

# COODE VIEWS

Community information from Terminals Pty Ltd and the  
Coode Island Community Consultative Committee



## MESSAGE FROM GEORGE HORMAN MANAGING DIRECTOR, TERMINALS

After spending close to \$30 million on the upgrade of our Melbourne terminal, we are ready to show the public what has been done. While we are still not quite finished, we are proud of what we have achieved and the difference between the standard of the facility today compared to when we last opened it for public viewing in 1997 is significant.

Terminals is well ahead of its commitment to the Victorian Government to raise the standard of the facility to the "highest feasible standard" in return for long-term leases granted in 2002. What we are achieving is world class by any measure or comparison.

During the past five years through the upgrade, our staff and engineers have kept the plant operating efficiently and safely with little interruption to our customers and causing no problems to our nearby neighbours and the community.

In fact, during this period, Terminals achieved its Major Hazard Facilities licence signifying compliance with one of the newest and most stringent regulatory requirements in the world. Similarly, Terminals' environmental performance has improved by many magnitudes, reducing air emissions to almost nothing compared to five years ago.

The work will continue as before with Terminals working openly under the scrutiny of the regulators and the community. Terminals will continue to share its plans with the community and commits to continuing improvements through the Environmental Improvement Plan, which is formulated in conjunction with the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) and the community. We look forward to showcasing our achievements to you at our open day on Saturday 20 October.

## ABOUT THE CICCC

The Coode Island Community Consultative Committee (CICCC) was established in March 1998 by Terminals with the support of the Melbourne and Maribyrnong city councils. At that time, the future of chemical storage at Coode Island was still unknown with the Coode Island Taskforce yet to hand down its recommendations. However, Terminals felt it was important to start addressing the concerns of local residents and give them a voice in the future of Coode in anticipation of the State Government decision.

In the first 12 months the community representatives, who came from surrounding environmental and residents groups, were committed to seeing the end of chemical storage at Coode. Following the State Government decision in 1999 to continue storage some members chose to leave, however most of the CICCC members committed to work with Terminals for a mutually acceptable outcome for the redevelopment of the site.

From 1998 to early 2005 the CICCC met monthly to discuss the site clean-up and redevelopment. The members discussed every aspect of the process with Terminals and the regulatory bodies, such as EPA and WorkSafe, and had considerable input into the work done on site.

Now that the redevelopment is almost complete, the CICCC meets every two months to check on the operations of the site, particularly the impact the site can have on the environment and health of the surrounding community. The views of the members of the CICCC are outlined in this newsletter.



**TERMINALS COODE ISLAND OPEN DAY**

**SATURDAY 20 OCTOBER 10.00AM – 2:00PM**

70 – 78 Mackenzie Road, West Melbourne (Map 42 E9)

Site tours, barbecue and giveaways.



## THE NEW COODE ISLAND

The bulk liquid storage facilities at Coode Island have been in place since the 1960s. Many members of the community ask “why are they there?”

They provide the means for industry to transfer bulk liquids from ships to shore to use in manufacturing and other industrial uses, providing a vital supply link and a valuable asset to the Victorian economy.

As a result of a fire in 1991 the infrastructure on Coode Island was reviewed and in 1998 the State Government adopted a long-term plan. This strategy began to be implemented following the signing of long-term leases in 2001 and the future of the site was assured.

This has resulted in Terminals undertaking a major upgrade to its facilities comparable to world’s best practice. Since 2000, Terminals has spent \$30 million on establishing new storage sites on the west side of Coode Island and in rehabilitating the original sites on the eastern side of McKenzie Road, now leased by DP World. Five years into this 12-year plan nearly 75 per cent of the work has been completed.

The improvements have been substantial and include the complete replacement of liquid handling systems, new air emission controls, moving and upgrading storage tanks and the introduction of systems that minimise liquid waste generation. These works have enhanced environmental, community and worker safety.

### ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENTS IN THE PAST FIVE YEARS ARE OUTLINED IN THE TABLE BELOW:

ITEM	2001	2006
Number of odour complaints	9	0
Total emissions to air	10 000 kg	1120 kg
Benzene emissions to air	4000 kg	4 kg
Acylonitrile emissions	125 kg	No longer stored
Non-speciated VOC emissions	6000 kg	1100 kg
Liquid waste generated	6376 tonnes	927 tonnes
EPA licence breaches	2	0

**Terminals at Coode Island handles 130,000 tonnes of liquids per year and products range from acrylates to canola oil. It directly employs or contracts up to 26 people and supports industries that employ more than 40,000. These industries include mining and farming, as well as those involved in the manufacture of plastics, paint, detergent, food and pharmaceuticals.**