



Minutes of Meeting

Community Environmental Working Group (EWG) 5 September 2008

Attendees J. Clark, R. Tooker, L. Pearce, B. Muir, A. Green, B. Maudsley, B. McClatchie, J. Sherriff, R. Torrisi, F. Hubczenko, R. Hansen, P. Mouna & G. Sellers

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

Reference Documents GPC Environmental Update and EEO presentation, New GPC BPCT Development Approval presentation and GPC 50 Year Strategic Plan presentation.

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

Next Meeting **Friday 7 November 2008, venue to be advised.**

Welcome

- GPC Management observers at the meeting: John Sherriff (HSES Manager), Bernie Muir (RGTCT Superintendent) and Rob Torrisi (Port Central Superintendent).

Matters Arising from Previous Meetings

- The following items were raised:
 - Inwards correspondence to the group was discussed. It was asked whether copies of correspondence could be emailed to the group members with the Agenda prior to each meeting. This will be investigated and outcome advised to the group.

| Motion Raised | Status |
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| Minutes approved. | Accepted. |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ GPC Environmental Update | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The group was presented data from the dust depositional gauges for June and July 2008. August data was not yet available. • Real Time Monitor (RTM) information was also presented. The average was 30 for the month which came in under the port's licence of 50. • Four community complaints were recorded for the month of August. Discussion occurred on the origin of the coal on Barney Point beach and it was advised that the analysis indicated that it was a blend, containing any of the Central Queensland lower rank coals (likely thermal). It was noted there are multiple thermal coal sources in the Gladstone region, one of which is Port Operations. It was also noted that there is minimal throughput of thermal coal at BPCT. The analysis showed it was impossible to determine the origin of the coal due to the sample condition. • The group was advised that a project team had been engaged to devise a plan and schedule to implement all of the recommendations from the Barney Point Coal Terminal (BPCT) Benchmarking Study. Once completed this plan would be presented to the group. The recommendations are scheduled to be fully implemented by the end of 2010 as per advice at August EWG meeting and Media Release presented to the group at that meeting and sent out with minutes. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A copy of the presentation is to be made available to all members (N.B. GPC Environmental Update & EEO Program presentation is combined) – B.Maudsley. |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ GPC Environmental Update continued.... | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A BPCT Community Update was held on Wednesday 3 September for neighbouring Barney Point residents. Over twenty residents attended the update/BBQ lunch. A member of the EWG asked whether it was possible to include Auckland Point residents in any future updates of this nature. It was advised that inviting Auckland Point residents had been deliberated on prior to holding the update and it was decided to target neighbouring Barney Point residents at this particular update and then if the number of attendees was minimal the update would be opened to the general public. • The group was also informed of the Environment team's move to RGTCT and advice regarding restricted access to the gypsum stockpile area as this section has been bunted off so as vehicles could not turn around in this area. • Discussion occurred about the stockpile near the Security Hut at Port Central that was sighted by an EWG member and whether it was going to be a regular occurrence having a stockpile of product in this area. It was advised that this was a temporary stockpile and would not be a regular occurrence. It was noted by the EWG member that noise was evident from reversing alarms from vehicles accessing this stockpile. • Discussion also occurred on progress of dust mitigation with regards to magnesia at Port Central. GPC advised that mitigation measures have been implemented in conjunction with QMAG but impacts will not be evident until the next shipment which at this stage is due approximately mid September. | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ GPC Energy Efficiency Opportunities (EEO) Program presentation | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The group was advised of the port's involvement in the EEO program and the National Pollution Inventory Reporting (NPI). The group was also advised of the port's future involvement in the National Greenhouse and Energy Reporting (NGER) – starting 2008/09 and the National Emissions Trading Scheme (NETS) – 2010. • Discussion occurred on whether there will be targets and whether lighting at RGTCT will be looked at as part of this program. The group was advised that targets would probably be set as part of the NGER and that lighting at RGTCT would be investigated. • Discussion occurred on coal being used for electricity purposes and its longevity at the port. It was noted that 70% of the coal exported through the Port of Gladstone is actually metallurgical coal which is used for steel making, not for 'electricity'. • An internal GPC training DVD on the EEO Program was shown to the group. