

Port Stakeholder Working Group

Wednesday, 27 June 2015, 10.00am- 11.30am,
Port of Townsville Board Room, Administration Building, Benwell Road

MINUTES

Present	Organisation
David Donohue	Chair (QCCN)
Judy Newman, Clive Berger, James Hobbs, Ian Ferguson	Community Reps
Chris Wake, Nina Henney	DEHP
Don Neale	DSITI
Damien Farrington	QLD Health
Greg O'Shea	Glencore
Juliette Sperber, David King	NSS
Wendy Tubman	NQCC
Melissa McKeown	TCC
Ranee Crosby, Kim Gebers, Melinda Loudon, Sharon Hoops	POTL
Graeme Nielsen, Mark Daniell, Tracey Bauer	South32 - Cannington
Elaine Glen	Sun Metals
Apologies	
Peta Connelly	TBSH
George Lukacs	QNI
Gavin Hammond	TCC
David Wainwright	DSITI
Bill Laing	NQCC

1. Welcome and Introduction of new members

New people were welcomed to today's meeting – Nina Henney from DEHP, Don Neale from DSITI, Melissa McKeown from TCC, Tracey Bauer from South32.

Apologies were noted.

The Chair addressed the group with a statement regarding the tasks and future ambition of the PSWG:

We as a working group have an important and complex job ahead of us.

After speaking to almost all those around this table since our last meeting, it's apparent there is a shared desire to:

- better inform our community about environmental performance here at the Port by ensuring people have accurate and factual information about issues relating to air quality, dust deposition and environmental management practices,*
- to support and stimulate improvements to performance,*
- and to contribute to making Townsville a better place to live and work.*

To achieve these outcomes we have agreed to work together, sharing information, discussing it and reaching consensus. This working together has to be based firmly on trust to ensure that everyone here - individuals or organisations - are able to present and discuss sometimes complex or confidential information without fear of misinterpretation or misreporting. We all have a role to play in ensuring that this group becomes neither a "talk fest" nor a mere exchange of polished public documents.

As Chair, my message is clear – the train is moving and everyone has a choice to be fully onboard or standing on the station waving.

2. Minutes of previous meeting

- The Minutes of the previous meeting from 24 May 2015 were adopted without amendment.

Action: Copy of adopted minutes to be uploaded to Dropbox.
Uploaded

3. PSWG Community Reps port tour

- Clive Berger, Judy Newman, Ian Ferguson and James Hobbs expressed their appreciation at being given the opportunity to tour the Townsville port. Feedback included (paraphrased):
 - The construction work that has gone on over the last few years was interesting to see – it's pretty massive, James Hobbs
 - I used to work here on the cranes and it's extraordinary to see the changes and size of land reclamation and how much has gone on in general recently. Lots of construction would be part and parcel with the problem (dust emissions), I'd imagine, Ian Ferguson.
 - Before September 11 we used to be able to drive through the port so it was interesting to see all the changes that have gone on since then, Judy Newman.
 - Clive Berger asked if the Cannington conveyor belt was enclosed and Graeme Nielsen confirmed this.
- Wendy Tubman has also had a tour of the Glencore facility since the last PSWG meeting.

4. Port User Overviews

- South32 (Cannington), Glencore, Sun Metals and NSS all delivered presentations to the group outlining their operations.

Action: Copies of all presentations and notes will be uploaded to the Dropbox.
Uploaded

5. DEHP Report

- Chris Wake provided an update on the installation of near real-time monitoring at the port. Installation of the new monitoring equipment is due to take place between the middle and end of July, after which time a commissioning and calibration process will be undertaken. It is estimated this process may take up to three months. Data obtained from the near real-time monitoring will be made public once the new equipment is operating correctly.
- Chris advised that correct protocols to make contact with DEHP to report incidents or make a complaint was by phone or email to – so that it can be correctly recorded. Chris noted that he was still happy to field enquiries however the standard procedure was preferred.
- Chris addressed a previous query from Wendy Tubman regarding sampling and particle size. Chris presented an explanation to the group that TSP standards and measurements are defined sample particles within a size range. More information around this definition is available in David Wainwright's (DSITI) presentation from the last PSWG meeting.
- The group was reminded that an explanation of the different types of sampling equipment is available on the Port of Townsville website.

Action: David Wainwright presentation to be uploaded to Dropbox.
Awaiting this presentation

Action: DEHP contact protocol to be made available.
Below

For community complaints/concerns, it is preferable that EHPs office is the first point of contact. This allows EHP to get an understanding of the complainants concerns, record and track the complaint in the database as per departmental procedure.

Contact number is 1300 130 372

Email to PollutionHotline@ehp.qld.gov.au and is a 24 hour contact service.

6. DSITI Report

- Chris Wake also provided an update on behalf of DSITI and advised that work was underway with the QLD Chemical Centre to investigate the different methodologies between the old standard and the new standards.
DEHP are reviewing some of the monitoring data and licences that are in place at the port for port users. At present they are still waiting on some data (from port users) to be able to complete this task – this is expected to be received by the end of June 2015.

7. Queensland Health Report

- Damien Farrington advised he would make available Queensland Health issues/complaints contact point.
- Clive Berger had a question for QLD Health about why children are not routinely tested for blood levels if there is concern in the community. Damien advised that Queensland Health had no ability to compel blood samples from children and that volunteer programs in other places had been not very successful. He noted that people do not volunteer their children for blood testing or the volunteers that are willing aren't from higher risk demographic groups, thus potentially skewing any data gained. In Mount Isa there was a public health intervention triggered when information from other sources that indicated there was likely to be a problem.
- No other matters to update.

Action: Q Health contact detail to be made available.
Below

Contact points for Queensland Health issues are:
Phone on 07 4753 9000 (during business hours 8.30 to 5.00)
or on 13 HEALTH (13 43 25 84) after hours.
Email at eh_townsville@health.qld.gov.au.

8. General Business

- Graeme Nielsen from South 32 requested that the day of meetings be reviewed to allow them to attend more easily (based on flights from Cannington).
- Raneë Crosby suggested that a “one page meeting summary” could be created after each PSWG meeting that could be distributed to external parties (such as media) to avoid any confusion around how the information we communicate out activities to stakeholders.

Action: The chair to create “one pager” for distribution after each PSWG meeting.
Uploaded to Dropbox as “media statement”

Action: Sharon to consult with the PSWG members regarding suitable day/time during the week.

Next Meeting – To be confirmed after consultation with PSWG members.

David Donohue, Chair

Date