

**DALRYMPLE BAY COAL TERMINAL PTY LTD**  
**MINUTES OF MEETING: DBCT Community Working Group.**

<p><b>PRESENT:</b> Betty Hobbs, Bruce Wegner, Tom Andrews, Ian Tynan, Frank Ross, Kim Gebers, Ron Faulkner, David Phillips, Richard Holliday, Cathy Kelly, Fiona Sperou.</p> <p><b>APOLOGIES:</b> Karen May, Merrilyn Tinsley, Cath Hutton, Ted Malone, Dan Luchmaya</p>	<p><b>MEETING DATE:</b> 19 July 2007, 6pm, PCQ Building</p> <p><b>NEXT MEETING:</b> 27 September 2007, 6pm, PCQ Building</p>
<p><b>DISTRIBUTION:</b> Betty Hobbs, Bruce Wegner, Fiona Sperou, Tom Andrews, Ian Tynan, Ron Faulkner, David Phillips, Cath Hutton, John Gamble, Ted Malone, Karen May, Richard Holliday, Kim Gebers, Merrilyn Tinsley, Dan Luchmaya, Frank Ross, Greg Smith, Cathy Kelly.</p>	<p><b>SIGNED:</b> _____</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>DATE: 24.7.07</b></p>

ITEM NO	SUBJECT	ACTION	BY WHOM	BY WHEN
1.	Apologies	Karen May, Merrilyn Tinsley, Cath Hutton, Ted Malone, Dan Luchmaya		
2.	Correspondence	None		
3.	Minutes	<p>Accepted.</p> <p><b><u>Hay Point Boat Ramp</u></b></p> <p>Half Tide representative Ian Tynan attended Sunfish meeting on behalf of CWG. Ian reported that not many Hay Point fishermen were present. He said points raised included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No mention of the Hay Point Boat ramp during meeting. However, subsequent discussions established that the boat ramp is owned by Queensland Transport and leased by PCQ.</li> <li>• Small boats can use Half Tide Beach to ease congestion at the Hay Point boat ramp.</li> <li>• Sunfish suggested the CWG consider applying to the Department of Fisheries for pontoon funding.</li> <li>• Sarina Beach is getting a second ramp and an upgrade of the existing one.</li> <li>• Work is being done at the Grasstree Beach ramp.</li> <li>• Seaforth is getting a third lane and a pontoon in the next 12 months.</li> <li>• If facilities were improved at Hay Point these would help take the pressure off the very busy ramp at Mackay Harbour.</li> </ul> <p>BBI's Frank Ross noted he had advised Sunfish's Lance Murray of BBI's planned improvements at the tug harbour.</p> <p>Salonika Beach representative Tom Andrews suggested that if we are to seek</p>		

