

## MEETING NOTES (DRAFT – FOR APPROVAL 04/08/2015)

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| <b>Tuesday 5 May 2015 at 3:00pm</b>  | <b>Chaired By:</b> Gareth Jones (SITA) |
| <b>Macarthur Centre for Sustainable Living<br/>1 Mount Annan Dr, Mount Annan</b> | <b>Note Taker:</b> Gareth Jones (SITA) |

### ATTENDEES

#### *SITA Australia*

- (GJ) – Stakeholder Engagement Manager
- (GB) – Richardson Rd Landfill Supervisor
- (LCC) – Richardson Rd Landfill Manager
- (NG) – Compliance Officer

#### *Community*

- (MR) – Mount Annan
- (SB) – Mount Annan

#### *UrbanGrowth NSW*

- (PB)

## RECORD OF DISCUSSION

### 1 WELCOME AND AGENDA

| Item | Discussion                              | Action | Due |
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| 1.1  | GJ welcomed all present to the meeting. |        |     |

### 2 ACCEPTANCE OF NOTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

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

### 3 OPERATIONS UPDATE

| Item       | Discussion   | Action | Due |
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| <b>3.1</b> | <b><i>Richardson Rd Landfill</i></b>   |        |     |
| 3.1.1      | GB reported that operations are continuing as usual. A couple of odour complaints have been received recently but nothing out of the ordinary has been occurring on the site. Only dry waste is being deposited into the landfill, which is expected to reach capacity in late 2015 or early 2016. |        |     |
| 3.1.2      | MR asked what will happen when the landfill reaches capacity.<br>LC explained that a final capping layer will be installed and the surface will be revegetated.  |        |     |
| 3.1.3      | SB asked if gas extraction will continue after the landfill reaches capacity.<br>GB replied that the landfill will still produce methane but the rate of production will decrease every year. The engines will still run while there is enough gas being produced to run them.                     |        |     |

LC added that treatment of gas and wastewater will continue until this is no longer necessary.

- 3.1.4 MR asked if the site will still be open for waste deliveries after the landfill reaches capacity.  
GB replied that in this regard the current situation is unlikely to change, as it is a good location for a transfer site.

### 3.2 SITA Organics Camden ORRF

- 3.2.1 NG reported that Camden ORRF is currently processing stored oversize material, and a significant monetary investment has been made in order to separate this material into different fractions. As the stored stockpiles are reduced in size this should also help reduce odours.

- 3.2.2 SB reported that he has noticed odour at times lately but only very briefly.  
NG replied that the site has been trialling a few different operational changes early in the morning in an attempt to improve performance.  
SB added that he has only noticed odours between 8am and 10am.  
MR added that he used to notice odours from around 6:30am and lasting for an hour or more, but now it only comes for a very short period about 8am-8:30am. The odours are not very strong and pass quickly. This indicates a strong correlation with the improvements made to operations.

### 3.3 Spring Farm MRF, ARRT and ORRF

- 3.3.1 NG reported that Spring Farm MRF, ARRT and ORRF operations have been continuing as usual, with a steady increase in recyclables coming into the MRF relating to the local population increase.
- 3.3.2 SB asked if the recyclables coming in are contaminated or clean.  
NG replied that some loads are quite contaminated but the pickers are able to remove this. Trucks are inspected on tipping if the load is suspected to be heavily contaminated.

## 4 ENVIRONMENTAL UPDATE

| Item | Discussion | Action | Due |
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**NG's Environmental Update is included as Appendix 1.**

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| 4.1 | NG reported that 15 complaints were received in April, suspected to be due to a combination of poor weather conditions and management practices which have since been amended. |  |  |
| 4.2 | SB reported that he has noticed a fair amount of dust lately but suspects it is more likely due to TRN construction activities.  |  |  |
| 4.3 | SB asked if any new odour masking agents have been used lately.<br>GB replied that only the normal eucalyptus scent has been used recently.                                    |  |  |

SB added that the odour he has noticed was a pleasant, sweet smell, which he assumes could be a masking compound – perhaps lavender.

4.4 MR reported that in comparison to the last 3 years, in his observations the incidence of odour in April has been halved. SUEZ has done a marvellous job of improving their operations in an effort to reduce odours.

4.5 PB asked how rain impacts on odours.  
NG replied that a complaint was received after it stopped raining, and that at that time the compost was quite waterlogged. The spike in complaints in March has been attributed mainly to poor weather conditions, as nothing unusual was happening on the site at the time.

