

## PEEL INLET MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

10<sup>th</sup> meeting held on Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> December 2005  
at the Peel Waterways Centre, Mandurah

The meeting commenced at 9am.

### ATTENDANCE:

John Hughes	Chairman
Martin Baird	Department for Planning and Infrastructure (Maritime)
Paul Stephens	Department for Planning and Infrastructure (Maritime)
Phil Curren	Community
Cameron Bulstrode	Department for Planning and Infrastructure (Planning)
Cr Brian Joynes	City of Mandurah
Bruce Tatham	Community
Marilyn Gray	Community
Colleen Yates	Peel Development Commission – From 10.55am
Kim Wilson	Community

### APOLOGIES:

Cr Christine Thompson	Shire of Murray
Morris Bessant	Community
Tony Cappelluti	Department of Fisheries
Murray Love	Department of Conservation and Land Management
Dorothy Lucks	Community
Cr Zita O'Reilly-Carter	Shire of Waroona
Debbie Colquhoun	Minute Secretary, Department of Environment
Leon Brouwer	A/Manager, NRM & Waterways, Department of Environment

### EXECUTIVE SUPPORT:

Bob Pond	Coordinator, Peel Waterways Centre
John Pszczola	Executive Officer, Department of Environment
Jane Bennison	Acting Minute Secretary, Department of Environment
Jennifer Longstaff	NRMO, Peel Waterways Centre
Adrian Parker	A/Program Manager, Catchment and Waterways Management

## 1. WELCOME AND AGENDA REVIEW

The Chairman opened the meeting. He introduced Jane Bennison from the Department of Environment and Jenny Longstaff who is the new NRMO for the Peel Waterways Centre.

## 2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

***Resolved:***

*That the minutes of the ninth meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> October 2005 are confirmed as a true record of proceedings.*

***Moved: B Tatham***

***Seconded: B Pond***

***No one opposed.***

## 3. ACTION LIST

**Minute No. 6(c), 19 October 2005 - Lot 7 No 122 Culeenup Road, North Yunderup - Murray River – Retaining wall**

The Department has issued a licence to construct a retaining wall and since then the owner has rebuilt a boat shed and jetty. The Shire of Murray are still looking into the canal excavation at this site.

**Action No. 1 – 19 October 2005 – Letter of acknowledgment to Mr Bessant.**

This has been sent.

**Action No. 2 – 19 October 2005 – Letter of appreciation to Cr Bradstock.**

This has been sent.

**Action No. 3 – 19 October 2005 – Letter to Department of Health re potential for Spread of Bird flu virus from migratory birds.**

This letter has been sent and members noted the Department of Health's response.

**Action No. 6 - 19 October 2005 – Spraying of Diesel at Mandurah Ocean Marina Boat Show 2005.**

Mr Pszczola inquired with the City of Mandurah and Shire of Murray. This practice is not used by the Shire of Murray. Diesel is used in the manufacturing of bitumen.

**Action No. 8 – 19 October 2005 – Peel Deviation – Murray River Crossing.**

Ms Wilson is on a working group. This is a common topic brought up at meetings.

**Action No. 7 – 17 August 2005 – Acid Sulfate Soils and Peel Harvey Estuary Long Term Dredging Strategy**

Ms Wilson raised concern over the proposed development of Lot 1 South Yunderup Rd, South Yunderup and that the EPA had advertised their decision to not assess public advice given and she thought that the EPA would have assessed this application.

Mr Parker advised that in his discussion with the EPA Service Unit, the Assessment Officer advised that it was an issue that may be dealt with as a condition of the subdivision approval process.

Concern was raised over the “EPA Draft Guidance Statement No 33 – Environmental Guidance for Planning and Development” and the adequacy of the information regarding the risk of disturbing acid sulfate soils.

The Chairman recommended that PIMC members receive a copy of the Draft Guidance Statement No 33 to see if it is adequate for the Peel region.

Concern was raised over PIMC as a group submitting an appeal to the EPA due 1 May 2006 and it was suggested that the community members submit individual appeals.

***Resolution:***

1. A letter to be sent to WRC Board accepting an invitation to be involved in developing a management response. Also to raise concern at the proposed development of Lot 1 South Yunderup Rd, not being formally assessed.
2. Copies of EPA draft Guidance Statement No 33 Chapter B7 Land Degradation to be provided to council members.

Moved: Marilyn Gray      Seconded: Kim Wilson

***State Agency representatives abstained from voting on this matter.***

#### **4. WILGIE CREEK RESTORATION GROUP & PUMPING TRAIL PROGRESS REPORT**

Mr Parker reported that the third pumping trial commenced on 27 October 2005. Currently a green discolouration plume is in the creek but it is not toxic. The pump has been improved with the installation of a float control so that the pump is now automated. Fortnightly water quality sampling is ongoing.

Southern Bank: Mr Wesolowski had arranged removal of the water tank fence. The Department is to fence the southern boundary of Lot 303 Towera Road, install a firebreak and cleanup the site.

Revegetation of the Creek seems to be successful, although the existing dam needs to be remediated.

Members resolved that further Wilgie Creek progress reports be made available upon request only.