		<p>funding for a pontoon at Hay Point, then we should emphasise the fact that it would not just be used for loading and unloading boats, but would also be a valuable community resource, improving access and allowing the young, elderly and disabled to fish. He said Letters of Support from groups such as VMR should also be sought to support the project.</p> <p><b>Action: Ian Tynan to investigate grant options.</b></p> <p><b><u>Sarina Youth Group funding application</u></b>  DBCT's Cathy Kelly advised she had emailed Margie Ward to inform her that the CWG was willing to make a contribution towards their t-shirt funding application, but could not cover the entire amount. She suggested that other community groups, such as progress associations throughout the district, be approached to make similar donations. No response has been received.</p> <p><b>Action: Cathy Kelly will continue to try and contact Margie Ward to establish if the funding is still required.</b></p> <p><b><u>Vegetation at Information Bay</u></b>  BBI's Frank Ross advised that there were no issues with vegetation being planted at the BBI information bay, as long as it does not obstruct driver visibility. There was general discussion of suitable plants. Cathy Kelly suggested that perhaps unused 2007 funds could be used towards landscaping the information bay.</p> <p><b>Action: Cathy Kelly to contact Landcare's Saskia von Farland to establish the types of plants most suitable for beautification of the information bay.</b></p>	<p>Ian Tynan</p> <p>Cathy Kelly</p> <p>Cathy Kelly</p>	<p>Next meeting</p> <p>Next meeting</p> <p>Next meeting</p>
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4.	7X Project Update	<p><u>7X Project Community Relations Manager Frank Ross</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 50% of the project is complete, with 70% of Phase 1 now finished.</li> <li>• Phases 2 &amp; 3 are on schedule and about 20% complete.</li> <li>• There are currently 556 contractors on site, 70-75% of which are Mackay region locals. This figure will increase to 600-650 at the project's peak and then will ease off at the end of Phase 1 at the end of the year.</li> <li>• Pile driving from the self-elevating platform off Berth 3 will start later this month, running between the hours of 6.30am to 6.30pm, Monday to Saturday. Pile driving for the jetty will also start this month, starting at both ends and finishing in the last quarter of 2008.</li> <li>• Two dams in the rail loop will be extended, as required by the EPA as part of the 70 million tonnes per annum upgrade approvals.</li> <li>• Frank has been unsuccessfully chasing further information on the power station required for the upgrade. Ron Faulkner advised it is now not travelling through his land and he thinks Ergon will take it through PCQ land. He believes they may have been having trouble getting approval from cane farmers to take the lines through their farms.</li> <li>• Another six-monthly report card will be distributed to the community next month.</li> </ul>		
5.	Environmental Report	<p><u>DBCT P/L Community Liaison Officer Cathy Kelly</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There have been no complaints since the previous meeting.</li> <li>• Hay Point Coal Terminal received a noise complaint from a Louisa Creek resident earlier in the week, however DBCT P/L was on a planned electrical shutdown at the time and so was discounted as a possible source. Some present felt the new wagon vibrators at Hay Point Coal Terminal might have generated the noise. Louisa Creek's Bruce Wegner enquired if DBCT would be using the same vibrators. DBCT's Kim Gebers advised that those in place at HPS worked on a lower frequency and so had a different effect than those planned for DBCT. BBI's Frank Ross advised that noise control measures would be in place at the new Rail Reveal shed. Additional testing would be undertaken and soundproofing could be retrofitted if necessary.</li> </ul>		

6.	Mackay Tourism – Mining Trail overview	<p><u>Mackay Tourism General Manager David Phillips</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mackay’s visitor industry is going well, with the business traveller dominating the sector. There is a serious accommodation shortage and we have not yet tapped into the vast leisure market.</li> <li>• While new rooms would be coming on line in the next couple of years, operators still need to put more money into marketing and refurbishing rooms.</li> <li>• Most leisure visitors to Mackay come via road, with 40,000 a year passing through the information centres. These visitors are primarily ‘grey nomads’, Europeans and New Zealanders.</li> <li>• Mackay Tourism is trying to encourage road travellers to get off the Bruce Highway and into the hinterland. Industrial tourism opportunities are very strong and offer visitors a chance to discover what else goes on in Queensland other than beaches and the reef. This concept has been tested at various events and expos and has received favourable feedback, with most visitors keen to learn about the area.</li> <li>• There are already things to see along the roads to the west and Mackay Tourism is trying to accelerate the fly-drive concept, urging travellers not to try and travel the whole state in one go, but just fly into Mackay to do the top half and take some time to head west rather than just the usual North/South coastal route. Self-drive itineraries are being created, and Hay Point and Clermont are the logical starting/stopping points. A 3-to 5-year plan will help flesh out the attractions, ensure there’s more accommodation, decent places to eat and generally develop the West’s recreational potential for Mackay people and other visitors.</li> <li>• The Nebo Road information centre is being expanded to include a regional showcase. Mackay Tourism will be launching the project next month, with initial work to be conducted by consultants over the next three months. They will be looking at opportunities, particularly those where visitors have a chance to interact with the community.</li> <li>• David Phillips advised that Mackay Tourism would consult with all stakeholders during feasibility.</li> </ul>		
7.	QR Update	<p><u>Richard Holliday - QR Manager Community Relations Strategy and Corporate Affairs</u> <b><u>Sleepers</u></b></p> <p>The rail triplification project is progressing well, despite some rain interruptions. A large quantity of railway sleepers is currently being transported to the area. (See attached Public Notice). Richard said there was no great number of noise or dust</p>		

complaints received recently and he believed QR was a better neighbour than they were 12 months ago.

