

Townsville Port Community Liaison Group Minutes of Meeting

Date: Wednesday 29 May 2019
Venue: Port of Townsville, Administration Building, Boardroom
Chair: Ranee Crosby, CEO, Port of Townsville

Attendees

1	Ranee Crosby	CEO, POTL (Chair)	9	Richard (Rick) Vernon	Community Rep
2	Kim Gebers	GM Infrastructure POTL	10	Janet Cross (proxy for Norm Rains)	Community Rep
3	Drew Penny	GM Operations POTL	11	Les Sampson	Community Rep
4	Kim Wheatley	Manager Corporate Affairs POTL (minutes)	12	Adam Smith	Reef Ecologic
5	Tim Smith	Environmental Advisor CU Project POTL	13	Heath Hatfield	Community Rep
6	Martin Powley	Public Relations Officer CU Project POTL	14	Judy Newman	Community Rep
7	Ken Dunlop	Sun Metals	15	Vern Veitch	Local Marine Advisory Committee/Community Rep
8	Sharon Marks	Community Rep	16	Ian Ferguson	Community Rep

Apologies

- John Cordingley, Keith Noble, Norman Rains (Judy Newman attended in lieu)

Actions Summary

ACTION: A commitment was given to provide ongoing updates to the CLG on Channel Upgrade Management Plans and the Offset Strategy.

ACTION: Discussion around ITAC to seek an update from the Chair for the CLG.

1. Welcome/apologies (Chair)

Chair Ranee Crosby welcomed members to the CLG's 22nd meeting and noted apologies.

2. Record of previous meeting held 20 March 2019

The Minutes of the previous meeting were adopted without change and all actions have been completed or are addressed at this meeting.

3. Port's key priorities over the next five years

Ranee spoke about the Port's key priorities over the next five years that will shape our strategic plan (Vision 2050) including our commitment to a Global, Local and Green Port.

4. Major Project Update – Drew Penny

Drew shared a presentation on a range of projects including:

- Berth 10 – Secondary Wharf Extension
- New Pilot vessel
- Truck staging area
- Berth 4 Cranes and Cargo Terminal
- East Port
- Channel Upgrade
- Fender Upgrade Program
- Berth 8/9 Protection Works
- Road Upgrades
- New Tug Berth

Questions were raised in relation to all the effects of the new projects on the environment relating to the Ports programs around air quality and water monitoring. There was also discussion around investigating carbon offsets. Port GM Infrastructure Kim Gebers discussed the \$11 million in monitoring programs as part of the Channel Upgrade project, as well as recent investment in air quality monitoring around the port.

5. Channel Upgrade Project Update – Kim Gebers

A PowerPoint presentation was delivered to the CLG members on the current status of the Channel Upgrade Project. This included information on the following management plans and strategies:

1. Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP)
2. Marine Environmental Management Plan (MEMP)
3. Inshore Dolphin Monitoring Plan
4. Offset Management Strategy (OMS)

The Dredge Management Plan (DMP) that will cover capital dredging for channel widening starting in 2020 will be ready for consultation later in 2019.

These Management Plans are being reviewed and consulted on. Plans will then be submitted to the Federal Regulator for approval. POTL can make particular plans available to members if they have a query or interest.

It was also highlighted the extension monitoring programs being implemented, that will focus on key environmental aspects associated with construction of the rock wall and Port Reclamation Area, and channel widening.

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General comments from the CLG

- Monitoring programs – idea discussed to create a video to explain what happens during channel widening.
- Sea level rise – Question: has this been considered with the rock wall (*POTL comment: Rockwall designed to meet all relevant engineering standards which includes being capable of withstanding climate changes (increased storms, sea level rise). Building to a significantly higher level brings a range of other issues (berth/vessel interface, crane access etc).*)

- Gladstone Ports and the reclamation work to build social capital.
- Acid sulphate soils

ACTION - Discussion around ITAC to seek an update from the Chair for the CLG.

Discussion around moves being made to investigate the potential for Magnetic Island to move to green electricity generation.

Ranee talked about collaborating with other Ports on Port-wide monitoring programs. Also, discussion around energy audits.

Kim G provided an update on maintenance dredging placement saying that modelling was currently underway with results due within the next few months. This modelling will inform consideration of issues around the location of the current Dredge Material Placement Area.

5. Channel Upgrade Stakeholder Survey

Distributed for CLG members to complete.

6. Port Updates –

- Brisbane dredge was in Port from 24 May - 8 June.
- Curtain Brothers Shed will be removed shortly. The work has been tendered and is expected to be completed during August.
- Arrival of the biggest car ship to the Port the Sirius Highway – 38m beam – an indication of the larger vessels coming to the Port in future.

7. Next meeting:

Meeting date and location still to be confirmed.

Meeting closed at 6:30pm.

Attachment 1



CAPITAL DREDGING



INNER PLATYPUS CHANNEL
Approximately 24 months

OUTER PLATYPUS CHANNEL
Approximately 12 months

SEA CHANNEL
Approximately 6 months

Total channel length: 34.9km

CHANNEL UPGRADE

- After Channel Widening:
Total Width 180M (Port End)
To 120M (At Sea End)
- Existing Channel:
Total Width 92M



No capital dredge material will be disposed of at sea



All capital dredge material will be 100% beneficially re-used

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Channel Upgrade: 1800 531 561

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