

MEETING NOTES (APPROVED)

Tuesday 7 July 2015 at 10:30am	Chair: Gareth Jones
Naamaroo Conference Centre – Lady Game Drive, Chatswood	Note Taker: Gareth Jones

ATTENDEES

SUEZ environnement

- (TL) – Ryde RRC Site Manager
- (PM) – Compliance Officer
- (GJ) – Stakeholder Engagement Manager

Apologies

- (CM) – Killara
- (SM) – Sydney Transfer Stations Manager

Community

- (JOT) – Killara
- (MF) – Lindfield
- (DT) – Killara

Northern Metropolitan Cemeteries Trust

- (BH) – Operations Manager, Macquarie Park

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSIONS

1 WELCOME AND AGENDA

Item	Discussion	Action	Due
1.1	GJ welcomed all present to the meeting. Group introductions were made. Apologies were noted as listed above.		

2 ACCEPTANCE OF NOTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Item	Discussion	Action	Due
2.1	Notes from the previous meeting were accepted without amendment.		

3 OPERATIONS UPDATE

Item	Discussion	Action	Due
3.1	TL reported that not a great deal had changed on site in the 4 months since he had joined the company. The only significant operation at present is a trial of handing garden organics indoors in the transfer station building. This trial began in early May as the incoming garden organics tonnages reduced significantly with the loss of the Ku-ring-gai and Ryde councils' garden organics contracts. Results so far have been quite positive. Other operations on site are proceeding as normal. As the CRG have previously been advised, SUEZ plans to temporarily shut down the Artarmon facility for floor repair works in the near future, and to support this work an application is currently being reviewed by Council to extend the permitted operating hours at Ryde to take additional deliveries overnight. The floor repair project is likely to take 2-3 months, during which time the waste loads which would have been delivered to Artarmon will be diverted to other facilities including Ryde.		

	The work is scheduled to begin on 31 July, however this is still to be confirmed and depends on if and/or when the consent modification is approved by City of Ryde.
3.2	<p>DT asked if the waste loads temporarily diverted to Ryde are guaranteed to be delivered to Artarmon again on completion of the floor repair work.</p> <p>TL replied that this was the case, as the council contracts involved are based on delivery to Artarmon, rather than Ryde which is further away.</p>
3.3	<p>DT asked if the processing area in the transfer station has been made larger in order to accommodate the garden organics.</p> <p>TL replied that the building has not been modified, however a few operational changes have been made. Garden organics volumes have reduced, enabling the smaller amounts being received to be processed in the transfer station. During the proposed Artarmon closure, no extensions or changes to operations will be made at Ryde apart from additional deliveries being received overnight. The garden organics yard will be reopened during this time to allow more space for other wastes inside the transfer station building.</p>
3.4	<p>PM added that the new quad-axle trailers can load and remove more waste more quickly, and their introduction has improved efficiency in handling and transporting wastes to other facilities.</p> <p>DT asked if the new trailers are loaded through the same pit and compactors.</p> <p>TL & PM replied that the new trailers are compatible with the existing compactor systems, and are a direct replacement for the previous fleet of trailers.</p>
3.5	<p>JOT asked if the garden organics yard is land owned by SUEZ.</p> <p>TL replied that the garden organics yard is owned by Council and leased by SUEZ. The current trial of indoor handling of garden organics is a test to assess the practicality of handing the land back to Council.</p> <p>PM added that the drain that runs alongside the garden organics yard is the boundary of the SUEZ lease.</p>

4 ENVIRONMENTAL UPDATE

Item	Discussion	Action	Due
4.1	<p>PM provided an update on the consent modification application currently being reviewed by Council:</p> <p>Based on the current (1980's) consent conditions, SUEZ currently have authorisation to receive waste outside normal operating hours, but only if it is delivered by City of Ryde vehicles. Many local councils deliver waste to Artarmon, and in order to allow for that facility's planned closure for floor repairs, consent has been sought to extend Ryde RRC's existing outside-hours delivery permission to include wastes from other councils.</p> <p>Based on current patronage at Artarmon, it is expected that approximately 12 vehicles per hour will deliver waste to Ryde RRC between the hours of 10pm and 4am. Some councils are considering</p>		

sending their waste to Belrose instead as this may be closer than Ryde.

SUEZ lodged an application with City of Ryde at the beginning of May, and all CRG members were provided with information and an internet link to provide comment. A submission had been lodged by CRG member CM, in which one concern was regarding the reversing alarms. All SUEZ vehicles are fitted with the less-intrusive 'quacker' style reversing alarms, and all waste deliveries received overnight will be unloaded inside the transfer station building. No transfer trailers will leave the site until 6:30am, although they will be loaded overnight.

City of Ryde have advised SUEZ that they are still seeking advice from internal departments and are not yet able to provide a determination. Council may seek additional information from SUEZ in response to submissions received.

The Artarmon floor repair work is part of a program which sees the same work being undertaken at all of SUEZ environnement's 8 Sydney transfer stations. Ryde, Rockdale and Auburn have already had the work completed, but others including Seven Hills and Belrose are still to come.

4.2 DT asked what is involved in the floor repair work.

TL explained that the top 100mm of concrete is ground down and resurfaced with high strength concrete, with the primary aim of providing additional strength.

4.3 *PM provided the Environmental Update, which is included as an appendix to these notes.*

No environmental complaints have been received in the past 9 months, with the most recent complaint regarding noise related to floor repair works. Garden organics have not been processed on site since early 2013 – the material is still being received, loaded and transferred, but not shredded or mulched.