## 5. STRATEGIC LAND USE PLANNING

Mr Parker advised the Council that local Shires have been busy preparing town planning schemes. As yet he hasn't been able to get an electronic map of the TPS from the Shire of Murray. There has been a strong Murray River focus on future urban developments. The Shire of Waroona has local planning issues also.

Members expressed concern that the proposed Eastport Stage 5 Urban Development may change to Canal and that the area has been identified as a contaminated site.

## 6. CITY OF MANDURAH PORT MANDURAH ENTRANCE CHANNEL PROPOSED AGITATION DREDGING

A proposed agitation dredging trial was submitted by the City of Mandurah on 8 December 2005. DoE Officers and the Chairman attended a meeting on Friday 16 December 2005. Concern was raised over possible turbidity and plume in the Mandurah Entrance Channel shallow water as a result of the agitation dredging. It will be at peak tourist season and the inlet was at its most used. Mr Parker advised that the Department is assessing the submission and consulting with Council for dredging to be completed after the April school holidays and during Winter.

The meeting adjourned at 9.55 am and resumed at 10.05 am.

## 7. REVIEW PEEL REGION BOATING FACILITIES STUDY 2003 – FUTURE GROWTH PROGRESS REPORT

Mr Baird provided an update on the Peel Region Trailer Boat growth predictions and Estimates to the Year 2025 (for 0 – 7.5m boats).

The prediction of current boat ownership of approx 7,000 will double in the 20 year range. There will be a high rate of ownership in the Peel Region, 95 per 1,000 in the year 2025. It is predicted that ownership will be higher in Mandurah than in the Perth Metro Region. They found that 50% of users were from Perth and 50% from Mandurah.

DPI (Maritime) has contracted Oceanic Consulting to conduct a 2005/6 survey of the boat ramps in peak holiday periods to monitor usage.

DPI's aim is to improve land based infrastructure including:

- ◆ Improve road access
- ◆ Install more ramp lanes
- ◆ Increase the number of boat holding moorings
- ◆ Expand parking facilities
- ◆ Plan and construct facilities

Mr Tony Free from the City of Mandurah arrived at 10.25 am.

## 8. DRAFT MANAGEMENT FORESHORE FOCUS 2020 PROGRESS REPORT – CITY OF MANDURAH DIRECTOR PLANNING

Mr Free presented the members with a short briefing on the draft plan addressing each precinct. He said that Council was currently receiving feedback from the community. The draft plan can be downloaded from the City of Mandurah website. Public comment is open until 3 March 2006.

Discussion ensued and concern was raised about parking capacity in the City at the moment and if this would be implemented in the draft. Mr Free advised that the Public will have to walk a bit more but that the draft plan had implemented some deck parking and that paid parking may also be implemented.

***Resolved:***

3. *Members to study the draft plan and a working group meeting is to be convened on the Wednesday 15 Feb 2006.*
4. *Memo to be sent to members.*
5. *Next PIMC meeting to be held on Wednesday 8 March 2006.*
6. *Letter to be sent to the City of Mandurah requesting approval for an extension of time for comments.*

***(Mr Pszczola)***

Mr Free left the meeting at 10.50 am

## 9. PEEL REGION PARK PROGRESS/STATUS REPORT

Mr Bulstrode advised that the Western Australian Planning Commission had ceased the contract arrangements with the consultant and that Mr Pride would be undertaking the project. He has attended several meetings with local groups and has developed a Gantt chart that can be sent out if required. Mr Pride has a report on management options for the Park.

The Amarillo project, Mandurah Foreshore Focus 2020, and other projects will impact on the Peel Region Park progress.

The next meeting for the consultative committee is 31<sup>st</sup> March 2006. They are hoping to have the draft plan out by November 2006.

Ms Yates arrived at 10.55 am.

## 10. **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & RECREATION MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE PEEL WATERWAYS PROGRESS REPORT**

Mr Pond advised the Council that they had a summary Review session recently. So far 7 of the 8 Strategies have been progressing. One is outstanding, Recreational use studies, which should be able to be completed using Peel Waterways Centre funding next year.

All Departments have been hectic with internal programs and will not be commencing others until these have been adequately progressed.

Mr Pond gave out an information sheet regarding all programs to Members.

Ms Yates commented about the Peel Waterways Institute. They are still navigating through the paperwork, have chosen a consultant, and hope to have it completed by June 2006.

Mr Murray Love left the meeting at 11.05 am.

## 11. **MEMORANDUM – LGA REPRESENTATIVE PIMC SITTING FEES**

Discussion ensued about the fees for Council members and local government representatives.

Mr Joynes commented that if you are retired it is of no consequence but if you are affected financially then sitting fees may be appropriate.

Mr Pond advised members that Government agencies have a responsibility to attend meetings.

## 12. **OTHER BUSINESS**

Mr Pond advised that Lee Sullivan wants an independent assessment on Acid Sulfate Soils and that there would be a Workshop in February on Acid Sulfate Soil Rehabilitation Commercial Technologies.

## 13. **NEXT MEETING AND CLOSE**

The meeting closed at 11.15 am.

**PIMC Mandurah Foreshore Focus 2020 *draft* Plan Working Group meeting is to be convened at 9am on Wednesday 15 February 2006 at the Peel Waterways Centre**

The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday 8 March 2006 at the Peel Waterways Centre, Suite 6 Sholl House, 21 Sholl Street, Mandurah.**

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Chairman