



# PORT COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS FORUM MEETING

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 13 February 2007

## 1. PRESENT AND APOLOGIES

**PRESENT:** Steve McGuire, Ross Island Residents Association  
Paul Holden, Townsville Enterprise Limited  
Michael Offermans, South Townsville Neighbourhood Watch Committee  
Arwen Rickert, Environment and Behaviour Consultants  
Paul Maccarone, Department of Main Roads  
Roy Shearer, Small Vessel Operator  
Barry Holden, TPA  
Lesley McMahon, TPA  
Catherine Hobbs, TPA

**APOLOGIES:** Peter Mellor, DSDI  
Thea Hiskins, TRAC  
James McLellan, NQCC  
Brian Pickup, Sunfish NQ  
Vern Veitch, NaREF  
Tanya Thoreau, MICDA  
Allison Hope, MICDA  
Richard Perkins, Urban Quarter Apartments  
Melinda Loudon, TPA  
Ranee Crosby, TPA

## 2. AGENDA ITEMS

### **2.1 Eastern Access Corridor Update (Arwen Rickert, Environment and Behaviour Consultants) and Paul Maccarone (Department of Main Roads)**

Arwen Rickert introduced Paul Maccarone from the Department of Main Roads who provided a brief overview of the status of the proposed Eastern Access Corridor project.

Arwen Rickert advised members that the Environmental Protection Biodiversity Conservation (EPBC) documentation is now available for public comment from 10 February to 9 March 2007. This consultation period is open for twenty working days and deals with environmental issues associated with the Eastern Access Corridor.

Paul Maccarone stated that a public consultation on the total project should be in March.

## **2.2 Port Business Park Development – Design Guidelines Update (Catherine Hobbs, Townsville Port Authority).**

### *Port Business Park Development – Update*

- The bulk of the fill is on site. There is still a quantity to come out of stormwater excavation, etc.
- Most of the sewerage reticulation and manholes have been installed. They have some benching, etc, to complete and testing before they can connect to Townsville City Council's system.
- Majority of the stormwater pipes on site have been installed, they have to cross Boundary Street and through Riverside Marine's yard. This should occur in March. Meanwhile, manholes and side inlet pits will be installed on the road.
- Installation of water reticulation mains, the underground electrical conduit and Telstra conduit is being undertaken prior to laying the next layer of base course on the road.
- It is anticipated that works will be completed in late March. Further adverse weather will extend the completion date.

## **2.3 Port Expansion Project Update (Barry Holden, Townsville Port Authority).**

Barry Holden advised members that a Port Master Plan is being developed in cooperation with the Office of the Coordinator General and is nearing completion. It looks at trade opportunities in the future and infrastructure that will be required to meet these opportunities. It predicts that trade through the Port of Townsville will double in the next 15 years. It is expected that the Port of Townsville will drive seaward in the future.

Engineering design work is nearing completion on Berth 4 to align it with Berth 3. Berth 6 will be demolished and remedial work is likely to be carried out on Berth 7. The Authority is also looking at extending Berth 10 by approximately 100 metres.

There are also future plans to reclaim the area opposite the new Port Business Park on Boundary Street.

## **2.4 Upcoming Boundary Street works (Barry Holden, Townsville Port Authority)**

### *Powerlink Substation*

Work is due to commence on a new Powerlink substation at the corner of Hubert and Archer Streets during April. Powerlink will commence works on a high voltage transmission line under Ross River at the end of February.

This transmission line will run underground to the new substation. The increased electrical capacity is to ensure supply for the expansion of the port and developments in the Central Business District into the future.

### *Port Business Park*

In the first or second week of March the Authority will be laying a stormwater pipe across Boundary Street to drain water off the Port Business Park. The work will take place over a weekend - weather permitting.

Once completed, the Port Business Park will be a stand-alone system with no impact on the city drainage infrastructure.

## 2.5 Ambient Air Quality Monitoring Program (Catherine Hobbs, Townsville Port Authority)

Catherine Hobbs advised members that Townsville Port Authority and the port community are launching a city-wide Ambient Air Quality Monitoring program as part of its long-term commitment to sound environmental management.

The objective of the Dust Monitoring Program is to determine the ambient air quality in Townsville.

Townsville Port Authority has purchased the equipment for this project, with the port community financing the monitoring program (driven through the Port of Townsville Environmental Working Group).

Six sites have been selected on the basis of known dust emission sources, wind speed and direction or proximity to the port as potential impact areas, these are:

- Site 1 – North Ward
- Site 2 – Castle Hill/Yarrowonga
- Site 3 – City of Townsville
- Site 4 – Kissing Point
- Site 5 – South Townsville
- Site 6 – Garbutt

Two existing stations are included:

- Site 7 – Townsville Port
- Site 8 – Pimlico

PM10 (inhalable dust) and total suspended particulates will be investigated. It will also include some elemental investigation.



Steve McGuire suggested that the Authority's environmental team do some presentations on dust monitoring to various clubs around Townsville to educate people.

Barry Holden stated that the Authority does make numerous presentations to various clubs and organisations – as well as free port tours to any interested groups.

### **3. GENERAL BUSINESS**

#### **3.1 Business Clean Up Day**

Catherine Hobbs advised members that the Business Clean Up Australia Day will be held on Tuesday, 27 February from 3.30-5 p.m. All members were invited to attend. RSVP's should be directed to Anna Skillington on 4781 1502, or [askillington@townsville-port.com.au](mailto:askillington@townsville-port.com.au) .

#### **3.2 Land on the Corner of Archer and Tully Streets**

Michael Offermans enquired about any planned uses for the land the Authority owns on the corner of Archer and Tully Streets.

Barry Holden stated that there is no firm use planned at the moment.

### **4. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on 15 May 2007 at the Townsville Port Authority Administration Building.

### **5. CLOSE OF MEETING**

The meeting closed at 7.00 p.m.