



COMMUNITY CONSULTATION COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

Thursday 16 June 2016 at 3.30 am
City of Greater Geraldton, Cathedral Avenue, Geraldton

1. Attendance / Apologies

Mid West Ports Authority

Ian King - Chair of MWPA (Chair)
Peter Klein - Chief Executive Officer

City of Greater Geraldton

Shane van Styn - Mayor
Ken Diehm – Chief Executive Officer

Apologies

Nil.

1) Terms of Reference

The Terms of Reference were noted.

2) Trade Performance

The Committee was advised that MWPA's total trade to 31 May 2016 of 14.8M tonnes is 1% above budget.

The recent announcement that Ansteel had secured additional debt funding for Karara Mining supports a positive medium term outlook for the operation.

3) Business Development

Carnival Cruise Line had recently indicated that it could increase business to Geraldton if access to a berth within the harbour could be guaranteed.

Guaranteed access to a berth within Geraldton Harbour requires a resolution to the dual challenges of port congestion and harbour surge.

Mid West Port Authority has recently trialled the use of Shore Tension units as a means of overcoming delays due to surge. A trial report is currently being compiled. However, during the trial the Shore Tension units demonstrated a capacity to safely moor vessels in surge conditions that approached the threshold where port operations would normally be suspended.

Subject to their capability being confirmed by the trial report, MWPA will develop a case for purchasing sufficient Shore Tension units to establish Berth 2 as its preferred cruise vessel berth. The Mid West Development Commission is encouraging an application to keep additional costs to the cruise lines to a minimum.

CGG requested advice as to the maximum length and draught of vessel that could be safely accommodated at Berth 2. Subject to this advice CGG requested MWPA's consideration of a cruise ship reception facility at Berth 2.

4) **Beresford Coastal Protection Project**

MWPA advised that Cabinet had recently approved it contributing a total of \$4M towards the coastal protection works associated with this project. MWPA is approved to contribute \$2.667M in 2016/17 and \$1.33M in 2017/18 subject to the achievement of pre-determined milestones.

CGG advised that project management structures would offer participation opportunity for the funding partners of this project.

5) **Cream Street Upgrade**

To enable longer trucks to access the BP terminal adjacent to the port, Cream Street is required to be widened. The land required for these works is Crown Land vested with MWPA. Prior to the works commencing changes to land tenure must be approved by the Department of Lands. MWPA is continuing to work with the Department of Lands in resolving this matter.

Once resolved MWPA will re-engage with CGG to finalise design and operating arrangements.

6) **Sand By-Passing**

MWPA's 2016 by-passing program is well advanced with 7,056 cubic metres of sand transferred to the Beresford beaches. In addition a further 6,020 cubic metres of sand has been supplied adjacent to the Kempton St Cul de sac and to St George's beach.

CGG requested access to additional sand from Pages Beach to undertake further replenishment works. MWPA committed to investigate with CGG as to whether sufficient Pages Beach sand was available to supply this request.

7) **Date / Time for Next Meeting**

Thursday 22 September 2016

Meeting Closed at 4.25pm.