

# FACT SHEET

## Hampton Park

## Resource Recovery Precinct



THE LEADER IN RESOURCE RECOVERY

### Enforceable Undertaking Progress

The Enforceable Undertaking (EU) SITA Australia (SITA) presented to the EPA is now well into its second year of a three year term. 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. The benefits of the outcomes resulting from the EU are being seen through operational enhancements and community involvement.

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

| Clause | Clause Summary   | Due                              | Status  |
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| 4.1    | Operate the odour curtain system around the boundaries of the cell receiving household and industrial waste.   | Ongoing                          | Odour curtain action plan is now complete. The existing system has been relocated and the newly purchased additional 800m of system has been installed. A further 400m is planned to be installed along the southern boundary.  |
| 4.2    | Operate in accordance with the cell volume and lifespan attached to EU.  | Ongoing                          | SITA presented to HRL CRG on 26 March 2014 outlining the requested amendment to Appendix A. SITA waiting on EPA to execute amendment to Appendix A.   |
| 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.                                    | 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                  | In the last round of infra-red monitoring, all areas identified as requiring further attention have been addressed. The next round of infra-red monitoring has been scheduled November 2014.  |
| 4.5    | Update the community of actions undertaken, progress and reports submitted to EPA via a Community Update Fact sheet.   | Quarterly                        | Eight quarterly fact sheets have been distributed by 26.10.12, 25.01.13, 30.04.13, 31.07.13, 31.10.13, 26.01.14, 30.04.14 and 31.07.14 respectively. Next due 31.10.14.   |
| 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.   | Complete                         | More than 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                        | Since the Fact sheet #7, the CRG held meetings on 28.05.2014 and 09.07.14. The next meeting is scheduled for 27.08.14.  |
| 4.9    | Ensure that CRG members are taken on a facility site tour every six months.  | Six (6) monthly                  | The CRG meeting held on 28.05.2014 included a bus tour of the Hampton Park Resource Recovery Precinct. The next tour is scheduled for end November 2014.  |
| 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 site tour hosted by SITA conducted on 05.12.2013 at HPRRP. Next tour will be conducted prior to the end of 2014. In addition, Sustainability Victoria and Metropolitan Waste Management Group conducted a joint Board meeting and site tour hosted by SITA on 3.12.2013. |
| 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.   | Complete                         | SITA has contributed \$100k by way of payment of \$50k to each of Elliot Kingsfield Reserve, Lynbrook and River Gum Creek Reserve, Hampton Park. See section 'You might be interested to hear . . . ' overleaf  |
| 4.12   | Provide proof to EPA that funding described above was provided to a community organisation.  | Within seven (7) days of funding | SITA has provided proof of payment to solicitor of EPA as required.   |

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| 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. | Ongoing  | The findings of the Health Study were presented to the community at a function at the Chifley Doveton on 13.03.14. The documents can be viewed at <a href="http://www.epa.vic.gov.au/our-work/current-issues/landfills/hallam-road-landfill">http://www.epa.vic.gov.au/our-work/current-issues/landfills/hallam-road-landfill</a> |
| 4.15 | Implement a landscaping plan to screen SITA along the South Gippsland Highway boundary.  | Complete | Landscaping is now complete and maintenance is being undertaken to ensure maximum growth of the planting..  |
| 4.16 | Appoint, at its own cost, an EPA appointed Auditor to ensure SITA has complied with all the undertakings.  | Complete | The EU audit report was finalised and copies provided to EPA. The Auditor is satisfied in SITA's reasonable progressive compliance against the EU conditions.   |
| 4.17 | Provide all relevant documents and information to EPA as required.   | Ongoing  | SITA has supplied all records to EPA as stipulated in the EU. Records are electronically and hard copy filed.   |
| 4.18 | Pay all costs of compliance, estimated to be no less than \$800,000.   | Ongoing  | SITA has paid costs of compliance as and when they have been incurred.  |

## You might be interested to hear . . .

Under clause 4.11 of the EU, SITA has provided \$50,000 to each of two projects selected through community submissions made to EPA's *Inspiring Environmental Solutions* funding program.

The first, the Elliot Kingsfield Reserve project, was nominated by the City of Casey and officially launched on 19 February 2014 by the Mayor of Casey, Geoff Ablett and the Chairman of EPA, Ms Cheryl Batagol. The park at the junction Elliot Parade and Kingsfield Crescent, Lynbrook has been greened up by mature trees and protected by roadside bollards. Prior to the make-over, the site was unkempt and, apart from being an informal neighbourhood car park, was largely disused. Now locals can enjoy the benefits of a new acreage of open space right at their door.



The second project, nominated by the Hampton Park Progress Association in partnership with the Port Phillip and Westernport Catchment Management Authority (PPWCMA), will benefit the River Gum Creek reserve in Hampton Park. The funding will see natural waterways and bird habitats enhanced and a series of educational signs installed. This refreshed urban fringe environment will then be linked to the Port Phillip Bay and Western Port Bay catchments through the *Living Links* program.

The launch event was held on 5 April 2014 and representatives of Hampton Park Progress Association, Casey Council, EPA, Melbourne Water, SITA and PPWCMA were present. Melbourne Water and the PPWCMA will be conducting a community planting day in the near future. When confirmed, further information will be available on the PPWCMA website at [www.ppwcm.vic.gov.au](http://www.ppwcm.vic.gov.au).

## Stay in touch

As 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 your 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](mailto: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](http://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.***