

# PORT COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS FORUM MEETING

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 21 FEBRUARY 2006

## 1. PRESENT AND APOLOGIES

**PRESENT:** Steve McGuire, Ross Island Residents Association  
Vern Veitch, NaREF  
Brian Pickup, Sunfish NQ  
Roy Shearer, Small Vessel Operator  
Leigh Turner, South Townsville Neighbourhood Watch Committee  
Barry Holden, TPA  
Caryn Anderson, TPA  
Lesley McMahon, TPA  
Catherine Hobbs, TPA  
Melinda Loudon, TPA

**APOLOGIES:** Peter Mellor, DSDI  
Jackie Hutchinson, Jupiters Hotel and Casino  
Frank Hynard, Metro Quays Apartments  
Glenys Schuntner, TSV Enterprise  
Richard Perkins, Urban Quarter Apartments  
Thea Hiskins, TRAC  
James McLellan, NQCC  
Magnetic Island Community Development Assoc (MICDA)  
D.J. McKenzie, Townsville City Council

## 2. AGENDA ITEMS

### 2.1 Tour of Southern Cross Fertilisers Shed

Members took a tour of the Southern Cross Fertilisers shed. See photo below.



## **2.2 Ross Creek Presentation (DJ McKenzie, Townsville City Council)**

Presentation was not made as DJ McKenzie was unable to attend the meeting.

## **2.3 110 Anniversary Celebrations (Barry Holden, TPA)**

It was noted that 2006 is the 110 year anniversary of the first meeting of the Townsville Harbour Board. The Authority will mark this occasion on March 24 with a lunch at Jupiters Hotel and Casino for Port customers and stakeholders. Members of the Community Forum will also be invited to attend.

## **2.4 Maritime Security Identification Card (Barry Holden, TPA)**

Barry Holden explained the new Maritime Security Identification Card (MSIC) and what it would mean for operations and activities within the Port of Townsville.

It is anticipated that MSIC will be introduced at the Port of Townsville in April this year.

MSIC is a nationally recognised security identification card for the maritime industry. It shows that you are cleared to enter and work in maritime security zones of Australian Ports, ships, and offshore oil and gas facilities.

You need a MSIC if you work on a wharf, onboard a ship, or onboard an offshore oil or gas facility.

You will also need an MSIC if you visit the Port of Townsville, board a ship, or visit an offshore facility more than once a year to deliver or drop off goods, provide services, or conduct regular maintenance.

From 1 January 2007, you could be fined if you don't display the MSIC when you are in a maritime security zone.

Applicants will be subject to a rigorous assessment process against the following criteria:

- criminal back ground checks ( conducted by the Australian Federal Police);
- security back ground check (conducted by Australian Security Intelligence Organisation);
- demonstrated operational need for a MSIC (reviewed by each Port and Port Security Officer).

The estimated cost of a MSIC will be between \$130.00 and \$160.00.

For further information on the MSIC visit the Department of Transport website: [www.dotars.gov.au](http://www.dotars.gov.au).

## **2.5 Land Use Plan (Catherine Hobbs, TPA)**

The Authority is in the process of developing a new land use plan as the current Land Use Plan is ten years old.

Legislative changes to the *Transport Infrastructure Act 1994* require that all Queensland Port Authorities prepare a Statement of Proposal in conjunction with a future Land Use Plan for the management of strategic port land.

A Statement of Proposal is primarily a consultation tool that provides the opportunity for the community to gain a clear understanding of the major issues and challenges within and surrounding the port area, and to make a meaningful contribution towards determining how the Land Use Plan will respond to those issues and challenges.

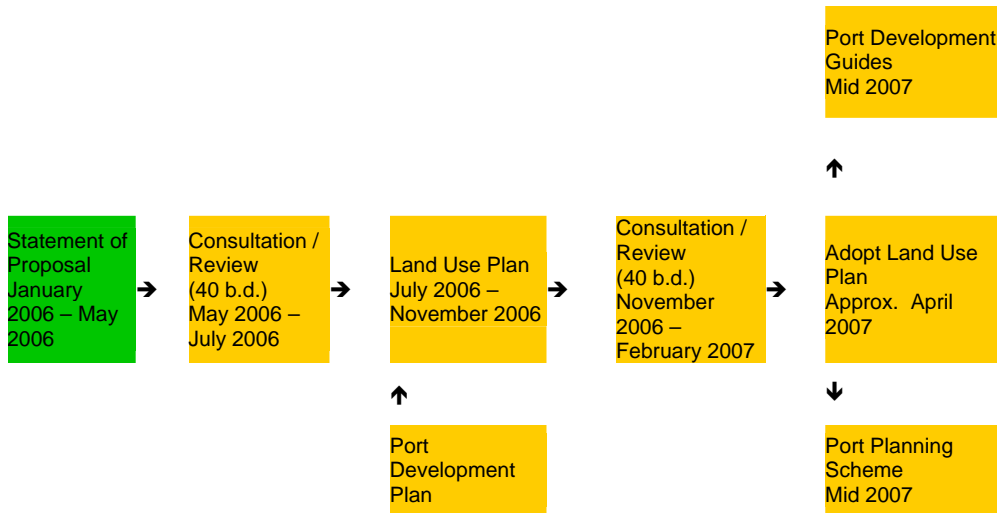
The Land Use Plan will be a forward looking instrument establishing policy to guide changes to the way land, buildings, and structures are used and developed on the land under the jurisdiction of the Townsville Port Authority.

