



# Tapping in

News about Bulk Liquids Industry Association Inc

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*Welcome to our Winter 2015 edition*

Update message from President Gordon Lasker.

It's great to have Michael Halley back on deck and keen to send out our 2<sup>nd</sup> edition of *Tappin In* covering key matters that affects all of us in the bulk liquids industry.

We held our NSW meeting on May 28<sup>th</sup> in Sydney. Allan Whale was appointed as Treasurer. Thank you Allan! Updates were presented on the sale of the Port of Melbourne; the maintenance programs for the BL berths in Sydney and Melbourne and further updates will be provided at the upcoming AGM in Melbourne.

The results of the Members' survey were presented and we will repeat it at the AGM. Feedback from the survey suggests we are generally meeting our objectives; however we collectively need to work towards bringing in new members and increasing the awareness of the BLIA with aligned industries. Additionally, as was noted by a number of members, the survey did not specifically include chemical companies/product owners and the BLIA Executive apologises for this oversight.

See you all on Friday the 26<sup>th</sup>!

## *Sale of Port of Melbourne*

The Victorian Government has introduced the Delivering Victorian Infrastructure (Port of Melbourne Lease Transaction) Bill 2015 to Parliament.

Only the port's commercial operations are to be leased. The lease will help reinforce Victoria's position as the freight and logistics capital of Australia.

The leaseholder will be responsible for managing and improving the port's operations to move goods efficiently. They will be obliged to maintain the port during the lease term so it is returned to public hands in good working order.



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Further information:-

Download the [media release](#) from the Premier's website.

Download the [Delivering Victorian Infrastructure \(Port of Melbourne Lease Transaction\) Bill 2015](#) from the Victorian Legislation website

## *Coastal Shipping*

Warren Truss Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Infrastructure and Regional Development recently addressed a meeting of Shipping Australia and delivered the Government's position on Coastal Shipping.

Salient points of note are:-

- ❖ Proposed introduction of a single, streamlined permit for all ships—Australian and foreign—operating along our coast.
- ❖ The new permit will replace the complicated licensing system we have at the moment.
- ❖ This permit will allow Australian and foreign ships to carry goods and passengers on unlimited domestic voyages during the 12 months of the permit.
- ❖ The new permit system will allow the carriage of petroleum products from our offshore facilities to the mainland for processing. Currently the processing is happening overseas and the fuel is being shipped back because offshore facilities are outside the confines of the current legislation.

## *Coode Island Leases*

A sweet Swan Song!

The last involvement with the Napthine Government in Victoria came to a conclusion when the Minister for Ports the Hon. David Hodgett MP agreed with a joint proposal by PACIA and BLIA about Coode Island Leases.

This is the important paragraph of his letter of 13 October 2014:-

*I am pleased to advise that through a new Ministerial Direction, gazetted on October 30 2014, I have revoked the previous direction, enabling leases to be negotiated on commercial terms and extended beyond 2022.*



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So leaseholders at Coode Island can now make long term decisions about capital investment in infrastructure and negotiate suitable lease terms and periods.

Now it has been determined that the sale of the Port will go ahead by the Andrews' Government it is worth noting that the proactive approach by BLIA and PACIA ensures some certainty.

## *Plastics recycling*

In 2013, the National Packaging Covenant Industry Association (NPCIA), together with four state jurisdictions commissioned the annual National Plastics Recycling Survey (NPRS) to capture the consumption and recycling of plastics in Australia during the 2012–13 financial year.

As plastics are a controversial product a summary of the findings in relation to recycling has been extracted. Whilst the raw material is solid resin or powder the manufacture is and closely aligned to Bulk Liquids Industry Association member companies

Recycling of plastics and packaging materials in general polarises the community even more than football club support. [Should you like a full copy of the report just ask!]

The key findings of the 2013 National Plastics Recycling Survey assessing the 2012–13 financial year are:

- ❖ A total of 1, 477, 800 tonnes of plastics from domestic production or imported resin were consumed in Australia in 2012–13. This number has increased by 3% from 2011–12
- ❖ A total of 307, 300 tonnes of plastics were recycled in 2012–13. This was an increase of 1.6% from 2011–12 through an increase in domestic reprocessing.



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- ❖ The quantity of plastic packaging recycled in 2012–13 was 220, 700 tonnes, giving a packaging recycling rate of 42.9%, compared with 41.9% in 2011–12.
- ❖ Of the 307, 300 tonnes of plastics collected for recycling, 145, 600 tonnes (47.3%) was reprocessed in Australia and 161, 800 tonnes (52.7%) was exported for reprocessing.
- ❖ This is an increase in local reprocessing from 2011–12 after a consistent reduction in the proportion of plastics reprocessed in Australia from 74.0% in 2000 (calendar year), to a low of 44.9% in 2011–12.
- ❖ The majority of plastics that were reprocessed in Australia continue to be used locally to manufacture new products, mainly durable (non-packaging) products.

## *Green steel*

A technology known as 'green steel' achieved a major milestone recently with its use in Australia preventing more than two million waste rubber tyres from ending up in landfill.

The discarded tyres – which would reach as high as the International Space Station if stacked one on top of each other – were used by OneSteel, an Arrium company, to manufacture steel in its Sydney and Melbourne facilities.

UNSW Scientia Professor Veena Sahajwalla collaborated closely with OneSteel as an industry partner to develop Polymer Injection Technology, in which old tyres and plastics provide a source of carbon to replace a significant proportion of the non-renewable coke used to make steel in electric arc furnaces.

Source: <http://www.industrysearch.com.au/green-steel-tech-saves-2m-tyres-from-landfill/f/15899>

## *Alignment with other industry groups*

Members in our survey declared that BLIA is a worthy industry advocacy group and also felt that BLIA should form an association with other industry bodies. This procedure is already in place with BLIA and PACIA “having a win” after the



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submission to Government and the Port of Melbourne Corporation regarding extension of leases at Coode Island.

Whilst no executive connection currently exists, information is already received from Shipping Australia, the Company of Master Mariners and Australian Ship Owners Association. Discussions are in place with other groups.

The National Bulk Tanker Association Inc, PACIA and the Chemical Distribution Institute are associate members of BLIA.

Should you be a member of other industry groups and consider an association would be of benefit please send details.

### *What are we doing?*

The most recent meeting of members was held in Sydney on 28 May 2015. Notes have been issued. Please contact me if you haven't received them.

### *Your taxes at work*

"Energex" is a Queensland Government-owned/Queensland Tax Payer owned electricity Supply Company, this is a Queensland Energex truck.



Please pass this on to all the other Happy Tax Payers

**Nothing to do with the Carbon Tax! Maybe they are looking for underwater cables or electric eels!**