

SUEZ
Hampton Park Resource Recovery Facility
Community Reference Group

MINUTES OF MEETING

Meeting No. :	30	Status of Minutes :	Confirmed
Meeting Date :	30 September 2015	Meeting Time :	5:30 PM
Meeting Location :	Hampton Park Resource Recovery Facility Education Centre		
Minutes Confirmed:	Confirmed by CRG 14.12.2015		

Chairman :	Brian Oates (BO)
Presenters / Observers :	Jaye Muir (JM), Nicola Hankin (NH), Mark Globan (MG), Kevin Anthony (KA), Kelvin Sargent (KS), Jorja Pindor – City of Casey (JP), Eliza Hobba (EH),
Apologies :	Sada Cehic, Rod Spalding

Attendance:

MEMBER NAME	25/02/2015	08/04/2015	27/05/2015	26/08/2015	30/09/2015
David Banner (DB)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Sada Cehic (SC)	No	Yes	No	No	No
Robin Dzedins (RD)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Halina Gwizdzil (HG)	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Ryan Murphy (RM)	No	No	No	No	No
Tony O'Hara (TOH)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Rod Spalding (RS)	No	No	No	No	No
Miles Weidemann (MW)	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Jason Wood (JW)	No	No	No	Yes	No

Item	Issue	Action	By
1	Welcome Attendees welcome and apologies.		
2	Minutes of previous meeting BO emailed a few amendments mainly regarding structure. DB – Item 4, SUEZ staff should be complimented on the efforts undertaken. KS – indicated that SUEZ have bought out the 40% stake from Sembcorp.		
3	Action item updates and progress reports No update on waste to QLD. See section 7 for update on operational hours.		
4	SUEZ Environnement Hotline Report EPA Reports 5 calls for September up to 20/09/2015		

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	<p>1 complaint related to Diacos Nursery while they were turning compost</p> <p>Another the wind direction was in the wrong direction for SUEZ to be the source of odour.</p> <p>SUEZ Hotline</p> <p>0 calls for September</p>		
5	<p>City of Casey Presentation</p> <p>Main points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New waste strategy for council – first • Organics diversion – Align with waste strategy • 3-4 years strategy • Broken down into two 2 year reports • Desktop study – case study • Small projects • 20 year contract for organics – after 5 years food will be included • Staggered approach • To date there is a 3 year trial – better in summer than winter • 6 month trial to divert timber waste from hand waste collection (20-30% of hard waste) • Also try to divert fabric in the mattress collection • Casey diverts 20,000 mattresses • Casey is using the GFV Policy and SWIRRP from the State Government. Essentially landfill space is running out and organics need to be removed from landfill • HPRRP is mentioned in the SWIRRP as a site of state significance. Only landfill in south east after Clayton closes • Compulsory organics bin was initially met with protest outside Council Offices. Council want to avoid a similar occurrence by consulting with community • Increased community satisfaction with waste collection • TOH: Asked whether there will be ARRT facilities for Casey. • JP: Casey is advocating for Landfill Levy funding to be directed into an ARRT facility. JP indicates that the hub and spoke model will look at an increased emphasis on transfer stations. • KS: Is the council looking at having separate bins for green organics and food waste? 		

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JP: Looking at what is being done overseas (i.e. Canada) and how they implemented the system. Looking at all options. • KS: How long is left on the organics contract for Casey? • JP: 18 months – with an option of extension of 5 years (to add food). Council do not plan on increasing rates to residents. EPA Landfill Levy raises above levy. • JP: Contamination is an ongoing issue for Green Waste/Organics. • JP: Casey are looking at a larger recycling bin or a smaller general waste bin the former will have no charge, the latter would attract a discount. • TOH: Packaging waste is an ongoing issue for waste to landfill. • JP: There is a number of retailers (i.e. Harvey Norman) that will take old appliances when a new one was bought • DB: It is good that Casey Council is engaging with residents regarding costs where passed onto community. • TOH: To KS, Do you see the life of the landfill will be extended due to organics being removed from landfill. • KS: Will pass to MG to assist, filling rates and expected other landfill closures are currently out of sync with our expected closure date. • TOH: What will happen to the waste from the Rye Landfill? • KS: Nothing to date from the Operators of the Rye Landfill. Awaiting formal conversation with Mornington Peninsula Shire. • TOH: So basically what you are saying is the life could increase from removal from organics, but decrease due to increased volume from other councils. • DB: Reiterated that there was a need for council to confirm the closing date for the site post-closure. • JP: Planning Permit is quite explicit about the use for the site and that it will be public open space. • DB: What pockets of land will be provided back to council and what will be retained by SUEZ. 		

