

Save Botany Beach Newsletter - July 2007

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1. Next Save Botany Beach Meeting

The next SBB meeting will take place at 7 p.m. Monday, July 16, 2007 at Botany Golf Club, Botany Road Banksmeadow. We look forward to seeing you.

2. IPART Review of the Interface between the Land Transport Industries and the Stevedores at Port Botany.

The IPART Tribunal will be holding a Roundtable discussion on some of the likely issues on this review on the 18 July 2007 from 9:30 AM to 1:00 PM at The Mint, 10 Macquarie Street, SYDNEY. Participants representing the various stakeholders for the forum have already been notified and the Tribunal now cordially invites all other interested parties to attend. Road & rail issues are the topics to be discussed.

SBB would encourage everybody to attend this roundtable discussion to listen and see what the issues are being highlighted and discussed about the impacts on road & rail.

All the relevant background information and submissions are available on the IPART website go to:

http://www.ipart.nsw.gov.au/investigation_content.asp?industry=5§or=current&inquiry=116

However, after a story about ING Real Estate's IPART submission appeared in the Weekly Southern Courier two weeks ago, which highlighted the submissions negative comments about Botany Bay City Council and Resident Groups, ING Real Estate had its submission classified as 'confidential' and subsequently removed from the IPART website. However, if you wish to receive a copy of the ING Real Estate submission, send a request to: info@savebotanybeach.com

3. Proposed Port Botany Expansion Project

- i) Penrhyn Estuary Offsets Package

The NSW Department of Planning requires Sydney Port's Corporation to provide an offsets package on a conservation project. Penrhyn Estuary is the subject of the offsets package there be attached document 'Penrhyn Estuary Offset Package - May 2007' provides the detailed information.

Save Botany Beach is continuing to lobby against the Proposed Port Botany Expansion and is seeking the decision to be reviewed.

a) SBB encourages you to continue to protest against the proposed port expansion and ask the NSW Government to review its decision for various reasons including the Sydney Ports Corporation forecasting a decrease in container trade from 7% per annum to around 4% per annum, and the fact that both Toll Holdings (formerly Patrick's) and DP World (formerly P&O) are upgrading their Port Botany operations to double their capacity of container processing without the need for NSW taxpayer's money or the dredging of Botany Bay. The upgrades will enable a maximum capacity of 2.6 million containers per annum. A saving of between \$700M and \$1000M of NSW taxpayer's money.

b) The NSW Government 's proposed 60 ha expansion for the third terminal has no contracts for a third stevedoring company to develop and operate it. Also, MUA are considering a legal challenge regarding anti-competitiveness of the tender process that excludes both Toll and DP World.

c) If this proposed port expansion is allowed to go ahead it will have a capacity of 1.6 million containers per annum alone providing Port Botany with a total capacity of 4.2 million containers per annum. As the port expansion was proposed to enable a capacity of 3.2 million containers per annum, this is 1 million containers per annum above that required. Save Botany Beach believes the port is at capacity now due to the impact the container trucks have on the arterial roads due to the inadequate road and rail infrastructure.

d) Save Botany Beach has been made aware that the proposed Port Botany expansion NOW includes changes to the original Development Application and Environmental Impact Statement with the recent inclusion of a rock seawall along the entire length of Botany Beach on Foreshore Road except for 400m strip of sand, at the western end near the airport. There will be very little beach amenity available to the public and will be located right where

the sewerage overflow enters Botany Bay. Save Botany Beach is seeking legal advice and details will be disclosed at later date.

Save Botany Beach believes it is not too late to stop the proposed Port Botany expansion as the NSW Government is yet to secure a contract for the "Design and Construct" of the 60 ha platform on which the third terminal is to be developed. Furthermore, the NSW Government is yet to secure a contract for a third operator to develop and operate the third terminal. Toll Holdings and DP World have been excluded from tendering to operate the third terminal. The Maritime Union of Australia (MUA) has voiced its protest about this and has threatened to take legal action against the NSW Government.

Save Botany Beach requests your continued support and ask that you contact NSW Premier Morris Iemma and the NSW Planning Minister Frank Sartor.

