

**SITA Australia
Taylors Road Landfill
Community Reference Group**

MINUTES OF MEETING

Meeting Date :	13 May 2015	Meeting Time :	5:30pm
Meeting Location :	Taylors Road Landfill		
Status of Minutes:	Confirmed on 23 July 2015		

Chairman :	Ron Bowden (RB)
Presenters / Observers :	Jaye Muir (JM), Stephanie Salinas (SS), Lil Hudson (LH), Mark Globan (MG), Leigh Bryant (LB), Abbey Richards (AR)
Apologies :	Cr Angela Long, Jason Wood, Kelvin Sargent, Thelma Wakelam

Attendance:

MEMBER NAME	23/07/14	10/09/14	22/10/14	11/02/15	19/03/15	13/05/15
Mal Baker (MB)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Cr Angela Long (AL)	No	No	No	No	No	No
Jim Houlahan (JH)	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Ian Jenz (IJ)	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Tony O'Hara (TOH)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Paul Richardson (PR)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Thelma Wakelam (TW)	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No
Miles Weidemann (MW)	N/A	N/A	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Jason Wood (JW)	No	Yes	No	No	No	No
Warren Wood (WW)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

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1	<p>Welcome</p> <p>Attendees welcome and apologies.</p> <p>Introduction of Abbey Richards, who will be the field representative for both SUEZ environment landfills. Abbey is based out of the Dandenong EPA office.</p> <p>MG announced some changes to the TRL staff, including LH tendering her resignation to end her employment on the 12th of June 2015. LH has been a significant support for the business and TRL for over 10</p>		

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	<p>years. SS is to be promoted to the role of Operations Manager, with a hand over process commencing this week.</p> <p>RB would like to note within the minutes a note of appreciation for all of LH's efforts. IJ also expressed his appreciation.</p>		
2	<p>Minutes of previous meeting</p> <p>Minutes of previous meeting have been accepted.</p>		
3	<p>Discussion</p> <p>TOH membership & CRG Renewal</p> <p>JM and MG have discussed that given the development of a new national toolkit for CRGs, it may be worth waiting until the tool is finalized to ensure the CRG does not need to be reassessed at that time.</p> <p>In relation to TOH membership, TOH can remain as a member of the group until the date of the new renewal. TOH stated he remains a representative of the Hampton Park Progress Association.</p>		
4	<p>SUEZ environnement Update</p> <p>LH – TRL Update</p> <p>In relation to the filling rates, due to the next meeting not being a minuted meeting – LH send details to JM</p> <p>In relation to compliance, EPA attended the site for an inspection and a discussion around the non-compliances within the previous APS submitted by SUEZ. A report was issued stating EPA's satisfaction with the information provided in relation to the APS.</p> <p>Some surface monitoring was also conducted with EPA identifying one single hot spot, this has since been remediated and relevant update provided to EPA.</p> <p>The compliance team is currently working on the process of submitting the annual data to the two EPA appointed auditors for the Operational Review and Gas Audit.</p> <p>Cat C Soil Trial</p> <p>The report is in final draft and is to be submitted to the auditor this week and then EPA after the Auditor review.</p> <p>Compliance</p> <p>LB added that in relation to the recent inspections, the driver was an internal project focusing on reported non-compliances within APS. A variety of licensed facilities in the region were subject to these inspections.</p> <p>TOH stated that in relation to non-compliances, the group should be made aware of the non-compliance as they occur and not at the end of the period once the APS is submitted.</p>		

