



## Minutes of Meeting

### GPC Community Working Group (CWG) 14th August 2009

- Attendees** G Sellers, B McClatchie, J MacDonald, L Mclvor, R Tooker, Lynda Pearce, Leanne Ibell, Christian Crosby, Graham Gambie. Lee Warren (GPC) & Joanna Lee (GHD) – There for Western Basin EIS Presentation
- Apologies** G. Young, V. Simon, R Hansen, A Dahl, P Mouna, J Clark, Rob Torrisi
- Reference Documents** GPC Environmental Update presentation, GHD – Western Basin EIS
- Location** Large Conference Room, Kullaroo House (40 Goondoon Street, Gladstone).
- Minutes** Sharon Graham
- Next Meeting** **Friday 4 December 2009**
- Note:** **Gail Sellers was A/Chairperson**

#### Matters Arising from Previous Meetings

- o All present reviewed previous minutes
- o Member advised that ConocoPhillips didn't make it clear where the locations are for the LNG Plants on Curtis Island. – Advised that GPC will put together a map showing locations and send to all CWG Members.

Agenda	Discussion	Action
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o <b>GPC Environmental Update</b></li> </ul>	<p>A Presentation on Dust Deposition was discussed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No exceedence of criteria since last meeting.</li> <li>• Real time monitoring – All results are below (24hr rolling average) there were two spikes at Auckland Hill in July data did not correlate to wind direction from GPCL operations Rowers Club – There were two spikes data did not correlate to wind direction from GPCL operations Ros Tooker will provide dates of when there was high dust present at property.</li> </ul> <p>Project updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Noise Suppression BPT Unloading – Scheduled to be completed this week.</li> <li>• Gantry Misting Sprays – Zone 1 Installation complete</li> <li>• Delays in commissioning TRM link to control room</li> <li>• Misting sprays on SL Booms APT complete</li> <li>• Trial wind guards for elevated conveyors complete</li> <li>• BPT Wind Barrier and Dust Suppression – concept design is complete and approved for construction by the board, moving it into early works, this should be completed within 12 months – still some geotech &amp; detailed engineering to happen. Only concept so may be subject to change. There will be a community information process.</li> <li>• Wharf dust sources – 4 year master plan completed, recommendation for capital modification series of works commencing next month.</li> <li>• Noise at Port Central – Auckland PT &amp; BPT conveyor alarm replacement project is complete.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A copy of the presentation is to be made available to all members.</li> </ul>

Received a number of complaints coming from port central area, in regards to noise – haven't been able to link anything definite to BPT, have completed investigation of industrial area and providing information to DERM, Licences held by individual operators at that site.

Landscaping and Revegetation Superintendent, Graham Gambie, attended the meeting to outline investigations into dying Sheoak trees at Spinnaker Park. He said DPI testing of samples had found a fungal root disease which is common throughout Australia.

Graham said most of the damage was done during the warm wet season and GPC might have to look at changing to more resistant plants. He was hopeful the remaining trees would survive. More nutrients will be added to the soil and irrigation will be reduced.

Graham also addressed the issue of mangroves at the same location. He said only a low percentage of mangrove seeds germinate. The ground at Spinnaker Park is harder and rockier for the root system to take hold in.

○ **GHD Presentation – Western Basin EIS**

Joanna Lee discussed Western Basin EIS Presentation. Key Points were:

- There is rapid expansion of LNG proponents investigating sites in Gladstone.
- Need for coordinated approach and assessment of cumulative impacts of multiple dredging projects, including disposal options.
- This project encompasses all dredging envisaged for GPC and LNG industry development.
- Project also addresses disposal into proposed reclamation area.
- Dredging is proposed in Stages depending on industry requirements:
  - Stage 1A – LNG on Curtis Island
  - Stage 1B – LNG Ltd at Fisherman's Landing reclamation
  - Stage 2 – Laird Point LNG site
  - Stage 3 – Fisherman's Landing Wharves
  - Stage 4 – Hamilton Point – long term port development
- EIS progressing for 153ha reclamation – this will be required by GPC for new wharves for future industry.
- EPBC referral submitted 20 May, controlled action declared 18 June 2009. Draft Terms of Reference were advertised for comment from 11 July to 10 August 2009.

**Marine Ecology**

- Boat based surveys at 90 sites
- Assessment of seagrass, algae, benthic macroinvertebrate communities.
- Boat based and aerial surveys for marine megafauna (turtles, dugong, whales, dolphins)
- There will be 3 surveys over 6 months.

**Water Quality**

- 4 sedentary loggers deployed in April 2009
- Every 10 minutes loggers record: Turbidity, Desposition, Light, Water pressure
- Loggers are downloaded & maintained monthly.

**Terrestrial Ecology & Hydrogeology studies will occur.**

The following will occur:

- Ongoing liaison and consultation with agencies
- Meetings with key stakeholders

- Gladstone Regional Council Briefings
- Consultation with general community
- Open day will be held Wednesday 1 July at the Gladstone Entertainment Centre
- Consultation with the Traditional Owners is ongoing.

Question asked: Where can we access results from the tests conducted.  
Advised the results will be at the public display for viewing.

GPC is doing dredging for all LNG proponents.

○ **General Business**

Issues submitted by R Tooker for John Clark.

- Noise level at Port Central & Barney Point

There are a number of intrusive electronic alarms. There are about 6 such alarms, some of which are incessant, (the traverse alarms on the ship loader), others that are occasional, but at a level of volume that would enable them to be heard several kilometres distance.

John urges GPC to undertake a study into these noise sources, with a view to removing or reducing their impact.

- Complaints Procedure

The present complaints procedure is less than effective, since it is reactive rather than proactive.

The Corporation uses the system as a performance indicator, ie fewer complaints; the better must be the performance. The community views the system as ineffective, since complaints may not be resolved.

John would like the Corporation to institute a system where complaints not only gain initial response, but are pursued until resolutions are secured.

- Need to get DERM to follow up on non GPC related activities in the area. Question asked: What is in the grey Orica Tank at Auckland Point? Response: Contact Orica Member advised that back in 1989 when they moved to Auckland Hill GPC advised that there were going to shift the tank farm (Petrol tanks) at Auckland Point. This has not yet happened. Lee Mclvor to follow up for next meeting.

Ben McClatchie

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Meeting concluded at: 5pm

**Gail Sellers  
A/Chairperson**

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