

Inner Harbour Community Liaison Group

Date: Tuesday 17 November 2020 **Time:** 5pm-6.30pm

Location: Fremantle Ports Administration Building

Chair: Dr Simon Avenell

Attendees:

Community representatives:

Ann Forma and Gerard MacGill, North Fremantle Precinct
Cr Hannah Fitzhardinge, City of Fremantle
Eric Wilson, Port Beach Users Group and Polar Bears
Carol Shannon, Leeuwin Ocean Adventure Foundation
Michelle Taylor, Fremantle Chamber of Commerce
David Earl, Fremantle Arts Centre Precinct
Michael Kitafuna, Flying Angel Club
Rod Murray, South Fremantle Precinct
Ron Kawalilak, Gibson Park Precinct
John Dowson and **David Hawks**, The Fremantle Society Inc.
Shirley Burbidge, Fremantle Volunteer Heritage Guides
Leah Adams, Fremantle Park Association
Carol Hoad, Notre Dame University
Maryrose Baker, Fremantle Inner City Residents' Association
Cr Andrew McPhail, Town of East Fremantle
Stuart Gunning, Rottnest Island Authority

Fremantle Ports' representatives

Chris Leatt-Hayter, CEO
Sean Craig, General Manager Business Strategy and Sustainability
Neil Stanbury, Manager Corporate and Community Relations
Jeanette Murray, External Affairs Coordinator
Jane Edwards, Community Engagement Specialist
Sue Hellyer, Manager Logistics

Apologies:

Nicole Lockwood, Westport
Cr Andrew Sullivan, City of Fremantle
Dennis Claughton, Flying Angel Club
Cr Tony Watkins, Town of East Fremantle
Don Whittington, Fremantle Park Association
Robert Potts, Beaconsfield Precinct
Sue-Lyn Aldrian-Moyle, Artsource
Jason Fair and **Gill Harrison**, Western Australian Maritime Museum
Danicia Quinlan, Fremantle Chamber of Commerce

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome, apologies, request for other agenda items: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Air quality monitoring (MB) ○ Port Beach/Leighton Beach parking (HF) • Minutes of previous meeting accepted • Actions arising from previous meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Westport Taskforce to be invited to provide a speaker to the next IHCLG meeting. (See Item 1.) ○ Neil Stanbury to provide information at next meeting on Fremantle Ports' Community Investment Program guidelines. (See Item 4.) ○ Gavin Bignell, General Manager Port Operations, to present to members. (Moved to next meeting.) 	<p>Chair</p>
<p>1. Guest presentation: Westport Program</p> <p>Presentation was not shown but is attached to these minutes.</p> <p>Tim asked for questions and there was discussion on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the projected workforce in Kwinana - Tim said automation is a world trend; it means people will be doing different jobs and heavy vehicles would eventually probably become automated and driverless • the new Fremantle traffic bridge and rail bridge project - Tim said investment in rail in Fremantle is sensible; the current arrangements will reach capacity in the next few years and rail capacity needs to grow • the need for public consultation going forward and whether the Australian Navy will allow more port development in Cockburn Sound - Tim said Westport was closely engaged in consultation with the Navy • whether trade other than container trade will stay in Fremantle - Tim said Westport's primary focus was the container trade but Fremantle Ports was looking at the overall trade plan • Tim said new container facilities were needed because of increasing crowding on roads and bigger ships would come to Fremantle; by the 2040s Fremantle would not have sufficient depth for these larger ships and berths would be reaching the end of life. 	<p>Tim Collins, Project Director</p>

