

13. Webb Dock

Port of Melbourne is Australia's busiest port, and there is a \$1.2 billion project to build a new container port at Webb Dock. The port is expected to be completed in 2016, followed by the proposed development of a new container port at Hastings or Geelong West in the 2020s.

This raises issues for residents in Port Melbourne as well as other nearby municipalities. There will be containers and cranes that change views. There will be increased noise and traffic on the roads and water, impacts on water quality and water run off. The port will operate 24 hours a day and therefore it poses significant concerns for local residents.

Webb Dock is entirely controlled by the Port of Melbourne Corporation. The state government has an important role in ensuring that the development of Webb Dock is not at the expense of residential amenity of neighbours, including the new suburbs at Fishermans Bend.

The government has announced that there will be an additional \$10 million for buffering and beautification works to protect the amenity of local residents.

Any development must be justified and well-planned. For example there is the possibility of a rail link to Webb Dock and additional feeder roads to the West Gate Bridge to take the pressure off our residential streets.

How can we ensure the appropriate development of Webb Dock to take into account the impact on neighbours including the new suburbs in Fishermans Bend?