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JP: It is more a planning issue, but there may be an interim period where it will be shared for environmental monitoring. • MG: Closure of landfill around 2024, and capping will take approximately 12 months and to hand back to council in 2040. Noted there is a post-closure period of 30 years. There will be discussion between SUEZ and council that will determine the exact date whether it is 1st January 2040 or sometime after that. • DB: Concern is that development will occur regardless of council or SUEZ's wishes. Based on previous VCAT rulings. • JP: Note that Council have a whole landfill department since the Stevenson Rd Landfill closure. • JM: to organise for City of Casey Hydrology/Landfill Gas expert and Planning rep to present at next CRG meeting (early 2016) • BO: Are there any issues where people are recycling or not? • JP: In discussions with a new recycling collection contractor. Recycling of items that were previously not recyclable are starting to be recycled. Looking at constraints/infrastructure – i.e. are bins large enough. Organics seems to be going well (contamination is 5% against VIC average of 6-7%) • MW: Will there be an additional collection over Christmas? • JP: Current contract does not allow it. • TOH: Recycling facility for Casey is in Springvale. • Any change to public waste bins • All bins are recyclable so anything that goes in bins are sorted and the residual goes to landfill. • HG: What items can/cannot be recycled? • JP: All about the end market. Such as plastic bags. • TOH: What is happening with EPS and recycling? • JP: market fell down so not feasible. • MW: What is happening with illegal dumping • JP: Litter protection officer. \$70,000 in fines. Provisions under EP Act to prevent illegal dumping. • HG: Illegal dumping a criminal offence? 	<p>JM to seek presenters from Casey Landfill Dept.</p>	<p>Advise CRG by 25.11.15</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JP: Not specifically, however penalties are still involved. • MG: Are council (re: TBL) looked how the feasibility of food? • JP: Audits show that food is approx. 40% of general waste, council are hoping to achieve 20%. The program to extract food from general waste will only work if it reduces costs. • What thought has been looked at for education programs? • JP: Difficult as there is broad selection and demographics of the community. There is also a big issue of access to fresh food. • BO: Will council go back to seasonal collection? • JP: No, residents seem to be happy with booking service. Has been moved from a 30 day to a 5 day turnaround time. Also some success with rentals and retrieving bond. • BO: Waste management continues to be the number one item for councils, for Casey it is #2. Why? • JP: Capital works is highest as it is a growing council. 		
6	<p>PAN Update</p> <p>MG: Email to the group about EPA issuing SUEZ with a PAN. A number of licence conditions that we have to comply with. Landfill gas monitoring to determine whether there is leaks and remediation requirements. Exceedance in cap, further investigation requirements are needed. Identified some spots that needed remediation. There was some issues with communication. EPA thought it was necessary to issue a PAN. It is not a punitive measure more as a planning tool. Report on it to EPA. Requirement to complete a landfill gas risk assessment (which was going to be undertaken anyway). KS met Nial Finegan from EPA – to look at case for PAN. While not punitive. Conversations from community – about that SUEZ were being proactive but were penalised. KS: Interstate transfer of material (PIW) was going from TRL has been discussed by SUEZ with EPA. Disappointing that EPA has acted in this way. Some discussion about the penetrations and the previous PAN.</p>		

