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## COMMUNITY CONSULTATION COMMITTEE MEETING

### MINUTES

Thursday 1 December 2016 at 1.30 pm  
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

##### Apologies

Ken Diehm – Chief Executive Officer

#### 1) Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 16 June 2016 were approved

#### 2) Cruise Vessel Services

MWPA reported it had successfully delivered a trial of shore tension units within Geraldton harbour. The trial indicated that two shore tension units would supply an effective service to smaller cruise vessels but for vessels with a length greater than 260 metres the services provided were inadequate. For these vessels conditions within the harbour were expected to be too energetic for their safe berthing 120 days per year.

However, the use of four shore tension units would reduce days lost from 120 to 29.

Mid West Ports has obtained board approval for the purchase of two units and is currently seeking Government approval for the purchase of an additional two units.

Delivery is expected approximately three months after orders are placed.

MWPA is also liaising with CBH in respect to cruise vessel priority to berth 3. Currently CBH is given priority to this berth and have proposed a number of conditions to underpin their willingness to relinquish their current priority.

Consultation with CBH is on-going.

CGG advised that it was also considering the construction of a dual purpose jetty on the Esplanade. The jetty could provide for a discharge point for cruise vessel tenders and secondly a dispatch point for town cruising or for a ferry service.

CGG asked if cruise vessels anchoring in Champion Bay could be anchored closer to enable convenient access to the new Esplanade jetty.

MWPA advised that the anchorage location was determined by depth of water and that the anchorage location was therefore fixed.

MWPA noted that CGG's growth plan included the construction of a new berth within Geraldton harbour to accommodate cruise shipping.

Both CGG and MWPA recognises this as a long term initiative.

It was proposed that to progress development of a business case for delivery of this project that a steering committee should be formed and this could include representatives from CGG, MWDC, MWCCI and MWPA.

3) **Beresford Coastal Protection Project**

CGG confirmed that the contract for these works has been awarded to Central Earthmoving and that Department of Regional Development had released funds to enable project delivery.

CGG confirmed it did not have any current plans for a significant increase in the scope of works for this project.

4) **Cream Street Upgrade**

MWPA advised that road works to be funded by BP Australia could not yet proceed as approval to amend vesting orders had not yet been achieved. Landgate has recently redrafted the deposited plan which covers all MWPA land and this has been lodged in their system. The next step is for the Department of Transport (DOT) to amend the definition of "port land" under the Port Authorities Act amended to reference the new deposited plan.

Approval from DoT is currently outstanding and MWPA continues to pressure for a timely response.

5) **Next Meeting**

June 2017

Meeting Closed at 2.35 pm.