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<p>and excavation size usually associated with sheet piling; extremely environmentally friendly, producing low emissions and noise levels.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fremantle Ports has been managing E Shed Markets since 1st August 2020. New centre manager Shahar Flanders has been appointed. • New wayfinding signage on Victoria Quay is being introduced by January 2021: removing confusing/redundant signage; improved signage for drivers, pedestrians; signage for places of historical interest. • E Shed Christmas Carnival, Saturday 12 December, 10am-4pm, free event, free rides, Santa, face painting, free popcorn and fairy floss, live music. • Franco Andreone, Fremantle Ports' Manager Planning and Place Making, was made a life member of the Fremantle Chamber of Commerce in October. <p>Questions/discussion:</p> <p>John Dowson asked for two reports to be provided to the Fremantle Society: Victoria Quay Steering Group full report and the VQ conservation plan by Ron Bodycoat. (Action: This request is to be considered by Fremantle Ports.) Other discussion on film studio proposals (WA Government had called for RFP for film studios in WA). Chris said any proposals would be considered at the time they were presented.</p>	
<p>4. Community investment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fremantle Passenger Terminal Then and Now open day, Sunday 15 November was very successful with more than 1,500 people attending. • Community investment guidelines outlined (see https://www.fremantleports.com.au/community-education/community-investment/sponsorship-criteria) • Castaways sculpture exhibition, Rockingham: Sponsored the People's Choice Award (<i>Bait Ball</i> by Richard Aitken) and the Voter's Prize at the exhibition in late October; the creative reuse of materials aligns with our priority of environmental sustainability. • Sponsored the stage at the well-attended South Fremantle Festival of Lights (Diwali) on Sunday 8 November. • Founding sponsor of Impact 100 (Fremantle Foundation): Australian Dental Health Foundation won the major \$100,000 grant for 2020. The world-class clinic at St Patrick's Community Care Centre can now employ a permanent highly qualified nurse, assisting in creating a sustainable free dental service for people experiencing homelessness. 	Neil

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff volunteering at Native ARC: Fremantle Ports' employees' charitable partners 2020-21 are Fremantle Foundation COVID-19 WA Relief & Recovery Fund and Native ARC; a volunteer group recently revamped the worm farms and compost bays and created a new magpie enclosure. • Fremantle Ports is sponsoring two open-water swims in December: Christmas 10K Swim, 19 December (Cockburn Masters Swimming Club) and Fremantle Ports Swim Thru, 12 December (Fremantle Masters Swimming Club). • Sponsorship for two business awards: Rockingham Kwinana Chamber of Commerce Business Awards 2020 on 31 October and Fremantle Chamber of Commerce Business Awards 2020 on 20 November. • Port Walks are continuing with the Friends of Fremantle Ports leading them. • First Reconciliation Action Plan: Fremantle Ports recognises, respects and celebrates Australia's First Nations history and we're developing our first Reconciliation Action Plan this year to support the national reconciliation movement. 	
<p>5. Incidents and complaints</p> <p>Some incidents and complaints September - November 2020 with actions taken covered complaints about potholes on Fleet St/South Mole, train horn not being sounded, ship noise, dredger noise and jack hammering noise. Information was also provided on installation of blue lights in public toilets on Victoria Quay to deter drug use.</p>	Neil
<p>6. Video: Sam Pierce, Senior Project Manager, explaining his work at Fremantle Ports, including the refurbishment of A Shed on Victoria Quay (not shown to save time but can be seen here).</p>	
<p>7. General business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Air quality monitoring (Maryrose Baker): Last report on website is December 2019, what is happening now? Sean said the air quality monitoring conducted in 2019 was a trial. FP is talking to the City of Fremantle about locations for monitoring equipment. Action: Provide information about air quality monitoring program and locations. • On behalf of members, Maryrose Baker thanked Chris for his contribution to the Inner Harbour group meetings over many years. She said the members appreciated his input, accessibility and amenability. 	All

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cr Hannah Fitzhardinge asked why port land (Lot 500) on Port Beach Rd was no longer available for public parking, especially by families attending the Fremantle Surf Life Saving Club Nippers sessions. Chris said Fremantle Ports had fenced Lot 500 for safety reasons as parking that had previously taken place was unauthorised (FP had never provided this land for parking); people had been parking on the land and crossing this busy road in the Port Beach Rd/Walter Place area; FP had also received complaints about dust coming from this land due to parking from a residents' group in apartments at Leighton; fencing the land has allowed for revegetation which has suppressed the dust; FP has offered the City of Fremantle a free lease of Lot 500 for parking use; any pedestrian/vehicle access to Lot 500 would have to be much further south on Port Beach Rd (according to discussions with Main Roads WA) for safety reasons, so if this land was used for parking, pedestrians would not be able to cross the road near the Port Beach Rd/Walter Place intersection. 	