Louisa Creek representative Bruce Wegner asked if any consideration had been given to railing in the sleepers for the rail triplication, however Richard advised that obtaining the train paths, and the types of trains and cranes necessary to complete the job was a logistical nightmare and QR had limited spare train-path capacity on this section of the network. Coal freight is a priority on this section of the rail lines leading to the ports of Hay Point and Dalrymple Bay.

#### **Environmental Evaluation**

Earlier this month the Premier announced there would be an industry-wide/city-wide air shed investigation in Gladstone. QR was issued an environmental evaluation by the EPA to do an evaluation on the entire coal system. This will involve identifying the different types of coal, their moisture content, ash levels, etc. This will be an open and public enquiry and QR has until December 31 2007 to complete the first four points in the Terms of Reference. From December to March they will work on recommendations that will be forwarded to the EPA to determine if the recommendations and solutions are acceptable before establishing an environmental management plan.

QR welcomes the evaluation and feels it will be good for QR, the coal industry and the community. They have already advertised for consultants. (See attached Media Release)

Louisa Creek representative Bruce Wegner asked if Gladstone had more political pull than Louisa Creek and Salonika Beach regarding dust levels from coal trains. Richard replied that the Gladstone rail network goes through thousands of homes, and the port activities also contributed to air emissions. Those two things together highlighted the issue in Gladstone, however QR ensured that the investigation would cover the Central Queensland coal network, not just Gladstone.

Droughtmaster Drive representative Ron Faulkner asked if the community would receive a strategic plan following QR's investigation. Richard replied that QR's report would be a public document and include data from specific areas where coal dust has the opportunity to enter wider communities. He also advised that he would report back to the CWG with the results of the investigation.

#### **Jilalan Expansion**

The expansion of the Jilalan facility is currently going through the Terms of

		Reference before the EIS. Community Information Days would be held and information sheets distributed to the local community regarding the project. The project has been deemed of State Significance and QR is working closely with Sarina Shire Council. (See attached Information Sheet)		
8.	2007 Funding Applications	<p><u>DBCT P/L Community Liaison Officer Cathy Kelly</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No new applications had been received.</li> <li>• The hydrant was now complete and expected to come in under budget (the final figure is yet to be determined).</li> </ul>		
9.	General Business	<p><b><u>Speed signs</u></b></p> <p>Salonika Beach representative Tom Andrews pointed out that the 40km/hour speed sign outside the Laing O'Rourke site was in contradiction to the 60km/hour zone on the other side of the road. DBCT's Kim Gebers advised that he and other port operator representatives had attended a meeting with senior Main Roads representatives in Brisbane to express their concerns with the state of Hay Point Road. Main Roads has indicated that they will investigate the concerns.</p> <p><b><u>Annual General Meeting</u></b></p> <p>DBCT's Cathy Kelly advised that the CWG's Annual General Meeting is scheduled for 6pm on September 27 in the PCQ Building, Horyu Maru Drive. A review of the CWG's aims and goals would be presented on the night and community representatives elected.</p> <p><b><u>7X Contractor News</u></b></p> <p>BBI's Frank Ross advised that 7X Project workers had been issued road safety reminders regarding current cane haulage. Work was also currently underway in the contractors' car park (off Horyu Maru Drive) to provide a new exit road onto Horyu Maru Drive. The new exit will avoid the hazard posed by drivers being blinded by the sun as they pull out of the current exit onto Hay Point Road.</p>		
10.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Meeting closed approximately 8pm.</li> <li>▪ Next meeting scheduled for 6pm September 27, 2007 at the PCQ Building.</li> </ul>		