

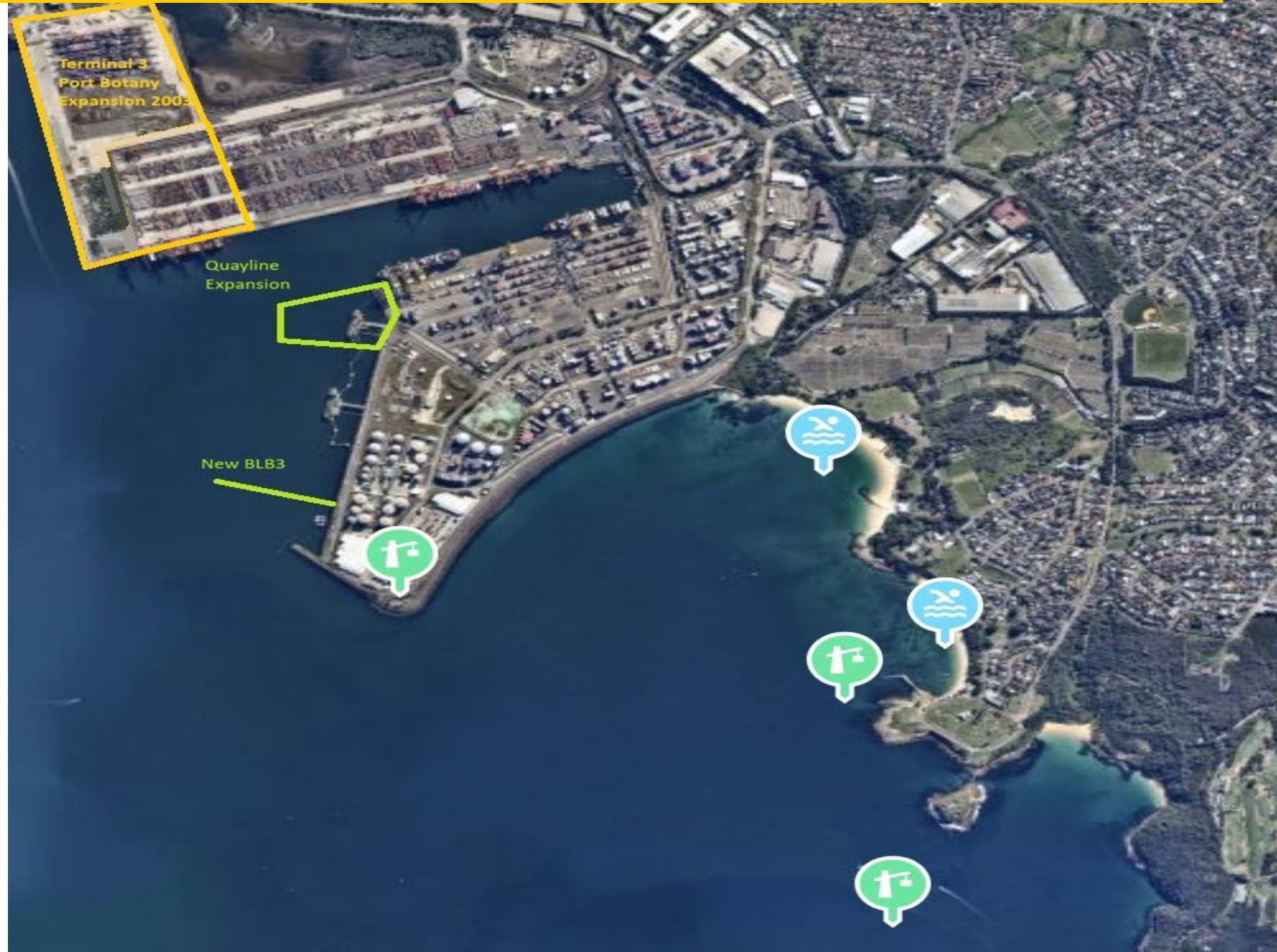
18 August 2026

Port Botany Quayline Equalisation Project

SSI-79878464

Independent Planning Commission

Proximity of project to popular beaches and fishing locations.