Actions for next meeting (date to be confirmed in March 2021):

- **Action:** Provide information about air quality monitoring program and locations.
- **Action:** FP to consider providing two reports (Victoria Quay Steering Group full report and the VQ conservation plan by Ron Bodycoat) to the Fremantle Society.



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WESTPORT
Port and Environs Strategy

Perth's future port

Nicole Lockwood
Chair, Westport Steering Committee

The future



Westport is a plan to future-proof Perth's freight network, based on the following assumptions:

- 50-year **timeframe**
- A **population** of around five million people
- Strong, diversified **economy**
- **Trade task** five times larger

Long-term infrastructure planning

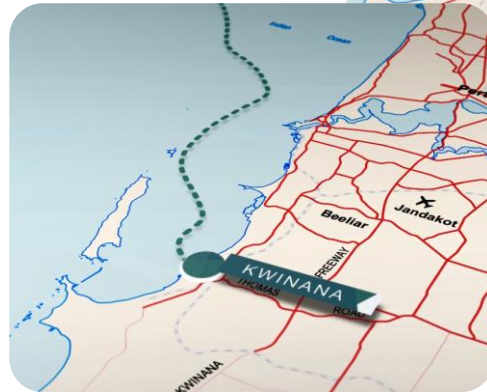
- Westport lays the foundation for a long-term infrastructure plan for our freight network
- Government has delivered NorthLink WA and Gateway WA, to begin the task of making Tonkin Highway the key corridor for moving freight
- Westport's freight corridor at Anketell Road will complete this freight corridor, resulting in:
 - safer, more efficient freight links
 - taking more trucks out of the suburbs
 - more liveable communities



Westport's proposal

In summary:

- A new land-backed port at Kwinana
- Construction timed to meet demand
- Transition can be handled in two ways:
 - either to have two ports operating initially – Fremantle and Kwinana – sharing the container freight task
 - or shift the freight task from Fremantle to Kwinana in one movement



Why not Fremantle?



Why not Fremantle for container freight in the long-term?

- Fremantle has served Western Australia well since the 1960s
- The container freight task has grown exponentially over that time
- The Inner Harbour footprint has limited capacity for growth
- In the near future, major freight routes into Fremantle port will reach capacity

Why Kwinana?

- Kwinana is the State's primary heavy industrial precinct, away from the suburbs and commuter traffic
- It already supports a busy bulk freight port:
 - servicing imports and exports of alumina, grain, fuel and much more
- Capacity for an integrated road and rail network to connect logistics hubs
- Capacity to:
 - build a new, deeper channel
 - new land-backed berths
 - attract larger, more efficient ships



How did we get there?

3 x 'Kwinana in one step' options



Option A
Narrow island,
northern precinct,
Rowley Road
alignment



Option B
Land-backed,
KIA precinct,
Anketell Road
alignment



Option C
Conventional
island, KIA
precinct,
Anketell Road
alignment

2 x shared options



Option D
Kwinana &
Fremantle
share long-
term



Option E
Kwinana &
Fremantle
share long-
term with
Blue Highway

2 x transition options



Option D2
Kwinana &
Fremantle
share for a
period,
transitioning
to Kwinana



Option E2
Kwinana &
Fremantle
share for a
period with
Blue
Highway,
transitioning
to Kwinana

MCA-2,
rapid cost-benefit
analysis, risk
analysis

Best
options
= B
and D2

Kwinana in one step

Estimated cost for port, stevedore, road, rail and land: **\$4.7 billion**

Benefit to cost ratio: **1.64**

Strengths

- **Highest ranked** option across most criteria in MCA-2
- **Most cost-efficient** port (on an undiscounted basis)
- Best **supply chain capacity**
- Comparatively low **social & heritage impacts, dredging costs** and **marine environmental impacts**