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	<p>Also some discussions about the perceptions about the PAN (punitive vs. planning documents) and the public vs. private knowledge of landfill gas exceedances.</p> <p>KS: Has indicated that EPA will be issuing more notices going forward to ensure that items are completed by a designed timeframe.</p> <p>DB: There was previously of people doing the right thing vs. the wrong thing.</p> <p>TOH: the document implies some issue of distrust.</p> <p>KS: There is nothing about the PAN that implies a non-punitive measure, however, there is a perception of this.</p> <p>We have welcomed the opportunity to discuss it internally, we will continue (as planned) to finish the works. Nothing will change about the way we continue to do our business.</p> <p>There was a sense amongst the group that the issuing of a PAN was heavy handed.</p> <p>DB: "Painting everyone with the same brush"</p>		
<p>7</p>	<p>SUEZ Operations Update</p> <p>NH: Cell 10A filling, lift 5, next lift of horizontal gas lines. Cell build continues – excavation works for Cell 10B and 11A. Rain has impeded works across the site. Top-soil on Cell 9A capping (75% complete) Capping works on Cell 9B are beginning to start with the compaction of the clay. Rehabilitation works are about 60% complete.</p> <p>DB: Any update on operational hours on weekends? MG: No real change. Looks like there is some flexibility on Sundays. Some requirement for ad hoc festivals in local councils. However there seems to be a strong adherence to contract.</p> <p>Nicola has been looking at a key system to process trucks.</p> <p>TOH: could it be measured by size of truck</p>		
<p>8</p>	<p>Communication and consultation</p> <p>a. Round Table</p> <p>TOH: Hampton Park Hill development plan. Some discussion about end use for the site. Nothing has been mentioned at the CRG by council for the site.</p> <p>MG: Council came to SUEZ earlier in the year and stated there would be a review for the end of use for the site. Most landfills will become open space. Nothing has really changed from previous development plan. Something that has been raised is</p>		

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	<p>the different parcels of land and what will happen to other parcels of land, some of which are owned by SUEZ.</p> <p>Something that SUEZ are looking at proposing to council is a land swap.</p> <p>Options include a larger transfer station to the west of the site to service the community.</p> <p>MG briefly discussed potential options to the north of the site.</p> <p>HG: How many additional lots of land does SUEZ own? MG: Four lots</p> <p>TOH: How many pieces of the additional parcels could become residential? MG: None. Idea to transform it to commercial.</p> <p>There have not been any in depth discussions over the past four years on land swap.</p> <p>RD: Many trucks do not make the u-turn in one movement for the new SITA-ResourceCo entrance. KS: VicRoads approved the design, however we have to accept the concerns of the local community. TOH: Suggests to put a camera at the new entrance to determine what the impacts are. KS: From a planning perspective SUEZ were at the mercy of the regulator.</p> <p>MW: SUEZ did not supply anything to do with the public road. KS: SUEZ have paid for the whole project, VicRoads approved the design.</p> <p>Some community concern about the interaction of the new SITA-ResourceCo entrance road.</p> <p>KS: We have complied with the planning authority and VicRoads and we have a fully compliant road.</p> <p>b. Community outreach</p> <p>MG: One other item to raise. Clayton Landfill will close on 30/11/15. Other TPI landfills will close in next 12 months. There is opportunity in the market for open earlier (3:00 AM) to allow the waste to be accepted.</p>		

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	<p>KS: There have been no discussions with council yet. Some concern from MW about noise. KS: Will look into low frequency beepers. This is what we are considering, we are informing you about the process. Nothing is yet before council. DB: Indicated that he will object regardless. Extremely hard to swallow for 3:00 AM. KS: Tonight is about floating the idea. We want to get your thoughts and concerns about the idea. No application is yet before council. Some discussion amongst the group about noise and whether there was any complaints to date. Further, whether noise during operational hours. Also some discussion about the volume of trucks that will occur between the 3:00 AM to 6:00 AM window. MG: Before any planning permit amendment is accepted there is likely to be a number of requirements that need to be met. RD: Could the operation run until 9:00 PM, rather than starting at 3:00 AM. KS: Unfortunately not due to the nature of the waste collection operation. If the issue is pursued further then an extraordinary meeting will be called.</p>		
9	<p>Other Business a. Questions & Answers</p>		
10	<p>Review of progress / next meeting(s) Next meeting is 25 November 2015</p>		
Meeting Closed :		8:00 PM	

Next Meeting :	25 November 2015 5:30pm
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ACTION SUMMARY

Item	Issue	Action	By
Meeting no. 24 / 27 August 2014			
4	MG/NH keep CRG informed of progress re weekend operational hours.	Ongoing	NH / MG
Meeting no. 26 / 25 February 2015			
7	DB requested for 'Waste to Queensland' to be an ongoing topic for the agenda.	Ongoing	MG / KS
Meeting no. 30 / 30 September 2015			

5	JM to arrange for City of Casey Hydrology/Landfill Gas expert and Planning rep to present at future meeting.	Advise CRG by 25.11.15	JM
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