

MINUTES

PORT OF NEWCASTLE COMMUNITY LIAISON GROUP

Date: Monday 2 September, 5.30pm

Location: Port of Newcastle Head Office, 251 Wharf Road, NEWCASTLE

Chair: Sarah Kiely – Port of Newcastle

Minute Taker: Emily Gallagher – Port of Newcastle

Attendees

Community representatives	Port of Newcastle representatives
Katelijn Hullegie (Tighes Hill Community Group)	Sarah Kiely - Communications and Community Relations Manager
Richard Finlay-Jones (EcoEnviro)	
Greg Gocher (Thales)	
Dallas Fletcher (Honeysuckle resident)	Simon Byrnes – Chief Operating Officer
Rick Banyard (Correct Planning & Consultation for Mayfield)	Jacqui Spiteri – Environment, Sustainability and Planning Manager
Graham Harde (Carrington Community Council)	
Trudie Larnach (PWCS)	
Paul O'Rourke (Newcastle Yacht Club)	Sam Collyer – Senior Manager Corporate Communications
John Hayes (Mayfield)	
Christopher Northam (Tim Crakanthorp's office)	
Rebecca Connor (Stockton resident)	Emily Gallagher – Communications Adviser (Minute Taker)
John McLeod (Carrington Community Council, Newcastle Rowing Club)	
Nick Moretti (Koppers)	Other representatives:
Ryan Duckmanton (Stolthaven)	Bob Purser, Gracyn Endacott, Meg Purser – representing Purser Corporate Communication.
Lyn Kilby (GLOW)	
John Hayes – GLOW Group	
Nathan Juchau (NCIG)	Jee Yoon, Managing Director of EPIK

Welcome and introductions

- Sarah Kiely (SK) welcomed attendees to Port of Newcastle's new office.
- SK began the meeting by acknowledging the Awabakal people as the Traditional Owners of the land on which the meeting was held, paying respects to Elders past and present.
- General welcome to attendees and an overview of the meeting agenda and format.
 - Introduction of Port of Newcastle attendees – Simon Byrnes (CEO), Sam Collyer (Senior Manager Corporate Communications), Jackie Spiteri (Environment, Sustainability and Planning Manager), and Emily Gallagher (Communications Adviser, Minute Taker).

- SK welcomed Meg Purser, Bob Purser and Gracyn Endacott representing Purser Corporate Communication and Jee Yoon, Managing Director of EPIK representing EPIK's Newcastle GasDock Project.
- Apologies received from Craig Carmody (PON), Jon Novoselac (Hunter Business Chamber, Ashlee Abbott (The City of Newcastle), John Thacker (Carrington Community Council), Clare Monkley (Throsby Basin Business Chamber), Robert Aitchison (All Australian Journeys); Richard Howard (Clark Shipping); Jacqui Warren (HunterNet)
- SK welcomed back Lyn Kilby representing GLOW Group.
- SK congratulated John McLeod on his recent milestone as President for the Newcastle Rowing Club for the past 20 years.
- No actions from previous meeting.
- Lyn Kilby (LK) asked for the Community Liaison Group (CLG) to consider writing a letter on noting how restrictions on Port of Newcastle's (PON) development of a container terminal are contributing to the obstruction in economic growth and damage to employment in Newcastle and the harbor suburbs. LK noted that 17 businesses in Darby Street and 25 in Hamilton have closed and apartment block developments had been cancelled.

ACTION: LK to coordinate the drafting of a letter that would endorse the developments of PON on behalf of the CLG.

Port of Newcastle update

Simon Byrnes, Port of Newcastle, Chief Commercial Officer (SB)

- SB provided an update on general business at PON since the last meeting on 3 June 2019.
- **Carrington Engine House** – project nearing completion with an opening date in October. CLG will receive invites once dates and details have been set.
- **EPIK Newcastle GasDock** – PON welcomes the NSW Government's support for the Newcastle GasDock project which received critical state infrastructure status (CSSI) on Wednesday 14 August.
- **Newcastle Container Terminal** – PON is progressing with plans for the development of a container terminal. PON has been engaging with stakeholders in regional NSW (Moree and Dubbo) to discuss logistical challenges and opportunities with customers and growers in regional NSW. PON welcomed NSW Nationals decision to support the removal of obstacles preventing the development of a new, privately funded container terminal in Newcastle.
- **Newcastle Port Community Contribution Fund** – previously administered by HCCDC and has now been transferred to Department Premier and Cabinet. Round 5 (2019) is open. PON contributes \$1 million per annum to the Newcastle Port Community Contribution Fund as part of its lease arrangements with the NSW Government. SB encouraged CLG members to apply and promote within their community groups.
- **Corporate Structure** – SB provided an overview of the organisational structure and PON leadership teams. See presentation for detail.
- **Quarterly snapshot** – SB provided quarterly snapshot of trade, media activities and PON's community initiatives. For details refer to attached presentation.

