

SUSTAINABILITY SPEAKING

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LITTLE BAY COVE DEVELOPMENT



Mr Knox, the Construction Manager at Kooloora's neighbouring Little Bay Cove Development has advised that remediation works are being completed in accordance with relevant approvals and NSW legislation. Asbestos licensed contractors have been appointed to remove asbestos bonded fragments when identified on the site. Council Officers have also been advised the following measures are being undertaken:

- Air monitors are placed on all site boundaries and no exceedances have been recorded; readings are made each half day (2 x 4hrs) of fibre counts and compared to the relevant guidelines.
- Bradshaw, the licensed contractor, is visually inspecting the material and work area at all times for dust control and potential waste.
- The stockpiles and surrounding areas are kept wet during the day with the use of 6 water carts and a fixed watering system on the stockpile; last thing in the afternoon the areas are sprayed for settlement over night; approved work hours as per the consent are 7:00am to 5:00pm.
- The area where the material is being excavated (either from existing stockpiles and/or in situ) on the northern perimeter is being loaded off site as General Solid Waste or being placed in stockpile or fill for remediation.

For any direct advice in relation to works on site you can contact Fred Knox Construction Manager Civil Direct phone: 0408 613 837 .The project has taken longer than expected because of wet weather.

LA PEROUSE MARKET GARDENS



On the 22nd May Randwick Council, subject to final approval by Planning Minister Brad Hazzard, rezoned the floodplain Market Gardens RU4 (rural small lot). The new zoning does not allow for cemetery uses. The Cemetery Trust, supported by Crown Lands Department, however have proposed a rezoning. If you want to retain all the market gardens as working gardens and/or open space please make your views known to the Minister responsible for Crown Lands – Ms Katrina Hodgkinson – email office@hodgkinson.minister.nsw.gov.au (Photo of gardener Gordon Ha from Year of the Farmer website).

World Health Organisation declares diesel exhaust fumes grouped with Asbestos as carcinogen



This news is of great concern for

communities living around Ports, Intermodal Terminals and along truck and train routes connecting them. It is also of concern that the NSW government is talking about raising the cap at Port Botany. A figure of 7.5 million containers was recently mentioned. Given that the approved cap is 3.2million TEU that could mean anything from treble the approved cap to almost 5 times. There are 9 Major Hazard Facilities in addition to another 20 premises on North Botany Bay where pollution loads are regulated by the EPA. When assessing Human Health Risk associated with licences and new developments the Government advised by the Department of Planning, the Department of Health, EPA and Workcover, look at the cumulative impact. The Port Expansion was modelled on a cap of 3.2 million TEU, not

on 10 or 15 million TEU. Approvals given for developments after the Port Expansion approval in 2005 were assessed on a 3.2million TEU cap. The cumulative pollution load in this region is significantly higher than others. To add the pollution from an additional 5 million diesel spewing trucks into the annual load is likely to have detrimental health impacts.

DOES ORICA HAVE A GREEN EDGE



Over the course of this year's Tour de France the words 'Orica' and 'Green' will be uttered hundreds if not thousands of times and photos, like this one with the Orica logo on prominent display, will become familiar around the world. But on July 27, not long after the Tour finishes the corporate faces court over 4 breaches at its Newcastle Plant. A plea of guilty has already been entered and the fines could total \$4 million.

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BUSH TUCKER TRAIL



Guriwal Aboriginal Corporation and Randwick City Council opened the Bush Tucker Trail at Yarra Point on 29 May. This will provide opportunities to showcase aboriginal knowledge and information about local plants used for bush tucker, medicines and crafts, and to present local

artwork. (Photo Barbara Keeley leading the walk with Mayor Scott Nash.)

EPA NEEDS TO LEAD



The recent flaring incident at Qenos on Saturday May 27 showed further weaknesses in EPA systems. The Flare(excess gas being burned off) was a controlled process defined in the Qenos licence.

The EPA was notified immediately but instead of recognising the opportunity for public engagement it waited until Monday to contact locals and issue a statement. In the meantime the media filled the vacuum with reports such as "Firefighters rushed to Orica's plant at Port Botany..." It wasn't Orica, it wasn't Port Botany. Kristina Keneally took to Twitter on the night "very possible it's a controlled process there at Botany Industrial Park, but it is quite dramatic and far more black thick smoke than usual." If the EPA was up to speed they would have reported on their website, Twitter, Facebook and by SMS. We live with 9 Major Hazard

Facilities and 20 more licensed premises on North Botany Bay. The EPA has a responsibility to keep the neighbours informed about these operations. And just as it is no longer acceptable for industry to inform the EPA 'as soon as practicable' – it must now be done immediately – the same should apply to the government regulator and other agencies such as Health.

CASH FOR CONTAINERS – WIN! WIN! WIN!



(Photo- John Butcher manning Cash for Containers stall)

We can learn a lot from the South Australian experience where every recycled bottle, can and cardboard container earns 10cents. The system provides charities and community groups with a funding source. Last year the state branch of scouting made \$1.45 million from bottles alone. In addition to raising funds, the system teaches scouts environmental awareness and recycling and as a result South Australia doesn't have the litter problems that the rest of Australia has.

SYDNEY 2030

Infrastructure NSW head, Paul Broad, will hand his recommendations on infrastructure priorities to the Government in September. He has already indicated that the cap at Port Botany will be raised by three to five times what has been approved. Newcastle outlined in the Ports Growth Plan of 2003 as the next container port has been shelved and there is talk of packaging the sale of Port



Botany with that of Port Kembla. By 2030 Broad expects about 5 million containers to be transported by truck within Sydney but different mobility for people. Broad himself refuses to travel in peak hour and he thinks the same will apply to workers of

the future. "Twenty-year-olds are not as stupid as us: they will change. We are building infrastructure for them, not for us."