

# FACT SHEET

## Hampton Park Resource Recovery Precinct

### Enforceable Undertaking Progress

As of July 21, we are now into the eleventh month of the three year Enforceable Undertaking (EU) SITA presented the EPA. The EU outlines 18 undertakings that SITA must deliver, and includes the processes necessary to monitor progress and report to the EPA and the community. Collectively, the undertakings respond to all of EPA's objectives while particularly addressing operational improvements at the facility and community benefits to facility neighbours.

This fact sheet details how SITA is progressing in meeting those 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	Relocation of the existing odour curtain system is now complete. A litter fence ( used to support the additional extension of the odour curtain) has been erected and additional support poles for the last stage have also been constructed.
4.2	Operate in accordance with the cell volume and lifespan attached to EU.	Ongoing	A compaction survey was conducted as required on the June 28, 2013. The results continue to indicate that the filling of the cell is tracking as per the requirements of Appendix A of the EU.
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	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	Over three consecutive days, a thermal survey was undertaken the week beginning May 13. Ten areas of interest were identified and a copy of the results was provided to EPA as required. Remediation action was undertaken as required and re-monitoring of the areas scheduled in the near future. <i>Note: SITA and EPA have agreed that walkover surveys rather than aerial surveys will be conducted going forward.</i>
4.5	Update the community of actions undertaken, progress and reports submitted to EPA via a Community Update Fact sheet.	Quarterly	First, second, third and fourth quarterly fact sheets distributed by 26.10.2012, 25.01.2013, 30.04.2013 and 31.07.2013 respectively. Next due 31.10.2013.
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.
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 CRG is currently being renewed after its two year term as per the Terms of Reference. The first meeting of the renewed group will be held on 29.08.2013.
4.9	Ensure that CRG members are taken on a facility site tour every six months.	Six (6) monthly	A site tour was conducted on 08.05.2013 where EPA representatives including John Merritt were in attendance.
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	WMAA meeting and tour was conducted on 13.11.2012. Second meeting and tour to be conducted by November 2013.

Clause	Clause Summary	Due	Status
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.
4.12	Provide proof to EPA that funding described above was provided to a community organisation.	Within seven (7) days of funding	Two invoices for the 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 August 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	The landscaping plan has been implemented. A contractor has been engaged to undertake the planting and landscaping works. Spraying and preparation for the area commenced in July. Planting to take place when site preparation works have been completed.
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 \$100k funding has been put towards two community projects in the affected area. The Elliot Kingsfield Reserve in Lynbrook received \$50k to upgrade the area to make it more usable for local community and the River Gum Creek Reserve in Hampton Park has received \$50k to conduct revegetation works and construct bird shelters.



## 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.

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](mailto:vic.communityenquiries@sita.com.au)**

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

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*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.*