The EPA recently completed an assessment of the site for the purpose of transitioning to a risk-based licensing scheme. Ryde RRC has been classified as "Moderate" environmental risk, which is in line with other similar waste transfer facilities in the Sydney area. This classification means that EPA officers will visit the facility every 4 months, while a High risk classification would mean monthly EPA visits. PM noted that these visits prevent complacency and are in that regard a very good thing.

4.4 DT asked if smaller garden organics loads from casual customers were handled inside the transfer station too, or if the trial only involved larger loads such as those received from council customers.

TL replied that all garden organics loads received are currently being sent to the transfer station, regardless of the size of the load. Occasional loads may need to be temporarily placed in the old garden organics yard in very high peak periods, but this is a very rare occurrence. The yard is currently primarily used only to park a few trailers.

5 COMMUNITY FEEDBACK

Item	Discussion	Action	Due
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5.1 JOT asked for clarification regarding the recent change from SITA Australia to SUEZ environnement.
GJ explained that SUEZ environnement is the name of SITA's parent company, who are rolling out a worldwide rebranding to bring all of the group's companies under the same name.

5.2 DT asked if the facility is still accepting televisions for recycling.
TL replied that certain types of electronic waste are still accepted free of charge. DHL collect the bins and transport the material to other facilities for processing and recycling.
PM added that televisions, computers and computer related equipment are accepted free of charge. Mobile phones cannot currently be accepted, but tablets (e.g. iPads) are accepted.

6 GENERAL BUSINESS

Item	Discussion	Action	Due
6.1	DT noted that there had been some talk previously about a small landslip along the north-western boundary at NMCT, and asked if BH could provide an update. BH replied that geotechnical engineers are currently examining the area. It is expected that on-site detention basins will be re-lined and the embankment stabilised through revegetation. Any possible land slip would have still remained within the detention basin, and therefore within NMCT land, but the area still needs to be addressed and stabilised. The embankment in question cuts around the back of the SES building.		

MEETING CLOSED 11:15 AM

NEXT MEETING

Date:	Tuesday 3 November 2015, 10:30am
Venue:	Naamaroo Conference Centre – Lady Game Drive, Chatswood

ACTIONS OUTSTANDING

Item	Description	Action	Due
No actions are outstanding at this time.			

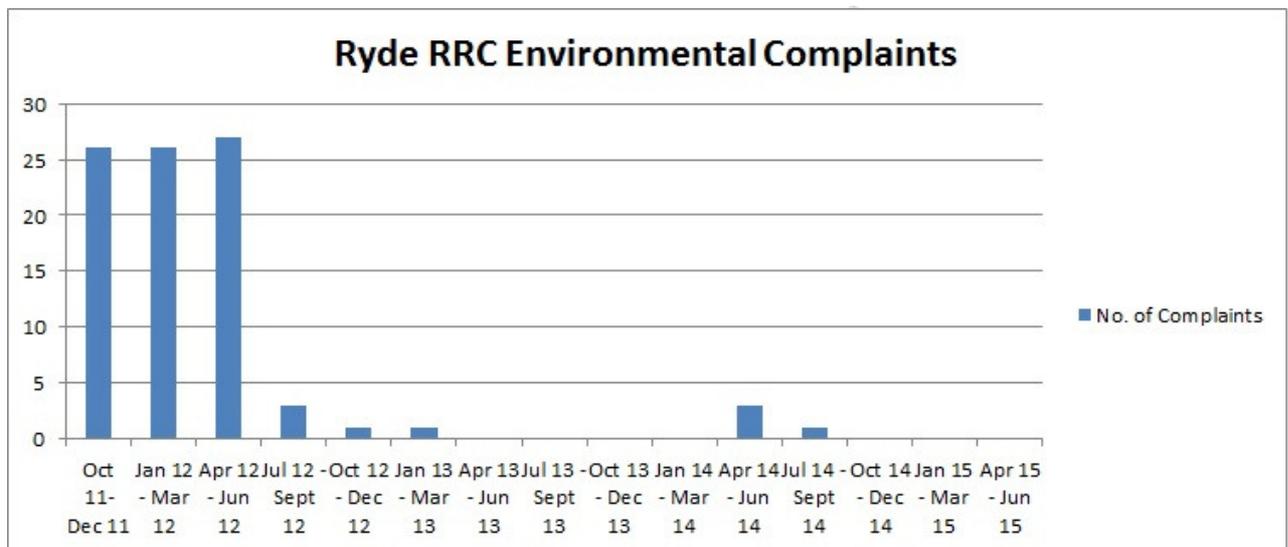
APPENDICES

Appendix	Description	Related Item
1	Environment Update – Ryde Resource Recovery Centre	4

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1 ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLAINTS

No environmental complaints were received during the March quarter. The below graph illustrates all environmental complaints received through the SUEZ environnement Environmental Feedback Hotline and the EPA Environment Line.



2 GARDEN ORGANICS

No processing of green waste has taken place on site since January 2013.

3 ACTIONS SINCE PREVIOUS MEETING

NSW EPA risk-based licensing determined that Ryde RRC is a moderate risk site – the other risk ratings are low and high. This risk rating will determine how many times per reporting period the EPA undertake site visits. The moderate risk rating is in line with our other resource recovery centres.

SUEZ environnement lodged a Section 96(2) application with City of Ryde in mid May for the extending of operating hours to be able to accept waste from other Council and commercial customers. A determination has not been given and is pending Council approval.