



Western Port Community Liaison Committee

MEETING MINUTES

Date	23 March 2022
Time	1:00 – 2:30 pm
Location	Virtual Meeting chaired from BlueScope Western Port Admin Meeting Room 1

Attendees: Shelley Kyriazis – BlueScope WP Environment Advisor (chair), Glen McMillan – WP Biosphere, Dick Cox, Richard Mucha, Donna Geritz -WP Secondary College, Ben Harper – ESSO, Louise Page – Councillor Advisory Committee, Julia Stockigt – Save Western Port, Michael Hussey – BS Manager WP, Ron Bange – BS WP Assets Manager, Christine Cooper – BS WP Senior People Advisor. Special Guest - Geoff Rose BS Project Engineer presenting CPL2 Ovens Upgrade Project.

Apologies: Ian Stevenson -Western Port Catchment Committee, Lisa Dixon – Councillor MPS.

1. Opening and apologies

Shelley opened the meeting and welcomed all present, apologies recorded above. We farewell Michael Dillon who has left the PoHDA. We welcome Geoff Rose to present information on the recently approved BlueScope Western Port CPL2 Ovens Upgrade Project.

2. Review of previous minutes (except EIP and Performance)

Listed actions from previous meeting held in October 2021 have all been completed.

3. Performance Review

Highlights/Issues of significance

- ISO 14001 (and 9001) surveillance audit completed in early March, audit continues across other parts of the ASP business, overall positive feedback received during the Western Port audit. No non conformances noted, and a handful of opportunities for improvement raised. Audit (once again) conducted virtually, ran smoothly, I think we are all becoming very practiced in virtual meeting platforms now.
- South East Water Audit of Somers Treatment Plant (Regional Environment Improvement Plan) – Western Port are included as part of the audit as our Recycled Water Management Plan is part of the REIP. Some very positive feedback received during the audit, we will await final report from the auditor, normally takes some time as there are other sites that also need to be covered.
- CPL2 Ovens Upgrade – currently working through the approvals process for the project, with the submission of a Development Licence Exemption Application complete. Working through additional information required by EPA, overall the exemption process is looking positive. Exemption likely to require a specific condition for continuous monitoring of emissions.
- BlueScope's Port Kembla Plant has achieved Responsible Steel Certification, this has been a long process with preparation for certification taking several years. Included is a link to further information on Responsible Steel Certification and what it means <https://www.responsiblesteel.org/>
- Western Ports Customer Service Centre celebrated its official opening on Monday, a big milestone for our Western Port site.

Activities

- Clean up Australia day FY22 activity planning is underway, aiming to complete across the month of April.
- Western Port tree planting commitment for FY22 completed in December. A total of 620 trees planted (one for every employee).
- Fox control undertaken – second pulse of baiting is underway, wrapping up shortly.

CPL2 Ovens Upgrade Project Overview Presentation

Geoff Rose joined the meeting to present information on BlueScope Western Port's recently approved CPL2 ovens upgrade project. A summary of the information presented is captured in the following dot points.

- Project proposes to replace both ovens and incinerators with modern equipment, completion date April 2024.
- Project aligns with BSL's Climate Action Strategy for 30% greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction for mid-stream business by 2030:
 - 18kt CO₂e pa reduction in GHG emissions.
 - 75% reduction in CPL2's scope 1 GHG emissions.
 - 16% reduction in Western Ports site scope 1 GHG emissions.
- Project benefits include:
 - Natural gas savings via improved oven efficiency.
 - All round emission reduction for CO₂, CO, NOX, and VOC, a direct result of better incineration.
 - Production rate increase for common production (production capacity increase of 15%).
 - Elimination of fuming issues in building.
 - Removal of old asbestos refractory (70T), removing liability.
 - Reliability improvements replacing old ovens with new modern equipment.

Incidents

- Western Port's reporting of environment incidents has remained very strong in FY22 first half – reporting numbers higher compared to previous financial year despite operating in varied levels of COVID restrictions, good indication we are learning to live with COVID!
- Incident reporting once again continues the trend for pro-active (near miss) reporting of incidents, low rated (actual) incidents reported relate to issues including small spills, spills to bunded areas and waste sorting issues.
- We experienced a couple of incidents that were nearly licence non-compliances early in the year, these near misses were largely driven by intense, high rainfall events, combined with our inability to harvest stormwater from our lagoon (EPA licence discharge point DP102) which supports level management. The pump is now up and running and we have been able to lower the lagoon to a level allowing for clean up of the weir zone, already we are seeing an improvement in pH stability. Instability of pH at the discharge point is largely driven by natural phenomenon.

Environment Improvement Plan (EIP) Intensities

All Western Port Business Plan intensity target met across the first 6 months of FY22 (based on averages across the period).

There have been some issues with freshwater intensity misses between December and February due to loss of ability to harvest onsite stormwater. Pump back on-line and should not be an issue moving forward.

