

Minutes

Meeting title **Botany Mill Community Liaison Group**

Purpose	To liaise with community members
Date & Time	17 th December 2019, 6:20pm – 8:00pm
Place	B9
Attendees	Peter Fagan (PF), Gerry O’Connell (GO), John Viselli (JV), Dean Superina (DS), Karen Jones (KJ), Jacob Chretien (JC), Lynda Newnam (LN)
Note-taker	Karen Jones

#	Meeting Item	Notes/Action	Leader
1	<i>Welcome, Introductions and Apologies</i>	<p>Welcome and Introductions: Welcome to Dean Superina, representing the Office of Michael Daley MP Member for Maroubra.</p> <p>Apologies: Craig Nicol</p>	Karen Jones
2	<i>Sale of Orora Fibre Business</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In October Australian Paper, a wholly owned subsidiary of Nippon Paper, made an offer to buy the Orora Fibre businesses. This includes Botany Paper mill, and corrugated box plants, bags and cartons in Australia and New Zealand. The sale is sitting with the ACCC at the moment, and is expected to be approved and finalised at the end of January. The new business will be called Opal packaging, which will incorporate the Orora fibre businesses and the Australian Paper Maryvale Mill. It is currently business as usual on the Botany Mill site. 	Jacob Chretien
3	<i>Botany Cogeneration Plant – Update on status</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A separate Community Reference Group will be formed for the Botany Cogeneration plant in 2020. This Botany Mill Community Liaison group will give updates on the project, but will not be the main forum for community consultation and engagement on the Cogeneration Project going forward. Engineering design for the Cogeneration plant has begun and will take around 6 months. The Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) will be prepared in parallel with the Engineering design, and is expected to be finalised in September/October 2020. Community consultation will occur throughout this period. PF asked whether Orora is assuming that the new owner will want to go ahead with this project. JC answered that while Nippon and Orora can’t comment on future projects while the sale is being finalised, Australian Paper have partnered with SUEZ for an Energy from Waste plant at the Maryvale Mill and have a Victorian EPA Works Approval for the facility. 	Jacob Chretien

- JV stated that after the Matraville Precinct Committee meeting people are worried about stack emissions. So the engineering and modelling will be good to have.
- GO mentioned that someone across the road had said the stack would be 27 storeys high. Is this correct? JC answered that he wasn't sure how many storeys it equates to, but the preliminary design is for a 60 metre high stack. This is more around a 20-storey building. However the goal is to design it to be as low as possible to reduce the visual impact.
- PF stated that the project needs to be as transparent as possible, so that people are informed.
- JC said knowing that visual amenity and impact is a big concern, the project team are working on how best to get community input on the visual impact/architectural design.
- A shop front over an extended period of time would be set up to answer people's questions and take comments from the public. JV agreed that this was needed to give everyone a chance to have themselves heard and understand the facts about the project.

4 *Mill Projects Update*

Secondary water Treatment plant (SWTP)

Karen Jones

- The SWTP was shut down for maintenance mid-October.
- Internal inspections found significant damage inside the anaerobic reactor, which was the cause of the low throughputs during the year.
- It is expected that the maintenance and improvement works will continue for a number of months, with the plant unlikely to start up before March 2020.
- Site is currently operating with the primary treatment plant, as per prior to 2018.

B7 Reel Store demolition progress

- The remainder of the B7 reel store will be demolished in the first quarter of 2020.
- Maintenance warehouse construction is complete.
- Hardstand construction will be completed after demolition of the B7 reel store.

5 *Overview of main site issues*

- Waste paper prices continue to fall.
- Impacts from China ban on recycling imports, which has been followed by other South-East Asian countries.
- COAG ban on recycle exports. Met with Director of the National Waste and Recycling Taskforce to discuss the impact of this proposed ban and how to make this ban workable to ensure mass amounts of good quality recyclable material doesn't end up in Australian landfills.

Karen Jones

6 *Complaints Review* **Contacts Review** (28/08/2019 – 17/12/2019)

Karen Jones

Category	Number
Odour	2
Noise	2
Litter	0
Other	0
Total	4

Two noise complaints were received in the last week of August – both from the same person in Bunnerong Road regarding a loud noise coming from a generator in the early hours of the morning. There was nothing found on site that could be the source of the noise. JV noted that he can often hear generator noise coming from the ships in Port. GO added that train noise is often noticeable as well.

Two odour complaints were received – both via the EPA. One was in September and the other in October. Neither could be directly attributed to operations at the mill.

7 General Business

Sponsorship

Karen Jones

- Bondi Lions Club, attendance for 10 local special needs children and their carers to attend the World Festival of Magic show and funding for medical equipment for local children.
- Orora continued with its annual sponsorship of the Matraville Carols.

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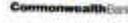
Carols by Candlelight

Barwon Park **FREE ADMISSION** **5 PM**

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Other Business

- JV asked if Orora is doing anything with the B8 building. JC answered that demolition approval will be sought as part of the Botany Cogeneration project, however the mill will only demolish the building if and when there is a reason to do so.

8 Conclusion

Next meeting –

March 2020