Q&A

- No questions tabled.

Presentation

EPIK Newcastle GasDock presentation

Meg Purser – Managing Director, Purser Corporate Communication (MP)

Jee Yoon - Founder and Managing Director, EPIK / Newcastle GasDock (JY)

- MP started by acknowledging the Awabakal people as traditional landowners and thanked CLG members for inviting Newcastle GasDock project representatives to provide an overview of the project.
- MP explained that Purser Corporate Communication (Purser) is a local public relations consultancy that will be working as the community engagement partner for EPIK and welcomed CLG members to liaise directly with Purser with an open-door policy. Purser's office is based in Carrington.
- MP introduced EPIK Managing Director Jee Yoon (JY).
- JY noted Newcastle GasDock is only the fourteenth project in NSW history that has achieved CSSI status.
- JY said EPIK was opening dialogue about the project and wants to enhance engagement with community to understand their questions and concerns.
- JY provided an overview of the business model for Newcastle GasDock and the key competitive advantages of the project, which includes the use of a floating storage and re-gasification unit (FRSU).
- JY provided an overview of the project partners and some key facts about LNG – liquified natural gas. LNG is non-flammable and non-explosive, non-toxic, non-corrosive. LNG has a strong safety record and was considered a clean, safe energy source.
- JY provided an overview of the NSW gas market and the key reasons for the Newcastle GasDock project in Newcastle. JY noted NSW is currently importing 95% of gas consumed in the state from Queensland and Victoria. JY explained LNG is costly to transport via a pipeline, making it economically beneficial to source LNG from competitive markets and ship via FSRU.
- JY provided an overview on why Newcastle was selected as the location. JY notes that Newcastle as an industrial city has a huge gas demand, particularly due to consumers such as Orica. The proposed location is 1.8km from the existing Jemena gas pipeline.
- JY provided an overview of the consultation and planning process the project has worked through to date and the expected timeframes for the achievement of further planning milestones.
- JY noted the NSW Government recommended the project should make an application for CSSI in February. Since then EPIK has been working with environment consultants and engineering experts on the designs required to submit the application. CSSI provided on Wednesday 14 August.
- JY said the Newcastle GasDock has a unique business model with EPIK seeing itself as infrastructure developers, not the buyers and sellers of LNG. The model invites gas suppliers to buy and sell gas and utilise Newcastle GasDock FSRU facility.
- JY said the terminal will expect on average one (1) LNG carrier every two (2) weeks.
- JY provided an overview the terminal design and the expected land-side development. The parcel of land to be developed is approximately 400m long and 50m wide.
- JY shared a high-level timeline which includes an onshore construction period of 12 months.
- MP concluded the presentation by welcoming CLG and general community members to contact Purser directly regarding the project.

Q&A

- LK asked JY who EPIK is working with at the NSW planning department and if they were meeting with one person or a team.
Action: EPIK to confirm full names and department and respond to LK directly.
- John Hayes (JH) noted the current gas environment in NSW and the locations where it is available, many of which are being affected by drought.
Action: This is part of a broader conversation to be taken offline for EPIK to address with JH.
- Question about how many people will be employed by EPIK once the FSRU is built.
 - JY noted EPIK estimates 30-40 jobs on full-time basis will be required to oversee the scheduling and operation of Newcastle GasDock terminal.
- LK asked JY if this was his first LNG project.
 - JY explained it is his first since establishing EPIK. Prior to establishing EPIK, JY worked at one of the largest engineering companies which built half of the 26 FSRU in operation across the world.
- Rick Banyard (RB) commented that there were other competitors in the market with plans underway to link gas lines, including the Port Kembla gas project, as well as other forms of energy. RB said that he 'struggled' to comprehend how the project will succeed.
 - MP responded that it would come down to demand and Newcastle GasDock sits comfortably in the competitive landscape.
 - JY also noted that with more energy alternatives, there would be improved competition. LNG is just one source of alternative supply. Australia will always produce its own natural resources and gas will be a part of that. Having alternatives is key for the energy industry and will enable end users to select who they buy gas from.
- Katelijn Hulleger (KH) H asked where the gas would be sourced from.
 - JY responded that there would be a number of options. The EPIK business model enables LNG players to source from a wide portfolio of LNG suppliers and bring that in via Newcastle. This could include liquefied gas suppliers in Australia, PNG, Indonesia. Other producers were located in Qatar or the Gulf of Mexico.
- KH asked if there was a situation where the gas escapes or a spillage occurs, could it pollute the air or generate emissions.
ACTION: EPIK to take this question on notice for the next meeting.
- Dallas Fletcher (DF) asked if there are different qualities of gas.
 - JY confirmed there were differences in the heat quality of gas and Australia has standards for the quality that can be used in gas pipelines. Newcastle GasDock would ensure these are met.
- Rebecca Connor (RC) asked for EPIK's perspective on the domestic reserves policy.
 - MP acknowledged there was ongoing discussion but noted it was of political nature and Newcastle GasDock did not wish to comment.
- RC further noted the timelines in EPIK's presentation were very hopeful and mentioned her experience working in NSW Government.
 - JY acknowledged this but also noted the CSSI status would assist Newcastle GasDock to move at a faster rate.