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	<p>LH responded that there were no significant non-compliances however; the way that the reporting is done for the APS does not fully reflect the compliance over the entire period. For example with relation to leachate, a human error resulted in a non-compliance, which results in the full leachate clause being reported as non-compliance.</p> <p>MB suggested that perhaps there is a section in the agenda which lists the significant and non-significant items.</p> <p>LH added that if there are any significant issues they are discussed at the CRG meetings.</p> <p>TOH reminded the group that all CRG members have signed confidentiality agreements.</p> <p>LB added that if perhaps the committee believe something may be serious issue, they should raise with SUEZ as there may be a disconnect regarding what is considered as serious between the parties.</p> <p>MW queried what the level maintained below compliance is within the sump, LH responded that most sumps are at 1.5m. The automated system maintains the system on a trigger level system with trigger pump on and pump off and various real-time alarms to the compliance and operation staff.</p> <p>IJ wanted to ask about the hot spot, and if there is a level at which residents must be notified.</p> <p>LB replied that if there was a level observed by EPA which was deemed to present a risk to residents then there would be a notification process. In the recent visit, it is unlikely that any risk level was observed.</p> <p>TOH questioned whether learnings from HRL were shared to TRL following the issues with missed monitoring around penetrations.</p> <p>Soil Processing Facility</p> <p>MG stated SUEZ have submitted an application for an extension to complete the project to EPA which is currently being considered.</p> <p>MG added that the Planning Permit is active until December 2015 and SUEZ is seeking to extend the Works Approval to the same timeframe. In the interim work is being done regarding minor redesign and engaging a project manager.</p> <p>MG added he had visited RENEX a little while ago and that there were some commissioning issues however, a trial is anticipated in June.</p> <p>TOH asked whether it is was still worth going ahead with the SPF and MG responded that yes, it would be going ahead. There has been significant value accredited to the facility from SUEZ internationally.</p>		

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	<p>MG added discussion within the industry about EPA aligning classification processes with the new technologies now available in Victoria. In relation to interstate transport, SUEZ have heavily voiced the topic and it is now in the regulators hands.</p> <p>MB questioned any outcome from the visit of EPA Nial Finigan and Parliamentary Secretary for the Environment Anthony Carbines. MG responded that Anthony could not attend that tour however he would be attending a tour of both landfills on Friday.</p> <p>LB added that various factors are being assessed by EPA in on this topic and EPA is definitely aware of the issue.</p>		
~6.30pm	Meal Break		
5	<p>Other Business</p> <p>a. Community Outreach</p> <p>JM stated that there is no significant media other than rebranding advertising.</p> <p>JM also stated that the 2015 community grants round is currently open for application. JM encouraged the CRG to share to any community groups/projects.</p> <p>b. Member's Roundtable</p> <p>LB stated nothing further from EPA however in relation to the Restricted Cat C Trial report</p> <p>JM added that once the report is submitted, SUEZ will look at a separate meeting to present this to the TRL group due to the merging of the next meeting.</p> <p>MB questioned the progress on the leachate transfer project, SS responded no progress to date however, there should be some movement on this one over the next few months.</p> <p>TOH wanted to bring to the group's attention a recently released draft position statement regarding classification of liquid waste from food and questioned how if that waste is classed as Category A, leachate should be worse and aeration is not sufficient treatment. TOH stated SUEZ should keep an eye on this.</p> <p>SS added that the draft position is not a change in regulation, just a document reiterating the current legislation.</p> <p>MG mentioned this document is closer related to the management of food waste such as grease trap, and waste from restaurants and the process of how they must be managed.</p> <p>LH wanted to say thank you to everyone for their acceptance when she came on board, taking over Evan. LH stated that when she came on board, she noted how well the group worked and how mature the discussions were and how valuable the group is for the community,</p>		

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	<p>EPA and the company. LH wished to thank everyone for their kind words.</p> <p>JH wanted to focus on the wind direction and that SUEZ have a weather station on site for which the data is not available. JH also stated that there is a monitoring station on Bennett street in Dandenong however it is not suitably located due to trees. JH wanted to ask of EPA if there are any plans to relocate the station to a more suitable location.</p> <p>LB responded he would raise this with the air science team and report back to the group.</p> <p>JH then added that if the data is not accurate it will not help with assessing complaints.</p> <p>TOH added that the EPA is looking at more mobile weather stations, following the occurrences at the Hazelwood mine last year.</p> <p>LB added that there may be investment into a rapid response air quality monitoring station for EPA.</p> <p>JH questioned whether that review is publically available, JH questioned whether the review included the Dandenong weather station.</p> <p>LB responded that he would follow up and provide comment at the next meeting.</p>	LB	23.07.15
6	<p>Review of progress / next meeting(s)</p> <p>Next meeting: Wed 24 June 2015 – Special meeting with Nial Finegan (CEO EPA) to be held at HRL</p> <p>29 July 2015, 9 September 2015, 28 October 2015, 25 November 2015 (joint HRL/TRL site tours)</p>		
	Meeting Close: 7:05pm		

Action Summary

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5	LB to report back to the CRG on the suitability of the Bennett Street location of the weather station.	LB	23.07.15