

FACT SHEET

Hampton Park Resource Recovery Precinct

Enforceable Undertaking Progress

The three year Enforceable Undertaking (EU) SITA Australia (SITA) presented to the EPA achieved completion of its first year on 21 September 2013. All of the 18 undertakings the EU states that SITA must deliver, including the process improvements necessary to monitor progress and report to the EPA and community, are now either complete or in progress. Outcomes designed to provide operational enhancements and community benefits to facility neighbours are proving their value. SITA now leads the industry in progressive landfill design and management; and community complaints have reduced substantially.

The table below outlines how SITA is progressing with each of the undertakings.

Clause	Clause Summary	Due	Status
4.1	Operate the odour curtain system around the boundaries of the cell receiving household and industrial waste.	Ongoing	Ongoing works to extend the odour curtain are underway. Plans have been amended following safety issues identified following damage to the litter net caused by strong winds. Concrete based poles are being constructed in order to support the odour curtain system along this region as the litter net has been deemed unsuitable to support the odour system.
4.2	Operate in accordance with the cell volume and lifespan attached to EU.	Ongoing	Filling into Cell 9A ceased on the 31/08/2013 Filling into Cell 9B has commenced. Currently tracking as per EU Appendix A. Progress to be reviewed following the next compaction survey.
4.3	Agree to amendments to the current EPA licence that reflect operational changes to cell management such as EPA approved Landfill Gas Management Plan and changes to waste tipping and covering processes.	Immediate	COMPLETE. SITA accepted the amended licence dated 03.10.2012.
4.4	Carry out an aerial infra-red monitoring program every six months to detect any hotspots that may indicate gas emissions.	Six (6) monthly	Survey completed in May 2013. A number of spots were identified and a remediation plan developed. Remedial works undertaken and copies of the survey results and remediation plan emailed to EPA on 24 May 2013. Next survey scheduled for November 2013.
4.5	Update the community of actions undertaken, progress and reports submitted to EPA via a Community Update Fact sheet.	Quarterly	First, second, third, fourth and fifth quarterly fact sheets distributed by 26.10.2012, 25.01.2013, 30.04.2013, 31.07.2013 and 31.10.13 respectively. Next due 31.01.2014.
4.6	Operate the SITA Environmental Report Hotline, a freecall 24/7 contact available for use by the community.	Ongoing	SITA Environmental Report Hotline continues to operate efficiently. Reports and actions undertaken now reported to Hampton Park Community Reference Group.
4.7	Display posters in community hub locations providing SITA's contact details.	30.11.2012	Minimum of 20 posters were in place by 28.11.2012
4.8	Facilitate the Hampton Park Community Reference Group (CRG) ensuring meetings are conducted at least every three months; that the Group is informed of the EU; and that EU progress becomes a standing CRG Agenda item until EU is complete.	Quarterly	The renewed HP CRG met on 16 October 2013. This meeting discussed the dates and potential presenters for future meetings. Next meeting to be conducted on 13.11.13.
4.9	Ensure that CRG members are taken on a facility site tour every six months.	Six (6) monthly	The next site tour has been confirmed by HP CRG for 11.12.2013.
4.10	Host a Waste Management Association of Australia – Victorian Landfills Division every year, including a facility site tour and presentation of works undertaken with a focus on lessons learned.	Annually	Second WMAA meeting and tour to be conducted on 5 December 2013. SV and MW/MG will be conducting a joint Board meeting and site tour on 3 December 2013.

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4.11	Contribute \$100,000 to a local environment project for the restoration or enhancements of the environment in a public place; or for public benefit.	EPA extended due date. No current set date.	Funding for Elliot Kingsfield Reserve, Lynbrook and River Gum Reserve, Hampton Park has been paid. Each has received \$50,000. Discussions are in place with host agencies to launch project outcomes to community.
4.12	Provide proof to EPA that funding described above was provided to a community organisation.	Within seven (7) days of funding	Invoices for funding have been received, processed and paid.
4.13	That when SITA makes any reference to the \$100,000, it must refer to this EU.	Ongoing	Dedicated Fact Sheets will be developed for the community projects to ensure community's awareness is maintained.
4.14	Fund an independent research study scoped by EPA and the Department of Health, conducted by RMIT and reviewed by the CSIRO. The study will also include an extension of the air sampling and analysis currently being undertaken by the EPA in areas adjacent to the facility.	31.03.2013	In progress. A literature review has been completed and a report is expected in December 2013. This process is managed by EPA.
4.15	Implement a landscaping plan to screen SITA along the South Gippsland Highway boundary.	31.03.2013	COMPLETE. See below for further information.
4.16	Appoint, at its own cost, an EPA appointed Auditor to ensure SITA has complied with all the undertakings.	31.12.2013	SITA has appointed an independent auditor. An audit will be conducted during 2013.
4.17	Provide all relevant documents and information to EPA as required.	Ongoing	All records are stored and sent to EPA as required.
4.18	Pay all costs of compliance, estimated to be no less than \$800,000.	Ongoing	Records of expenditure are being tracked by SITA.

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The planting of the SITA boundary along South Gippsland Highway is now complete.

The planting comprises 150 trees, including Silver Wattle, Black Wattle, Blackwood, Mealy Stringbark, Broad-leaved Peppermint and Gippsland Manna Gum. Six hundred shrubs including a range of flowering wattles, banksias, tea-tree, paperbarks and bursaria have also been included. The planting scheme has been designed to respond to Clause 4.15 of the EU by providing a screen and more aesthetic view of the precinct. It is anticipated that the planting may also offer potential odour mitigation.

A fence has been constructed in front of the planting to ensure the plants are protected until fully matured.



Stay in touch

As a leader in the provision of resource recovery, recycling and waste management solutions, SITA's approach is based on acting locally and understanding local challenges. We encourage you to learn more about us and allow us to better understand community views.

If you want to report an environmental issue, contact the **SITA Environmental Hotline**, a FREECALL 24/7 service.

1800 ENV REP (1800 368 737)

If you want us to visit your group or organisation, or you would like your question answered, send an email to;

vic.communityenquiries@sita.com.au

If you want to learn more about how SITA Australia is developing sustainable waste management practices, visit:

sita.com.au

Our natural resources are not infinite and we must work together to protect and nurture them while helping to solve one of the major environmental problems that threaten the planet – the sustainable and ethical management of our waste.