

MEETING NOTES

Wednesday 31 July, 2019 at 5:30pm

Chaired By: Brian Oates

Onsite – 274 Hallam Road, Hampton Park

Note Taker: Ashley Kelly (SUEZ)

ATTENDEES

MEMBER NAME	13/03/18	11/07/18	19/09/18	13/02/19	10/04/19	12/06/19	31/07/19
Ray Baker (RB)	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
David Banner (DB)	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Robin Dzedins (RD)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Halina Gwizdzil (HG)	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Tony O'Hara (TOH)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Miles Weidemann (MW)	Yes	No	No	No	No	Yes	No
Vernadette Dickson (VD)						Yes	Yes
Carlos Santin (CS)	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
Vandana Rama (VR)			No	Yes	No	No	Yes
Jim Houlahan (JH)			Yes	No	No	No	No

GUESTS AND STAFF

Andrew Carson (SUEZ) (Apology), Michael Jansen (City of Casey) (Apology), Heather Hutchinson (EPA) Christina He (EPA), Cameron McIntosh, Andrew Race, Chris Watkins, Daniel Wright, Ashley Kelly, Kulwant Singh, Winsom Anderson, Ian Anderson, Virpal (last name unknown), Lex (last name unknown), Lorraine (last name unknown).

RECORD OF DISCUSSION

WELCOME AND AGENDA

- Attendees and apologies
- Introduction of observers and visitors
- Major Road Projects Victoria
- Minutes of previous meeting
- CRG purpose EPA input
- Landfill stats (tonnes, complaints)
- Recycling impacts
- Odour reduction plan
- EPA announcements

INTRODUCTION / MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

- Note of spelling error in previous minutes
- David Banner commented on receiving a phone call from the Infrastructure Manager following the last meeting. David expressed if the Chair had spoken to him that would have been more acceptable. The Infrastructure Manager was not present to reply.
- Vernadette Dickson will be representing the Lynbrook Residents Association from now on, replacing Jason Wood.

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- Kulwant Singh was present as a guest representing Dasmesh Sports
 - Virpal was present representing the local Gurudwara Nanaksar temple on Evans Road.
 - Winsom and Ian Anderson were present representing neighboring land
 - Lex and Lorraine were present representing themselves.

MAJOR ROADS PROJECTS VICTORIA

- Updates on the Hallam Road Upgrade, Communications and Engagement Strategy. Details were collected to add to distribution list.
- Questions and Answers -
 - Q. "Will there be any plans to widen South Gippsland Highway?" A. Potentially in the future.
 - Q. "Will sound barriers be placed to protect houses?" A. No.
 - Q. Will there be new street lights? A. Yes.
 - Q. Will the road be 80 km/h A. Yes.
 - Q. Will the gradient change? A. Similar to natural gradient, 300mm higher than current.

CRG PURPOSE

- With new guests present and the Environmental Protection Amendment Act 2018 coming into effect in 2020 the committee looked at the standing terms of reference and purpose of the CRG.
 - The focus was to have "constructive, two-way communication that we each share the responsibility to prove to the community"
 - EPA – supports and encourages business to have a community reference group.
 - EPA also on a journey to communicate better.
 - The new legislation focusing on prevention, assessment of risks and management.
 - Resident Lorraine gave a heartfelt depiction of the impacts odour and dust have had on her family over the years.
 - Local real-estate Kulwant said sellers have cited the odour to be a reason for selling.
 - Halina stated that SUEZ opposed developments to allow for a buffer zone.
 - David noted there were some residents in the area before 1997 too.
 - Winsom noted trees and a bund have been removed on the boundary and depicted a recent story of her cattle being startled as an onsite vehicle had high revs presumably to avoid getting bogged.
 - Vernadette asked if the EPA could assess the 500 meter buffer. EPA replied they issued licence.
 - Kulwant asked if EPA do audits of the site. EPA explained they have regular catch ups at the site and a third party also completed audits for EPA review.
 - Kulwant asked if other landfills have similar scenarios. EPA responded that this site is unique and they also tried to oppose developments in
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the area and a minimum 500 meter buffer needed to be applied. It is a unique scenario and EPA and SUEZ have extra responsibility.

- Virpal had to excuse himself from the meeting 6:55pm.
- Brian noted landfill gas will need to be managed even after the site is closed so it is good to have SUEZ presence to continually work on the issues.
- EPA are currently reviewing a landfill odour audit and getting permission to publish with the addition of a summary.

LANDFILL STATS

- June 43,818 tonnes total
- July 39,653 tonnes (as of 29.7.2019)
- Environmental report hotline June 8 call.
- EPA complaints forwarded to SUEZ. June 19 July 91.

RECYCLING IMPACTS

- The site averages about 2000 tonnes per day
- With the closure of a local recycling contractor the site saw a 10% increase in material being delivered to site.
- 4 councils had to use the Hallam Road Landfill as an area to place waste until a new recycler was found.
- The following week only 3 councils needed to place recycling at the landfill
- A levy is applied to deter recycling from entering the site.

ODOUR REDUCTION PLAN

- SUEZ has drilled wells on Cell 12 to redirect generated gas to network. The gas will be under vacuum to generators which will convert the gas to electric and in turn cancel out the odour.
- Cell 10A has also undergone final capping with the connection of well to capture gas.
- The conditions of the Pollution Abatement Notice have been met within the timeframe.
- SUEZ will continue to monitor for odour and any additional sources.
- SUEZ continues to place horizontal pipes to reduce odour as rubbish is placed.
- EPA – the team inspected the site July 31, 2019 and will also continue to monitor.
- EPA commented the plan has been achieved by SUEZ and odour issues will continue to be addressed.

EPA ANNOUNCEMENTS

- EPA commented they had addressed the points they wanted to address in earlier segments of the meeting.

ADDITIONAL NOTES

- David Banner noted SUEZ need to keep an eye on and track action for mud entering the South Gippsland highway.

ACTION TRACKER

Item	Description	Action	Due
1	Heather Hutchinson (EPA) to provide concise version of landfill odour study	HH	09/10/19

MEETING CLOSED 8:10pm