



**Environmental Working Group Meeting  
Friday 1 August 2008**

**Attendees:** G. Sellers, R. Hansen, F. Hubczenko, B. Maudsley, R. Tooker, J. Clark, A. Green, A. Dahl, B. Muir, C. Walker, J. Sherriff, P. Mouna, L. Pearce, J. Harrison, C. Lohman, L. Cunningham, C. Trevor, J. Planner & R. Torrisi.

**Apologies:** L. Ibell, A. Bunce, V. Simon & G. Young.

**Reference Documents:** Connell Hatch Barney Point Coal Terminal (BPCT) Environmental Benchmarking Study presentation, GPC Media Release – BPCT Environmental Benchmarking Study and GPC Environmental Update presentation.

**Location:** Port Curtis Room, Rydges Gladstone (100 Goondoon Street, Gladstone).

**Next Meeting:** Friday 5 September 2008, 3.30pm, Port Curtis Room, Rydges Gladstone (100 Goondoon Street).

**Welcome**

- Invited guests at the meeting: Liz Cunningham (Member for Gladstone) and Chris Trevor (Member for Flynn).
- GPC Management observers at the meeting: Craig Walker (Operations General Manager), John Sherriff (HSES Manager), Bernie Muir (RGCTCT Superintendent) and Rob Torrisi (Port Central Superintendent).

**Matters Arising from Previous Meetings**

- The following items were raised:
  - Lynda Pearce attended the previous meeting but was not listed in the minutes. Minutes to be amended.
  - Note raised regarding issue of correspondence to the group. Action to be updated to include reference to the possibility of implementing an inwards correspondence folder. Minutes to be amended.
  - Inwards correspondence folder introduced and will be passed around meeting when items are received.

Motion Raised	Status
Minutes approved with amendments.	Accepted.

Agenda	Discussion	Action
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>BPCT Environmental Benchmarking Study</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A presentation was given to the group on the Connell Hatch BPCT Environmental Benchmarking Study by project leader, Jim Harrison from Connell Hatch.</li> <li>The presentation included the scope of the project, considerations in developing the recommendations, and the short term, medium term and long term recommendations.</li> <li>GPC Operations General Manager, Craig Walker, then advised the group that the GPC Board has approved implementation of all of the recommendations from the report.</li> <li>Discussion occurred on benchmarking of other terminals in regards to comparison of location and QR's involvement with recommendations at BPCT.</li> <li>A full copy of the report is available on the GPC website at <a href="http://www.gpcl.com.au">www.gpcl.com.au</a>.</li> <li>Invited guests – Liz Cunningham and Chris Trevor exited the meeting after the Connell Hatch BPCT Benchmarking Study presentation.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A copy of the presentation is to be made available to all members – B.Maudsley.</li> <li>A full copy of the report presented to all members at meeting &amp; to be sent to those absent – B.Maudsley.</li> <li>A copy of the Media Release issued presented to all members – B.Maudsley.</li> </ul>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>GPC Environmental Update</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The group was presented data from the dust depositional gauges for January to July 2008 and community complaints for the financial year 2007/2008.</li> <li>• Discussion occurred on what happens when there is an exceedence of dust in a depositional gauge and the resulting scrutiny by EPA.</li> <li>• The group was advised that a project is currently underway to make data available on the GPC internet from the TEOMs. Data will be available to view from five community sites.</li> <li>• A copy of the recently updated 50 Year Strategic Plan was given to the group members and it was advised that a copy would be available to the public as an insert in the 2 August Saturday edition of the Gladstone Observer. Copies were asked to be made available at the Gladstone City Library. The 50 Year Strategic Plan will be discussed at the next meeting of the group.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A copy of the presentation is to be made available to all members – B.Maudsley.</li> <li>• Copies of the 50 Year Strategic Plan to be made available at the Gladstone City Library and to be Agenda Item at next meeting – B.Maudsley.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>General Business</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussion occurred on items raised by group member, John Clark. It was noted that on evidence of items revealed during the meeting that a lot of achievements had occurred and that some of the issues that were to be raised, now did not need to be raised. The issue of the group or a representative of the group being given security access to GPC sites was discussed. Discussion occurred on whether people had the knowledge or equipment available to make assessments and also the issue of Workplace Health and Safety. It was decided that this issue would not be pushed at this time. It was also noted that any issues could be aired at the monthly EWG meeting.</li> <li>• Discussion occurred on the 1800 telephone number for complaints. It was advised that the 1800 telephone number is a 24 hour service and that the appropriate personnel are contacted as soon as possible when a complaint is received via this service.</li> <li>• It was noted that QAL has been veneering their coal train wagons since 26 January 2008. Discussion also occurred on QR's involvement and commitment to coal dust mitigation. Reports on the QR Coal Loss Management project are available from Peter Mouna or the website <a href="http://www.networkaccess.qr.com.au/customer/Coal_Loss_Management_Project/">http://www.networkaccess.qr.com.au/customer/Coal_Loss_Management_Project/</a></li> <li>• Discussion occurred on harbour restrictions to the public in the future in relation to LNG plants. It was noted that it was too early to say what impact there would be on the harbour in regards to possible new LNG projects in Gladstone and harbour movements are under the jurisdiction of the Harbourmaster and Maritime Control. This issue is in the list of future topics to be discussed.</li> <li>• It was noted that the EWG wished to advise the GPC Board and QR that it was pleased with progress and commitment to coal dust mitigation.</li> <li>• A question was asked regarding the status of the Wiggins Island Coal Terminal and it was advised that it was in pre-feasibility stage.</li> <li>• Agenda for next meeting will include – 50 Year Strategic Plan and GPC's Energy Efficiency Opportunities (EEO) Program. Status of medium and long term recommendations from the RGTCT Benchmarking Study is to be added to the list of future Agenda items.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1800 Hotline magnets to be re-issued to all members – B.Maudsley.</li> <li>• GPC Board &amp; QR to be advised – B.Maudsley.</li> <li>• Agenda to be formalised and item added to list of future topics – B.Maudsley.</li> </ul>

Meeting concluded at: 5.12pm

**Gail Sellers**  
A/Chairperson

### **Future Discussion Topics / Information for EWG**

- GPC 50 Year Strategic Plan
- GPC Energy Efficiency Opportunities (EEO) Program
- RGTCT Benchmarking Study – status of medium & long term recommendations
- Port Land Use presentation/discussion
- Forecast shipping movements in Gladstone harbour
- Coal Blending Process at Wiggins Island Coal Terminal
- GPC Complaints Handling Process

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