## 5 ARRT DA MODIFICATION UPDATE

| Item          | Discussion  | Action    | Due                 |
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| 5.1           | GJ advised that no further progress had been reported.              |           |                     |
| <b>Action</b> | <b>NG to request an update from PH on the ARRT DA modification.</b> | <b>NG</b> | <b>Next meeting</b> |

## 6 URBANGROWTH SPRING FARM DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

| Item | Discussion  | Action | Due |
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| 6.1  | PB advised that rain has slowed work in UrbanGrowth's Spring Farm development. The Richardson Rd closure is running to program, and the road is due to be reopened by the end of June. The culverts have recently been moved into place, and development of the Town Centre at the corner of Richardson Rd & Springs Rd is expected to commence by the end of August. Construction of the next stage of Liz Kernohan Dr is now well and truly underway. Construction of the school is also already underway, with the school expecting to take enrolments for the start of 2016. UrbanGrowth are hoping to connect Liz Kernohan Drive to the new industrial haul road by the end of 2016. |        |     |
| 6.2  | MR asked the distance of the road connecting Liz Kernohan Drive and Mount Annan.<br><br>PB replied that this bus-only link will be only 230m in length.   |        |     |
| 6.3  | PB added that UrbanGrowth have also been working with SUEZ on the development of the temporary access road from Glenlee Rd to Spring Farm RRP, with completion expected in approximately 3 weeks. This temporary road will be used for 12-18 months depending on TRN's development progress. A link to the Hume Highway is still the longterm plan, and is waiting with the Parliamentary Budget Office for determination as to who will build the link – either RMS or a developer.  |        |     |

## 7 ACTIONS OUTSTANDING

| Item  | Discussion   | Action | Due  |    |              |  |  |
|-------|--|--------|--|----|--------------|--|--|
| 7.1   | <table border="1"> <tr> <td>6.1</td> <td>Commission new Environmental Feedback Hotline signage in accordance with the locations agreed on by the CRG.</td> <td>GJ</td> <td>Next meeting</td> </tr> </table>  | 6.1    | Commission new Environmental Feedback Hotline signage in accordance with the locations agreed on by the CRG. | GJ | Next meeting |  |  |
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| 7.1.1 | <p>GJ advised that this project was still underway as part of a national overhaul of all signage at all facilities.</p> <p><b><i>This action will be addressed in future meetings as part of a regular agenda item on the progress of the SUEZ rebranding.</i></b></p> | GJ     | Next meeting   |    |              |  |  |

## 8 OTHER BUSINESS

| Item | Discussion   | Action | Due |
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| 8.1  | GJ advised that the next meeting was scheduled to be held at 3pm on Tuesday 4 August at Macarthur Centre for Sustainable Living (1 Mount Annan Dr, Mount Annan). |        |     |

MEETING CLOSED 3:46PM

## NEXT MEETING

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| <b>Date:</b>  | Tuesday 4 August 2015, 3:00pm  |
| <b>Venue:</b> | Macarthur Centre for Sustainable Living, 1 Mount Annan Dr, Mount Annan |

## ACTIONS OUTSTANDING

| Item | Description  | Action | Due          |
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| 5.1  | NG to request an update from PH on the ARRT DA modification. | NG     | Next meeting |

