at some point, it will be unlikely to ever get to zero.

Wendy raised that there is some wheel spin on "community being neutralised" and "trust us, trust the regulators". Ian and James as community representatives did not support this comment.

Clive raised the content of the Taylor report and other prior reports prompting discussion that PSWG are seeking not to return to the debate about prior methodology and appropriateness of different data collection and analysis standards again. The Chair reiterated that the PSWG had previously agreed to draw a line in the sand under previous reports from all sources and to base discussion on the enhanced and legislatively-backed current data being provided by DEHP monitoring. Chair asked if anyone wanted to go back in history, and there being no response restated the PSWG decision to focus on current data.

POTL, DEHP and DSITI with input from TCC and Health to propose what Graphs / interpretation is needed to inform the group on the key elements without getting bogged down. Some narrative might be needed on areas not presented. This proposal to be circulated for discussion at the next meeting

DEHP to provide the same results as currently presented to the drop box one week prior to the meeting to allow for any queries on the more detailed data if needed.

David D, NQCC and Community reps to consider what information is useful and what they see as appropriate levels of environmental performance for POTL operators.

6. Other Regulator reports (by exception)

Qld Health- NIL

TCC- NIL

7. General Business

David thanked Greg O'Shea not only for the input from Glencore, but also for helping to facilitate and drive the group.

David read through rough draft of the public consumption document he has been developing with Wendy and Chris which outlines the 12 month progress. This has been developed with Chris and Wendy's input to date and he intends to circulate this prior to the next meeting for consideration and comment (track changes). Currently, there is at least one more round to go as David believes views are still some distance apart. He asked if there was anything that deeply concerned the group from what was read - it was noted that if it is circulated to the group for everyone to share their input any concerns would then be raised.

David is to finalise the draft document and circulate it to the group for their input/ comment, and to discuss at the next meeting.

Wendy raised that last week a Chinese live export vessel was in port that had been fined for dumping oil in the Brisbane River. Wendy wanted to know if any additional scrutiny occurred for prosecuted vessels. This question is not relevant to the PSWG and was not pursued. Melinda to follow up directly with Wendy.

Wendy requested that TCC provide an update on what they have changed with regard to cleaning, education and public washing facilities.

TCC to report back.

It was discussed that the focus of the next meeting is to include an update from port customers on the progress of achievements in the last 12 months (what has changed/ been implemented) and what the intent is for the next 12 months (or beyond) to improve.

8. Meeting Close

The meeting closed at 11:45am.

Next meeting to be held in 6 weeks- date yet to be confirmed due to Easter.

Propose Friday 15 April for next meeting.

David Donohue, Chair

Date