The Land Use Plan will not and cannot control existing lawful uses or works. However it will address issues of protection of ecological values, interface issues, and community benefit.

Any development on Strategic Port Land will be required to comply with the Land Use Plan (ie. extending or constructing a new shed).

Strategic Port Land does not include all the land the Authority owns. It includes lands that are considered critical to the future development of the Port. For example, boat ramps are Strategic Port Lands but the land adjacent to Ross Creek beside Flinders Street East is considered Non-Strategic Port Land.

This process will also identify lands the Authority believes should be strategic.



Members will be updated on the preparation process at future Port Community Partnerships Forums. The Statement of Proposal (1st document) will be released to all port customers in May 2006. For further information contact Catherine Hobbs – Planning Officer on (07) 4781 1601.

## 2.6 Ocean Terminal Update (Barry Holden, TPA)

On 7 February, the Government announced approval for the development agreement for the \$1 billion Townsville Ocean Terminal project, a joint venture between TABCORP Holdings and Consolidated Properties Group.

After the execution of the agreement, an Environmental Impact Statement will be carried out, which will require ongoing consultation with stakeholders, the Townsville City Council, Townsville Port Authority and community.

The Coordinator-General is overseeing this process and further information is available from their website <http://www.coordinatorgeneral.qld.gov.au>.

The finalisation of contractual arrangements represents the culmination of significant work by the Queensland Government, TABCORP and Consolidated Properties Group in reaching agreement on the terms of the construction of the Townsville Ocean Terminal.

## 3. GENERAL BUSINESS

### 3.1 Ergon/Powerlink line

Steve McGuire asked about the status of the Ergon/Powerlink line.

Caryn Anderson advised that the Powerlink route alignment and preferred substation location should be finalised in the very near future.

### 3.2 Keith Thompson Land

Steve McGuire enquired as to the status of the old Keith Thompson land. He was advised that the Authority is not aware of any immediate development plans for the land but will seek to ensure that any future development of the site is compatible with future development objectives in this interface area. .

### 3.3 Port Access Corridor

Caryn Anderson advised that the design work and land acquisition is due to be completed by June 2006.

It was noted that there are a number of significant development interests in Townsville and that any one of these projects could facilitate the accelerated delivery of the Eastern Access Corridor.

Arwen Rickert, Environment and Behaviour Consultant for the Port Access Corridor project, will be asked to present an update at the next Port Community Partnerships Forum meeting.

### **3.4 Landscaping in front of New Sugar Shed**

Leigh Turner enquired as to the progress of landscaping in front of the new sugar shed.

Caryn Anderson advised that the original designs for the environmental park were to be completed in three stages. Stage 1 has been completed – which is the environmental park. Stage 2 should be completed by the end of this financial year –this involves walkways from the mouth of Ross River through to Archer Street. Stage 3 involves the land near the new sugar shed. However, before any detailed landscaping can be carried out, further consideration of stormwater management issues is required.

### **3.5 Sir Leslie Theiss Drive Boat Ramps**

Vern Veitch noted that the recreational boating community were still experiencing problems accessing parking spaces during the week at the boat ramps in Ross Creek. He suggested that a certain number of parking spaces be allocated to trailer parking only for the entire week. The Authority will look at this option and report back to Vern.

### **3.6 Feedback Surveys**

Members were advised that the Authority will be carrying out its annual customer, community, and employee feedback surveys in April.

### **3.7 Sugar Shed Tour**

Lesley McMahon will examine the option of a tour of the sugar facilities in the Port to be included in the next meeting.

## **4. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> May, 2006 at 5.30 p.m. Location will be the Port of Townsville Administration Building.

## **5. CLOSE OF MEETING**