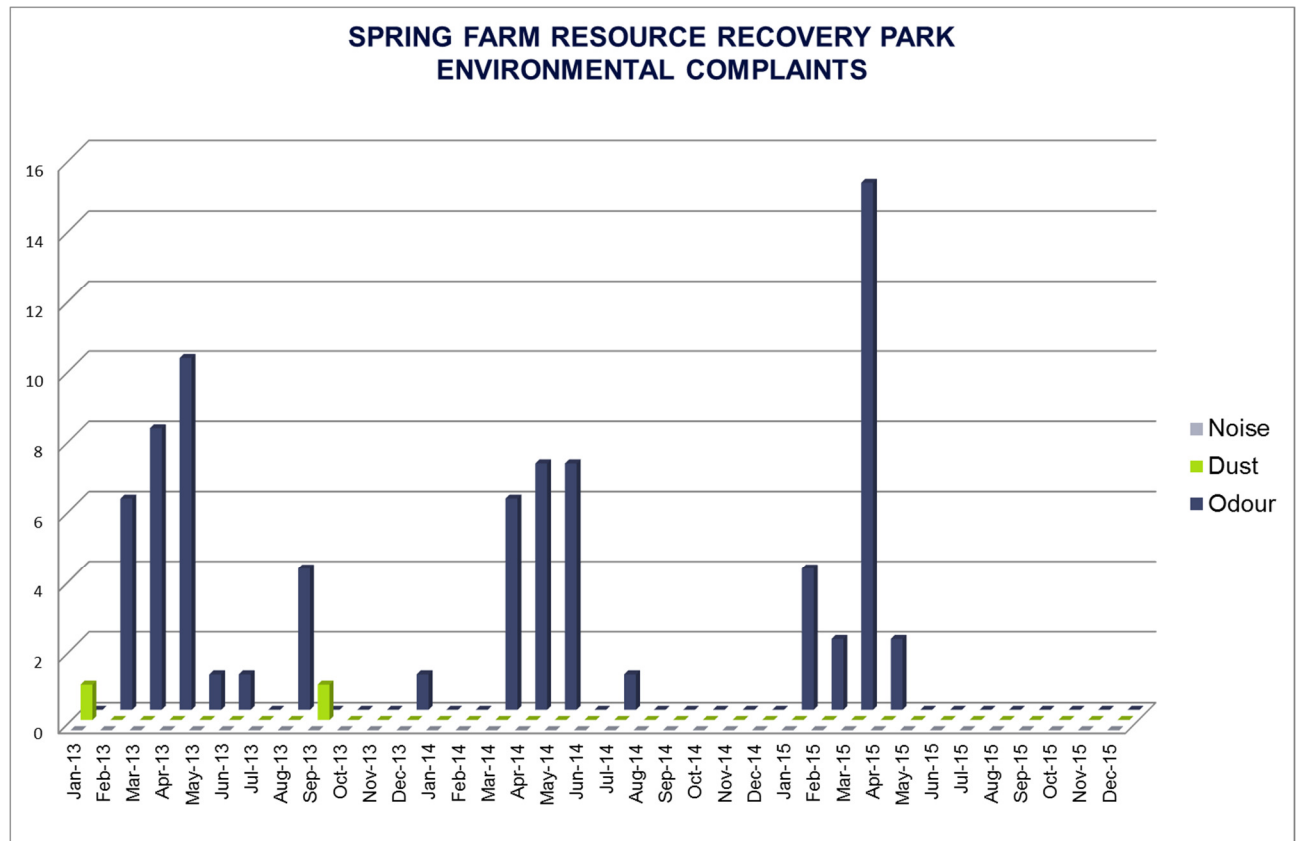
## APPENDICES

| Appendix | Description        | Related Item |
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| 1        | Environment Update | 4            |

**ENVIRONMENT UPDATE**  
**5 MAY 2015**

**1 ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLAINTS**

**1.1 OVERVIEW**



**Figure 1:** Environmental Complaints Jan 2013 to May 2015 (as of 5 May 2015).

The chart above illustrates environmental complaints received from the community through SUEZ environnement’s Environmental Feedback Hotline (24/7 freecall 1800 368 737) and NSW EPA’s Pollution Hotline (131 555).

A total of 77 complaints have been received in since January 2013, giving a monthly average of 2.7. Apart from one dust complaint in September 2013, all complaints received in this period have related to odours.

No dust complaints have been received since September 2013. No noise complaints have been received.

**2 ODOUR AND DUST MITIGATION**

In order to determine potential odours emitted from the Spring Farm Resource Recovery Centre (RRC) and SITA Organics Camden (SOC) routine monitoring activities are conducted to determine odour emissions that may be contributed to these sites. Information is provided to site management for sources potentially attributed to the sites with corrective actions implemented.

## 2.1 SPRING FARM RESOURCE RECOVERY CENTRE

To mitigate any odours which may result from landfill activity, the landfill tipping face is covered at the end of operational activities (daily) and deodouriser fencing is utilised to suppress odours from the RRC.

To minimise dust generation from landfilling activities, surfaces are controlled with water sprays and the landfill tipping face is covered at the end of operational activities (daily).

Quarterly monitoring of both surface and subsurface landfill gas is conducted to determine potential gaseous emissions from Spring Farm RRC.

Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) is delivered directly into the receival area of the Advanced Resource Recovery Technology facility (ARRT). The receival hall is fitted with rapid acting automated doors to reduce open times of the doors throughout the day. The remaining facility doors are closed as soon as possible after material loading for transfer and processing offsite.

## 2.2 SITA ORGANICS CAMDEN

To mitigate any odour which may result from activities at SITA Organics Camden (SOC), continual aeration of the leachate dam is undertaken and materials are regularly processed to reduce odorous emissions from the facility.

Regular site inspections are carried out to determine any areas where water "pooling" is occurring with actions undertaken to rectify identified areas and prevent this.

To minimise dust at SITA Organics Camden (SOC), surfaces are controlled with water sprays.

## 2.3 ODOUR PATROLS

Odour patrols are conducted around Mount Annan, Narellan Vale, Narellan Heights and Spring Farm areas. Odours detected that may be attributed to site operations are recorded, inclusive of weather observations and time. If odours are detected contact with the respective Site Manager occurs at conclusion of the odour patrol.

## 3 STORMWATER MONITORING

### 3.1 SITA ORGANICS CAMDEN

Stormwater generated on the organics platform is collected and, if possible, used for dust suppression and other operational activities. Water levels are monitored daily, and if there is an excess that cannot be used for site operations, the excess is pumped out by a contractor and removed to a licenced facility for processing and disposal.

### 3.2 SPRING FARM RESOURCE RECOVERY CENTRE

Stormwater generated on Spring Farm landfill platform continues to be collected from the sedimentation dam which can be used for dust suppression onsite. Analytical sampling, to specified criteria by the EPA, of the storm water pond is performed when discharge of storm water from the pond occurs.

## 4 WATER QUALITY

Water quality monitoring is conducted on a quarterly basis by an external contractor.