

MEETING NOTES (APPROVED 05/05/2015)

Tuesday, 17 February 2015 at 3:00pm

Chaired By: Gareth Jones

Macarthur Centre for Sustainable Living, Mount Annan

Note Taker: Gareth Jones

ATTENDEES

SITA Australia

- (GJ) – NSW Stakeholder Engagement Manager
- (GB) – Richardson Rd Landfill Manager
- (NG) – Compliance Officer
- (PH) – Sydney Resource Recovery Manager
- (KDL) – Education Support Officer

Community

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

Australian Botanic Garden Mount Annan

- (DB)

UrbanGrowth NSW

- (PB)

Apologies

- PC (SITA)
- NH (SITA)

RECORD OF DISCUSSION

1. WELCOME AND AGENDA

Item	Discussion	Action	Due
1.1	GJ welcomed all to the meeting. 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.		
2.2	SB asked for confirmation that the gas well noted in the previous meeting was indeed operated by AGL and not SITA. SITA staff confirmed that this was the case and that the well was not in any way related to SITA's extraction of landfill gas.		

3. OPERATIONS UPDATE

Item	Discussion	Action	Due
3.1	<i>Richardson Rd Landfill</i>		
3.1.1	GB reported that nothing had changed since the last meeting. The final designs were being developed with consultants GHD for the closure of landfill, which is expected to occur in 2016. No construction work was expected to take place.		
3.1.2	DB asked what the area would be used for after closure. PH advised that it was expected the landfill would simply be closed and capped, but there are many potential other uses including passive recreation. Some landfills are turned into golf courses. This will be up		

for discussion closer to the date of closure, and SITA will keep the CRG and the Botanic Gardens informed.

3.2 SITA Organics Camden ORRF

3.2.1 PH introduced NG as the new Compliance Officer.

3.2.2 PH reported that no significant changes had taken place at Camden ORRF. Concentrating on optimising processes to maximise throughput rate and reduce potential for odours. A few complaints had been received in January, with the situation appearing to be weather-related as has been the case for other similar facilities in other parts of Sydney. Staff visit complainants where possible to assess the situation.

3.2.3 PH advised that SITA's operations at Camden ORRF have a limited lifespan, with SITA hoping to expand the Lucas Heights ORRF from 50ktpa to 80ktpa in order to be able to process existing volumes resulting from the closure of Camden ORRF. Other compost facilities managed by other companies were likely to continue to operate in the area, and could potentially expand onto the current Camden ORRF site.

3.3 Spring Farm MRF, ARRT, ORRF and Tank Farm

3.3.1 PH reported that no significant changes had taken place at the Spring Farm ORRF, MRF, ARRT and Tank Farm.

4. ENVIRONMENTAL UPDATE

Item	Discussion	Action	Due
4.1	<i>PH & GJ's Environmental Update is included with these notes as Appendix 1 – Environmental Update.</i>		

5. ARRT DA MODIFICATION UPDATE

Item	Discussion	Action	Due
5.1	PH reported that the Department of Planning and Environment had been discussing the Tank Farm Modification project with Council in relation to Council's concerns. Council may be able to approve the project once their concerns are addressed. SITA's modelling indicates that the operation is not likely to be a significant source of odour. Approval is expected sometime later in 2015.		

6. ACTIONS OUTSTANDING

Item	Discussion	Action	Due
6.1	6.1 Commission new Environmental Feedback Hotline signage in accordance with the locations agreed on by the CRG.	GJ	Next meeting
6.1.1	GJ advised that this project was still underway as part of a national overhaul of all signage at all facilities. ACTION CARRIED OVER.	GJ	Next meeting

7. OTHER BUSINESS

Item	Discussion	Action	Due
7.1	<p>GJ advised that the remaining dates for meetings in 2015 were as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tuesday 5 May• Tuesday 4 August• Tuesday 3 November <p>The May and August meetings will be held at Macarthur Centre for Sustainable Living (1 Mount Annan Dr, Mount Annan). The November meeting will be held at SITA's Spring Farm Advanced Resource Recovery Park (275 Richardson Rd, Spring Farm) and will include a facility tour.</p>		
7.2	<p>PB reported that the current access road to SITA's Spring Farm facilities would soon go through significant changes as TRN continue developments in and around Spring Farm. A temporary access road is currently under construction off Glenlee Rd. Signage will need to be adjusted. The current access road will be closed when the new Springs Rd works commence. The new access road is likely to be ready in as little as 2 weeks. The new road will be very sturdy with a high quality surface, and would be more than adequate for the heavy vehicles regularly accessing SITA's facilities.</p>		
7.3	<p>PB added that UrbanGrowth NSW also have a significant amount of very high quality topsoil and are hoping to be able to soon supply some to SITA for use in revegetation of finished landfill surfaces.</p>		
7.4	<p>PB noted that UrbanGrowth NSW are receiving a lot of flak regarding the extended period of closure of Richardson Rd. Contractors are installing a new culvert, however work has been delayed as a significant amount of unsuitable material has been discovered in the creek bed. This is difficult to dig out due to underground services also being present. Richardson Rd should reopen around June, with works expected to recommence next week. Springs Rd will subsequently be closed by Council between the bypass and the new developments to allow for upgrading to be undertaken by Council. The next section of Liz Kernohan Drive will then also be constructed from Richardson Rd towards the M5. Liz Kernohan Drive would connect to the new industrial haul road servicing SITA's Spring Farm and Camden facilities by December 2016.</p>		
Meeting closed 3:40pm			
Next meeting:	Tuesday 5 May 2015, 3:00pm		
Venue:	Macarthur Centre for Sustainable Living, 1 Mount Annan Dr, Mount Annan		

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SITA ENVIRONMENTAL FEEDBACK HOTLINE: 1800 368 737
NSW EPA ENVIRONMENT LINE: 131 555

ACTIONS OUTSTANDING

Item	Issue	Action	Due
6.1	Commission new Environmental Feedback Hotline signage in accordance with the locations agreed on by the CRG.	GJ	
Appendices	1) Environment Update prepared by GJ & PH.		