Contact Mr Iemma in his capacity as Premier, Minister for State Development, and Minister for Citizenship
Address Level 40 Governor Macquarie Tower,
1 Farrer Place, SYDNEY NSW 2000
Phone (02) 9228 5239 Email thepremier@www.nsw.gov.au

Contact Mr Sartor in his capacity as Minister for Planning:
Address Level 34 Governor Macquarie Tower,
1 Farrer Place, SYDNEY NSW 2000
Phone (02) 9228 4700 Email office@sartor.minister.nsw.gov.au

The Sydney Port's Corporation (SPC) was required as a condition of its Port Botany Development Approval to create and host Community Consultative Committee (CCC) that included the various stakeholders. The CCC meets regularly to consider all aspects of the project delivery, and the public can contact CCC Members to raise any issues or concerns, by emailing botany_terminal.project@sydneyports.com.au or calling 9296 4999.

Minutes of the meeting are posted on the Sydney ports website www.sydneyports.com.au shortly after each meeting.

The CCC membership includes:

Roberta Ryan - (of Urbis JHD) the Independent Chairperson has been appointed by the Department of Planning to chair the meetings
Neil Brener - Business Representative, COO HPA Pty Ltd
John Burgess - Australian National Sportfishing Association
Nancy Hillier - Botany Environment Watch
Neil Melvin - Concerned Citizen's Association, Rockdale
Patrick Williams - Botany and Eastern Region Environmental Protection Agency
Paul Pickering - Resident of Dent Street
Robyn Eisermann - Randwick City Council
Paul Shepherd - City of Botany Bay Council
Sydney Ports representatives
Colin Rudd -Project Director
Kamini Parashar - Project Communications Manager
Marika Calfas - Project Environment Manager

4. Orica Residential Bore Monitoring Program

Orica is continuing with its six monthly testing of residential bores with the results from the May 2007 testing now being made available to the public.

The residential groundwater sampling tests were undertaken by URS Australia Pty Ltd. It was only testing for chlorinated hydrocarbons (CHC's) which are associated with Orica's historic operations in the area. The samples were sent to Australian Laboratory Services Pty Ltd to be analysed.

Of the 17 bores that were sampled in residential properties in May 2007, 12 had detections of CHC's. Five of these bores had detections of at least one chemical above the relevant guideline values. Orica only arranges to test bores in the Groundwater Extraction Exclusion Area (GEEA), where residential use of bore water is prohibited by the Department of Water and Energy (DWE, formerly the Department of Natural Resources). Residents that had their bores tested received a written response containing the test results with an overview of all the other results.

A copy of the laboratory report containing the analytical results has been sent to the Department of Environment and Climate Change (DECC) and DWE with an abridged version of a report provided to NSW Health and the City of Botany Bay Council.

Generally, Orica offers bore testing annually for residents who have no detection of Orica related CHC's in a residential bore monitoring event and twice a year for residents who have had a deflection of Orica related CHC's. The next round of residential bore monitoring is planned for November 2007.

Contact the Orica Community Hotline on 1800 025 138 if you would like to have your bore tested.

Orica Groundwater Contamination Management Update

Orica is reported to be committed to addressing its contamination in the groundwater. Extraction and treatment of contaminated groundwater at Orica's Groundwater Treatment Plant commenced at the end of January 2006 and is achieving significant containment of the Orica-related contamination. The groundwater cleanup is a long-term project that will take many decades to complete.

For more information on the groundwater contamination at the Orica complex, please visit Orica's botany groundwater website www.oricabotanygroundwater.com or call Orica's Community Hotline 1800 025 138. For more information on the management of the groundwater go to the NSW Department of Natural Resources website: http://www.naturalresources.nsw.gov.au/water/botany_bay.shtml#3 or phone the Botany Groundwater Hotline 1800 237 012.

Health risks

Residents concerned about possible health risks from previous exposure to groundwater in the red or yellow zones are encouraged to contact South Eastern Sydney Illawarra Public Health Unit on 02 9382 8333, or write to the Director, Public Health Unit, Locked Bag 88, Randwick NSW 2031.

Rainwater Tank Rebate

The Rainwater Tank Rebate is available to properties located in the Groundwater Extraction Exclusion Area and applications close in June 2008. An information sheet is available by going to: http://www.oricabotanygroundwater.com/PDFs/RWT_Rebate_Form_May2006_rev_3.pdf