

## MEETING NOTES

Wednesday, 11 September at 5:30pm

**Chaired By:** Andrew Carson

Onsite – 890 Taylors Road, Dandenong South

**Note Taker:** Ashley Kelly (SUEZ)

## ATTENDEES

MEMBER NAME	28/02/18	11/04/18	13/06/18	25/07/18	12/09/18	27/02/19	17/04/19	26/06/19	11/09/19
Mal Baker (MalB)	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Jim Houlahan (JH)	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Ian Jenz (IJ)	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Cr Angela Long (AL)	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	No
Tony O'Hara (TOH)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Paul Richardson (PR)	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes
Thelma Wakelam (TW)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Miles Weidemann (MW)	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
Warren Wood (WW)	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes

## GUESTS AND STAFF

Marleen Mathias (EPA), Andrew Carson, Thomas Wetherill, Ashley Kelly, Daniel Wright

## APOLOGIES

Jason Wood (Stepped down at LRA President), Heather Hutchinson (EPA)

## RECORD OF DISCUSSION

### 1 WELCOME AND AGENDA

- Attendees and apologies
- Introduction of observers and visitors
- Minutes of previous meeting
- Introduce Operations Manager
- Ron Bowden letter
- Site volumes
- Safety Week
- SPF commissioning and results summary
- EDL Gas Plant Work
- Community Grants 2019
- EPA announcements and updates
- Close

## 2 INTRODUCE OPERATIONS MANAGER

- Thomas Wetherill has filled the Operations Manager role at Taylors road, managing the site including the SVJV.
- Thomas bring 30 years of local and international waste management experience to the site.
- Committee members introduced themselves to the Operations Manager to ensure context to perspectives.

## 3 RON BOWDEN LETTER/ ANNOUNCEMENT

- Hon. Ron Bowden FAICD has chosen to step down from being the chair of the TRL CRG citing the distance travelled from Perth to Victoria. The letter also addressed how grateful Ron is for the seven years of input from the community whilst he has been chair.
- SUEZ will be perusing a new chair for the TRL CRG.

## 4 SITE VOLUMES

- Site volumes were provided to the TRL CRG.
- The upwards trend of received material has been due to various Victorian waste fires.
- This conversation prompted thoughts about SKM fires, government and industry responsibility for recycling.
- Sustainability Victoria are looking to support recycling projects financially.

## 5 SAFETY WEEK

- SUEZ has been conducting Safety Week for 11 years running to bring safety to the front of employees and contractors minds.
- The focus of Safety Week this year is “Accountability” and all those on site watched related safety videos, committed to SUEZ’s Life Saving Rules and listed personal accountabilities.

## 6 SPF COMMISSIONING AND RESULTS SUMMARY

- Third party audit report being reviewed
- Current 30A expires September 27, 2019 and SUEZ will stop operation pending approval.
- SUEZ will process every last tonne in the meantime including the temporary storage
- Metals stabilisation equipment will be installed to mix lime to metals, preventing leaching.
- Samples will be sent and tested to demonstrate stabilisation
- Previously stabilisation was done prior, SUEZ will be commencing this process with the addition of the SPF.

## 7 EDL GAS PLANT WORKS

- The EDL Gas plant shut down to complete works. During this time TRL took the opportunity to do surface emission monitoring.
- During the meeting, local resident Ian reported that there were no issues during this shut down period.
- The group also revisited how gas is produced from organic compounds placed in cells
- EDL reported that there is an estimated 10 years of viable gas production from cells.
- Pumps on site suck out leachate and it is not recirculated into the cells to produce more gas.

## 8 COMMUNITY GRANTS

- The 2019 Community Grants are now open, the focus is on the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.
- Try Australia will be presented their 2018 cheque at the beginning of October for their Dandenong Urban Garden.

## 9 12 C LAYBACK

- Sand protection layer applied, rain washed away sand layer while awaiting approval
- There are currently no odour complaints for this cell.

## 10 EPA ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPDATES

- EPA issued TRL a warning for administrative breach taking waste during a laps in time between 30 A approvals.
- Environmental Protection Regulations have been released for comment.
- Summary documents available as the regulations are 281 pages.
- This will impact existing operators without a permit. They will have a three-month window to apply.
- Single use plastic bag ban effective Nov 1, 2019.

**MEETING CLOSED 7:20pm**

## ACTION TRACKER

Item	Description	Action	Due
1	Circulate EPA's Environmental Protection Regulations	AK	23.10.19
2	Follow up to find out who is responsible for setting guidelines for site post closure.	HH/EPA	23.10.19
3	Council to check if for the possibility of double white lines on Taylors Rd	CGD	23.10.19