Weaknesses

- **Higher upfront investment** – as a one-step option, the first stage of construction sees a large Kwinana port footprint and all supporting infrastructure needed in place

Areas for further investigation

- Is a **breakwater** required? (*this has no impact on the option's ranking*)
- Impacts on **Kwinana Bulk Terminal**
- Impacts on Water Corp desalination plant and other **surrounding industries** and properties in Kwinana
- **Defining land requirements** in Kwinana to support the operations of the supply chain and port ecosystem

Kwinana – staged transition

Estimated cost for port, stevedore, road, rail and land: **\$4.0 billion**

Benefit to cost ratio: **1.76**

Strengths

- **Highest scoring option overall**
- Maximises the **life and value** of the Fremantle asset without requiring any major investment in Fremantle
- **Best** scoring option on **economic** criteria due to staged investment and construction
- Shared best end state **supply chain capacity** (same design as Option B)
- Offers some of the **lowest environmental** and **heritage impacts**

Weaknesses

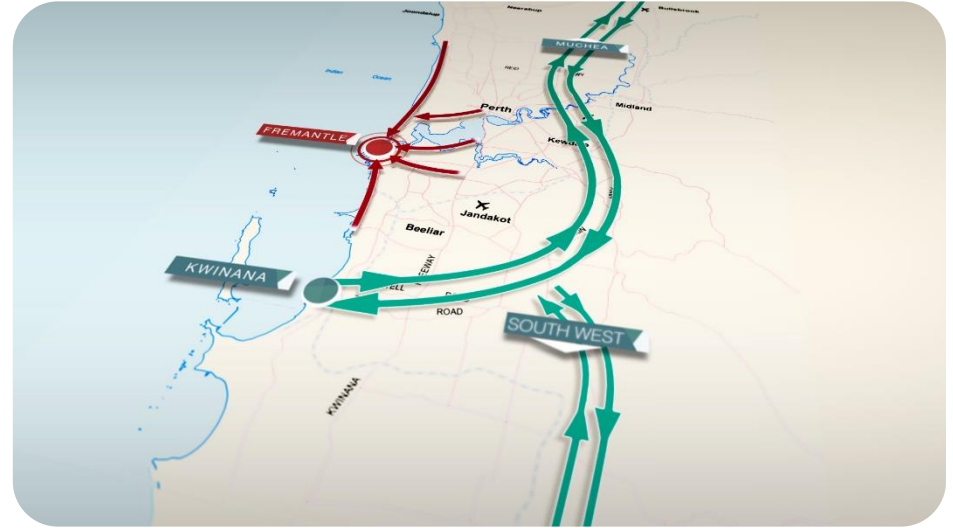
- **More supply chain constraints initially due to issues facing Fremantle**
- **More social impacts** due to a longer period of impact on the Fremantle community

Areas for further investigation

- **The operating model for Fremantle** during the shared operational period
- Impacts on Water Corp desalination plant and other **surrounding industries** and properties in Kwinana
- **Defining land requirements** in Kwinana to support the operations of the supply chain and port ecosystem

Freight route

- An unimpeded 100km/hr heavy vehicle freight route
- Direct link with the port, ringing the Perth metropolitan area
- Connecting through to Muchea in the north and the South West
- Serving a chain of intermodal sites throughout the metro area
- A modern freight corridor via Anketell Road and Tonkin Highway



Caring for Cockburn Sound

- Cockburn Sound is an important asset for Western Australia in terms of:
 - industry and trade
 - fisheries
 - environment and social – as a marine habitat and for recreational purposes
 - Aboriginal heritage
- There are opportunities to **build the resilience** of Cockburn Sound
- Westport will be making a scientifically-led investment in building its resilience in areas such as:
 - seagrass
 - fish habitats
 - coastal vegetation



Next steps



The preferred location is the first step in delivering Perth's future port.