Randwick Council involvement the Port Botany Quayline Equalisation Project

- Council Officer briefing - 21 February 2025
- Draft SEARs Submission - 24 February 2025
- EIS Submission - 22 October 2025
- Response to Submission Report Submission – 29 January 2026



Biodiversity Impacts

Council Issue	Addressed in Conditions?	Comments/ Condition Number
Fish habitat offsets	✓ Yes	Detailed Key Fish Habitat Offset Strategy required prior to construction at a 2:1 ratio – E14 .
Ecological monitoring for five years	⦿ Partly	Fish Habitat Offset Strategy includes the need for monitoring to achieve proposed performance measures E14b
Real-time turbidity monitoring	✓ Yes	Specifically requires real time Total Suspended Solids (TSS) monitoring during dredging activities to maintain TSS concentration below 50 mg/L - C16

Noise Management

Council Issue	Addressed in Conditions?	Comments/ Condition Number
Exceedances in construction noise during the nighttime construction at four residential receivers	✓ Yes	Construction Noise Management Levels and Vibration Criteria CNVIMS must be met by Noise and Vibration CEMP Sub-plan E19
Out of Hours Impacts associated with proposed Dredging and land reclamation works required 24/7 operations	ⓘ Partly	Dredging is permitted 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Out of Hours protocols requires justification of out of hours work. E18 • low risk activities can be approved by the ER, and • high risk activities must be approved by the Planning Secretary.

Contamination

Council Issue	Addressed in Conditions?	Comments/ Condition Number
Independent Site Auditor	✓ Yes	Explicitly required – E3 .
Detailed Site Investigation (DSI) the CEMP be informed by the findings of the DSI	✗ No	Auditor required, but no DSI required. Unexpected finds Procedure for Contamination must be prepared and endorsed by the Site Auditor E6
PFAS / contamination screening during dewatering and dredging	🕒 Partly	The Project has been assessed as not contributing to nor increasing existing levels of PFAS in Botany Bay. Site Auditor required to review the Water Quality Monitoring Plan, but no PFAS-specific condition E3 .