- Greg Gocher (GG) asked how much dredging is anticipated given the location of the project and size of the vessels.
 - JY responded that Newcastle GasDock's location was in a shallow area of the channel and capital dredging will be required. JY noted some approvals are already in place that can be utilised to fast track this.
- GG asked if the dredged material in the area of the channel has been tested.
 - Nathan Juchau (NJ) mentioned that he was aware the material has been tested during planning for T4.
 - Jackie Spiteri (JS) informed the group that there were rigorous processes in place for testing dredged material which help determine if material is suitable to be disposed offshore in the approved disposal ground.
- DF asked if local construction companies/ businesses would have the opportunity to be able to tender / apply for construction work.
 - JY advised that where possible EPIK will seek to engage local contractors, however there may be some specialised skills that would need to be brought in from outside the area.
- RB asked about the capacity of the pipeline. He noted that the Jemena gas line supplies 20% of the states required needs, but Newcastle GasDock is promoting that it can supply up to 80%. RB questioned whether the pipeline would be able to take this extra capacity/ supply.
 - JY noted that EPIK is currently in discussion with Jemena to design and understand the correct pressure and capability of their systems. JY noted that Jemena has the responsibility of managing the distribution network and SSTM.

Presentation

Koppers Mayfield site infrastructure improvements

Nick Moretti - Operations Manager, Koppers (NM)

- NM provided background on the Koppers company and Mayfield plant. The process involves using a by-product of the steel making industry. Average employment tenure is 30 years. Core product is coal-tar pitch for the aluminium industry. NM shared an overview of the products Koppers produced, what they are used for and the customers that Koppers supply.
- NM discussed the new project for the vapour treatment system that was unveiled last week to stakeholders, community and media. The new method still used a 'wet scrubbing' process which is a first stage of vapor treatment. Vapours are drawn to the furnace and burnt off using a process called 'thermal oxidation'.
- NM noted Koppers operates within their EPA licence and a number of measures have been implemented over the years. NM provided an overview of the emission reductions that have been achieved as a result of the thermal oxidation project.
- NM discussed the recent complaints regarding emissions from tanks at Koppers and that the EPA had arranged an independent audit in response. The outcomes have brought forward the installation of early warning equipment including pressure monitors, valve sensors that are wirelessly connected to the control room. The total value of environmental projects has \$19 million.

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- RFJ asked NM if Koppers was measuring CO2 emissions.
 - NM said yes, Koppers report CO2 among other emissions to the EPA as part of their licence as part of the on the National Pollutant Inventory which includes a comprehensive list.
- LK asked how often EPA attend the Koppers site.
 - NM noted the EPA were visiting the site regularly at the moment to monitor the completion of the projects that were underway.

Presentation

PON logo rebrand update

Sarah Kiely – Communications and Community Relations Manager (SK)

- SK provided an overview on PON's brand update and the rationale for the change.
- SK thanked CLG members for their input to the survey along with PON staff. This feedback was used by the creative agency to come up with the final concept.
- SK unveiled the new logo and discussed the development of the design.
- SK said the project would include a new website with branding gradually rolled out to other assets. A link to review the website would shortly be forwarded to CLG members.

Presentation

Climate Change update

Richard Finlay-Jones - CLG Member, Pilbara Solar, CLEANas, EcoEnviro (RFJ)

- RFJ presentations was delayed until a future meeting as the meeting was running late. All CLG members agreed.
ACTION: SK to note in Agenda for first meeting in 2020.

Other items

- SK noted that she was commencing maternity leave on 11 October and looked forward to seeing everyone when she returned in 2020.

Meeting close

Next meeting scheduled for 25 November 2019. The final meeting will be a casual end-of-year get together, including a site visit and dinner.

Meeting dates for 2020 will be forwarded shortly.

** Attendance is by Port of Newcastle's invitation.