Next steps will focus on delivering information required by Government to make an investment decision:

- Advising the **scope and timing** of construction, informed by the next stage of work and by future trade conditions
- Development of a program/ strategic **business case**
- Commencement of rigorous **environmental assessments**
- Implementing **environmental monitoring**
- Investigating land use impacts, **corridor protection**, **planning** strategies and costs around Kwinana
- Stakeholder **engagement** – industry, Aboriginal people, **community**

The environment

Westport's work will be rigorous:

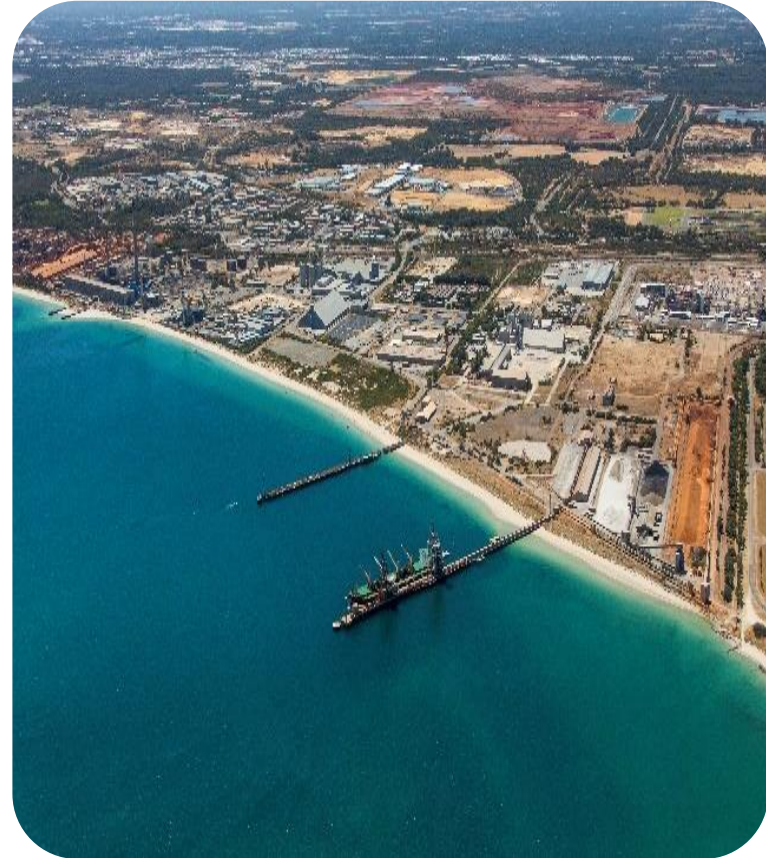
- Technical assessments
 - observational and geotechnical studies
 - refinement of channel design
 - thorough hydrodynamic and dredging analysis
 - more detailed ecosystem research
- Further research and start of environmental mitigations
 - researching seagrass regeneration
 - protecting pink snapper spawning conditions
- EPA assessment and recommendations
- Determining the detailed environmental / social mitigation costs



Land use

Westport will further explore:

- Land use planning and compatibility of other industries
- Protection of land for supply chain corridors and logistics
- Outstanding land use planning issues
 - assessing impacts of State Agreements
 - other land uses along the supply chain
- The future use of Latitude 32 in Kwinana
- Other issues that may impact the port



Aboriginal engagement



Westport is working with Aboriginal Elders, and partnerships with indigenous groups are being established to:

- Protect the history and heritage values of the area
- Unlock traditional environmental knowledge
- Explore employment and economic opportunities for Aboriginal people and businesses



Industry and community engagement

- Westport is entering a new phase of its industry and community engagement
- More targeted and specific problem-solving
- Seeking input and collaboration from:
 - Fremantle Ports, and across Government
 - industry in Kwinana
 - the maritime industry
 - peak bodies and interest groups, especially those keen to improve facilities and amenity around Cockburn Sound
 - local communities along the freight route





Question and answer