Regulatory Update

- Western Port Licence Monitoring Program for FY22 – has dragged out this year, stack monitoring is normally complete prior to Christmas but with various COVID restrictions combined with area shutdowns, a small number of stacks were pushed into the start of 2022. I believe the final stack was completed last week.
- Groundwater monitoring program – scheduled for completion in early April. This year's program includes monitoring of all bores (background, boundary and internal bores).
- Background and boundary stormwater monitoring program is progressing to schedule. Western Bay mix zone sample is scheduled for collection this month.
- Legislative Changes
 - EPA continue to release guideline documentation supporting the new EP Act – recently released for comment "Guideline for managing greenhouse gas emissions – draft for consultation".

4. General Business

Western Port Production Performance

- The Business continues to perform strongly, with all Western Port Production units at full capacity.
- Market demand beyond current capacity, Western Port is on track to reach 1M tonnes through the Pickle Line for FY22, Five Stand Mill will also be close to the 1M tonne production mark.
- Metal Coating Line 5 has successfully transitioned to full production capacity, with a four-crew pattern.
- Very challenging time to dispatch product due to recent flooding events and rail outages across three states.
- BlueScope financial results released for first half FY22, announcing record profit for a 6 month period.

Western Port Wharf SEMP Update

- There have been zero reportable incidents for both environment and safety since our last CLC meeting.
- SEMP three yearly external audit is due to be undertaken after this year.
- Shipping activity extremely busy with Hot Roll Coil ships for coastal shipping movements and export shipping program. Coastal shipping activities have been utilised following recent rail outages. Currently not a lot of vacant days between ships.
- KHI Hydrogen Project – ship loaded successfully in January 2022; pilot program has concluded. Decommissioning plan yet to be determined.
 - KHI Hydrogen Project – for further information please contact project team directly using the link below. <https://hydrogenenergysupplychain.com/about-hesc/#:~:text=The%20world-first%20Hydrogen%20Energy%20Supply%20Chain%20%28HESC%29%20Project,demonstrate%20an%20end-to-end%20supply%20chain%20between%20both%20countries.>

Western Port COVID 19 Management

- Recent changes in COVID 19 management at Western Port with site entry screening changes, no further temperature testing, screening questions and QR check in.
- Western Port Hygiene Committee activities have concluded.
- Booster program offered onsite for Western Port staff and their family members.
- At Western Port we continue to manage the various impacts of COVID 19, with many staff forced to isolate as close household contacts.

Western Port People Update

Recruitment

- current operator campaign, total applied 248 (female 115/male 133).
- Number of new starters – 39 employed from current talent community (female 31/male 8).
- Number of trades/professional roles in 2022 – approximately 8 positions including reliability specialist, project engineer, digital transformations, 2 by equipment specialists, admin coordinator, process specialist, maintenance technician electrical.
- 21 internal movements – secondments, higher duties, promotions.
- Several graduates commenced in 2022 – 3 graduates (1 female, 2 males), and 2 interns (2 males).

Programs

- Brotherhood program – 6 young people engaged, 5 progressed to next steps, 2 potentially offered some short-term contract work experience.
- VCAL – Meet and greet held with students and mentors. 6 students participating in term 2.
- JAWUN program – BlueScope have been involved in the initiative since 2017. JAWUN is a 6 week not for profit program bringing resources from the corporate sector into indigenous communities. Several Western Port staff have had the opportunity to participate in the program.

Western Port People Stats...

- Average length of service 11 years.
- Average age of employees 44 years.
- Gender diversity 20.57% female and 79.43% male.

General

Round the table:

- Richard Mucha – Reading for Life
 - Meeting Friday to work through the plan for this year.
- Dick Cox
 - Somerville rotary progressing work on the bike trail.
 - WP Seagrass sessions at Grantville and Lang Lang, planting work completed in January, clean-up work Thursday and Friday this week.
 - Rotary Trailer raffle will commence in mid-May.
 - Question regarding KHI incident.
 - BlueScope understand it was a small flare off incident, and part of designed and planned operations.
- Glenn McMillan – WP Biosphere
 - Deakin University Blue Carbon Mapping – assessing whether worth investing in for Western Port, potential funding available.
 - WP Biosphere UNESCO Application preparation.
- Julia Stockigt – Save Western Port
 - Commented KHI incident was not just raised on social media but reported to Safety Transport Bureau
 - BlueScope has been made aware of the incident at the time it occurred, incident significance will be determined by the investigation undertaken by the Bureau.
 - Query about plans for a plant at WP generating hydrogen using ammonia.
 - BlueScope has no plans to generate hydrogen at Western Port using ammonia. Hydrogen is used in our manufacturing process, currently provided by BOC.
- Louise Page – Councillor Advisory Committee Chair
 - Query regarding ESSO Ethane project
 - Ben experiencing audio issues during the meeting, added comment indicating ESSO would be happy to discuss the project further outside of this meeting.
 - Query on BlueScope's landholding –
 - Western Port site is total approximately 1,100 hectares in total and roughly 20% occupied by the manufacturing footprint.

5. Next Meeting:

Suggested Dates – October 2022, 12th, 19th, or 22nd. Time 1PM to 2:30PM.

Let me know if you have any specific preference regarding timing and I will attempt to accommodate the majority.

Minutes taken/prepared by SK.