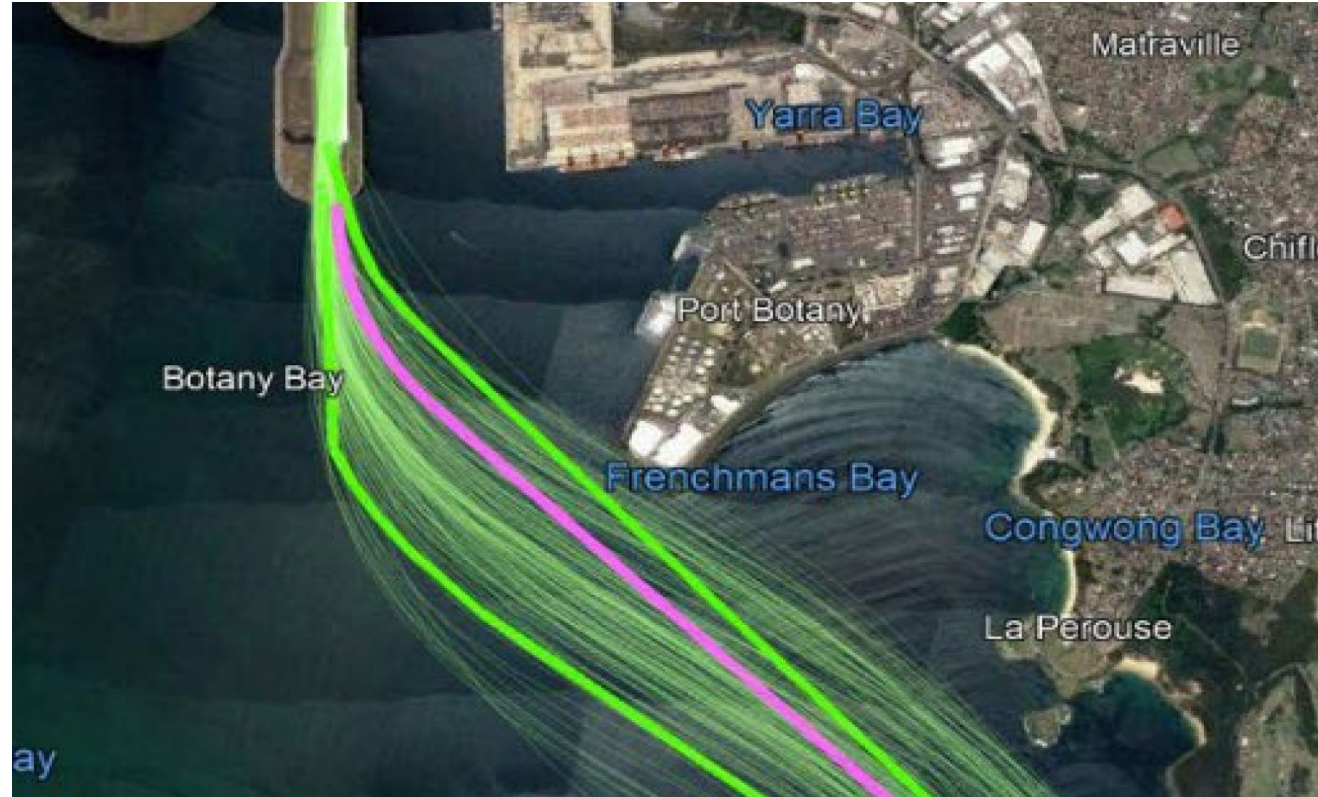
Emergency Response

Council Issue	Addressed in Conditions?	Comments/ Condition Number
Emergency response planning	 Partly	Sixty days before the commencement of construction of BLB3 only the following plans must be approved: Emergency Plan, Safety Management system D1 Fire Safety Study, - Hazard and Operability Study,- Final Hazard Analysis, Construction Safety Study – C10
Updated cumulative risk contours for the 1996 Port Botany Landuse Safety Study	 No	Not required for DP World container terminal as PHA demonstrated consistency of cumulative risk in existing Port Botany land use safety study. A Hazard and Operability Study (HAZOP) for the new Bulk Liquid Berth terminal BLB3 only- C1

Airport Impacts

Council Issue	Addressed in Conditions?	Comments/ Condition Number
Aircraft strike quantitative risk modelling	✗ No	Preliminary Hazard Analysis (Appendix G EIS) identified extremely low likelihood occurrence, no further assessment required. However, <u>CASA in their RTS submission Jan 2026</u> raised the following: • Why critical input data was missing from the hazard analysis i.e. ship size, number of ships at port, duration of stay. • Most aircraft would overfly BLB3 (at a relatively low altitude)" and therefore "the risk of an aircraft impacting the ship structure could have been quantified. • The assessment didn't consider aviation operational aspects such aircraft departing Runway 16L will overfly the BLB3 facility This affects confidence in the quality of the risk analysis.
Smoke plume / thermal plume modelling	✗ No	Not required as the PHA demonstrates that applicable heat radiation criteria are satisfied within the boundaries of the Project and would not extend to Sydney Kingsford Smith Airport. The assessment did not consider aircraft would overfly BLB3, at a relatively low altitude (CASA 2026)

Sydney Airport Departure Changes Nov 2023



Changes to aircraft departures 2023 16L third runway pink pre-30 Nov 2023 Green post and current
Source: Airservices Australia

Port Botany Expansion Terminal 3



Mod 18 Port Botany Expansion DA 494/11/2003

Condition	Council concern	Comments
B2.30 & B2.31	The Penrhyn Estuary Habitat Enhancement Plan (PEHP) aims were to rehabilitate and expand habitat within Botany Bay to offset land reclaimed for the development of Port Botany, providing additional feeding and roosting areas for migratory shorebirds.	The Modification is deleting enforceable obligations relating to the PEHEP and, specifically, undermines commitments to maintaining critical migratory shorebird habitat and the integrity of compensatory habitat established as part of the original approval as perpetual obligations
B2.40	Requires implementation of a monitoring program, as outlined in the original EIS, to assess long-term impacts on hydrodynamics and coastal processes in Botany bay.	Given the dynamic Botany bay environment, Council recommends that Condition B2.40 be retained to safeguard Botany Bay's coastal integrity and ensure informed, proactive management of erosion risks.
B3.2 & B3.3	Community Consultative Committee (CCC)	The proposed changes are inconsistent with the current CCC membership and operation outlined in the Port Botany CCC Terms of Reference. For over 20 years, the CCC has provided a trusted forum for engagement. Reducing its scope and community representation would depart from established practice. Randwick Council is not listed as a member.
Overall impacts Mod 18	Implications for Port Botany Quayline Equalisation Project (PBQEP)	Removing monitoring and biodiversity obligations now would: •Eliminate continuity of baseline data critical for PBQEP impact assessment, •Undermine offset strategies needed for habitat loss, and •Weaken governance frameworks relied upon for future State Significant Infrastructure (SSI) projects.

Discussion