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A copy of the presentation is to be made available to all members (N.B. GPC Environmental Update & EEO Program presentation is combined) – B.Maudsley. |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ New GPC BPCT Development Approval | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The group was informed that the port was now operating under a new development approval (DA) for BPCT. Previously the port had an overarching DA for all facilities but now there will be an individual DA for each facility. The DAs for Port Central and Fisherman's Landing are still under development. The BPCT DA covers dust, water and noise management. • Discussion occurred on spikes and rolling average for dust monitoring and it was advised that conditions of the licence are set by the government. It was noted that upward and downward spikes are evident in RTM data. • Discussion also occurred on what the normal background noise level is, the specialised area of noise monitoring, dust extinction moisture levels in coal and it was commented that veneering of QAL coal wagons is working well. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A copy of the presentation is to be made available to all members – B.Maudsley. |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ GPC 50 Year Strategic Plan | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The group was presented with information from the CEO's Community Presentation on the updated GPC 50 Year Strategic Plan which was presented to the community in July 2008. The plan outlines future use of existing facilities and development of new facilities. Group members were given a copy of the updated 2008 GPC 50 Year Strategic Plan at the August meeting. This publication was inserted in the 2nd August Saturday edition of the Gladstone Observer. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A copy of the presentation is to be made available to all members – B.Maudsley. |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ GPC 50 Year Strategic Plan continued... | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion occurred on whether access to the Calliope River would be maintained with the development of future port projects in the harbour and it was advised that it would be. Clarification was also sought on what bulk products might be shipped at proposed new wharf facilities and it was advised that these were non-specified products at this stage. • Discussion also occurred on the type of bridge that may be constructed from the mainland to Curtis Island and whether it would be high level for yacht access and access to the Narrows or whether it would have a rail line running over it. GPC advised that there are no specifications at this stage. EWG members wished to seek clarification on these queries – in particular the Curtis Island bridge and bulk products and also asked if there was similar documentation to the 1997 to 2047 Port Strategic Plan, which included detailed plans, for this update. • Discussion also took place regarding dredging for new facilities and the duplicate channel and where dredged material would be placed. The group was informed that dredged material might be placed on shore, used for reclamation purposes or will be sent to the sea dumping site. It was noted that dredging for new projects should be added to the list of items for discussion at a future meeting. • Clarification was also sought by an EWG member on whether the proposed Marina boat ramp was a replacement for the Goondoon Street boat ramp and if so that this intention should be made clearer to the public. • Some group members also again expressed their interest in being presented information on the Port's Land Use plan and what is envisaged for the proposed waterfront precinct along Flinders Parade and whether it would incorporate residential apartments. It was advised that the redevelopment of the waterfront would be in line with other major regional cities and would possibly involve a combination of parklands, walkways, residential, commercial, shopping and eating establishments to revamp the waterfront area. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clarification to be sought on items raised and information, if available, to be presented at next EWG meeting. |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ General Business | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Due to the inability of a number of members being able to attend the next EWG meeting in October it was decided to postpone the next community EWG meeting until November. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notice to be sent out to all members – B.Maudsley. |

Meeting concluded at: 5.20pm

Gail Sellers
A/Chairperson

Future Discussion Topics / Information for EWG

- GPC 50 Year Strategic Plan - **presented**
- GPC Energy Efficiency Opportunities (EEO) Program – **presented**
- Benchmarking Recommendations – **update to be presented each meeting as part of GPC Environmental Update**
- Port Land Use presentation/discussion
- Forecast shipping movements in Gladstone harbour
- Wiggins Island
- Curtis Island

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