

MEETING NOTES

Wednesday 9 October, 2019 at 5:30pm

Chaired By: Brian Oates

Onsite – 274 Hallam Road, Hampton Park

Note Taker: Ashley Kelly (SUEZ)

ATTENDEES

| MEMBER NAME | 11/07/18 | 19/09/18 | 13/02/19 | 10/04/19 | 12/06/19 | 31/07/19 | 9/10/19 |
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| Ray Baker (RB) | No | No | No | No | No | No | No |
| David Banner (DB) | No | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Robin Dzedins (RD) | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Halina Gwizdzil (HG) | Yes | No | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Tony O’Hara (TOH) | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | No | Yes |
| Miles Weidemann (MW) | No | No | No | No | Yes | No | No |
| Vernadette Dickson (VD) | | | | | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Carlos Santin (CS) | No | No | No | No | No | No | No |
| Vandana Rama (VR) | | No | Yes | No | No | Yes | Yes |
| Jim Houlahan (JH) | | Yes | No | No | No | No | No |

GUESTS AND STAFF

Andrew Carson (SUEZ), Heather Hutchinson (EPA) (Apology), Christina He (EPA), Andrew Race, Ashley Kelly, Kulwant Singh,

RECORD OF DISCUSSION

WELCOME AND AGENDA

- Attendees and apologies
- Introduction of observers and visitors
- Minutes of previous meeting
- Acting Landfill Manager – Allan Cummins
- Landfill Stats / Operational Update
- Tonnes
- Complaints
- Odour reduction plan
- Cell 10 Capping
- Lynbrook Lantern Festival
- University Placement
- Safety Week
- Innovation: Detection Testing
- Community Grants
- EPA

INTRODUCTION / MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

- The members of the Community Reference Group introduced themselves and their standing in the community to the Acting Landfill Manager Allan Cummins.

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- Chair Arrived 5:50pm
 - Previous minutes approved with Chair present.

ACTING LANDFILL MANAGER ALLAN CUMMINS

- Allan Cummins detailed his extensive 17-year experience in the waste industry and how he has commenced as Landfill Manager at Hallam Road.
- Previously Manager of SUEZ Epping Organics Resource Recovery Facility

LANDFILL STATS / OPERATIONAL UPDATE

- The community reference group were updated with the tonnes received between July and October to date.
- Environmental Report Hotline Calls
- July: 11 (10 the same as EPA)
- Aug: 20 (10 the same as EPA)
- Sept: 11 (9 the same as EPA)
- Oct: 6 (to date)
- EPA calls citing SUEZ
- July: 54
- Aug: 81
- Sept: 47
- Oct: 8 (to date)
- EPA have been forwarding timely summaries.
- Some callers are new and some are repeat through SUEZ hotline, EPA state that they have had new callers.
- Both numbers have been shared on social media with the support of LRA's representative Vernadette
- During recent callbacks the residents have been receptive to updates and are pleased to have someone to speak to.

ODOUR REDUCTION PLAN

- The actions of the Odour Reduction Plan have been completed successfully and within the timeframe of the imposed Pollution Abatement Notice
 - The 12 wells on cell 12 have been drilled and are connected to the landfill gas network
 - The contractors managing the landfill gas network are now running all 7 generators and flaring excess drawn gas. It was noted that it is in the contractor's financial interest to put the gas through generators rather than flares.
 - There has been a significant increase in gas collection since these works have been completed.
 - SUEZ are planning to complete further mitigation measures on cell 12 by installing temporary capping to the northern batter prior to the closure of the cell.
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CELL 10 CAPPING

- The completed capping on Cell 10 was depicted using imagery from Propeller.
- Wells have been installed and the grass to stop erosion has been seeded
- Vernadette asked what the learning from cell 10 included. SUEZ responded selecting a contractor familiar with local weather. A new contractor has been selected.
- EPA give approval of pre-settlement waste contours and do not determine the pace that waste is received.
- The rate that the landfill has been receiving recycling has slowed and is not expected to now make a significant impact to the rate of closure

LYNBROOK LANTERN FESTIVAL

- SUEZ made a financial contribution to support the festivities at the festival
- SUEZ also had a stand offering to educate the local community about the landfill and what SUEZ does in the area.
- All interactions were positive and most questions focused on Victoria's/ Australia's recycling crisis.
- LRA commented that there were between 2000 to 2500 people present on the day

UNIVERSITY PLACEMENT

- Melbourne University Chemical Engineering Student completed their 100 hour placement at Hallam Road Landfill benefitting from exposure to project management experience.

SAFETY WEEK

- SUEZ had a safety stand-down, all operators on site had to attend the nation wide safety meeting
Employees focused on their accountabilities and addressed the SUEZ life saving rules

INNOVATION: DETECTION TESTING

- SUEZ and Sydney University have been testing a laser mounted drone to help identify sources of landfill gas. The technology will help pinpoint the source to make it more efficient over large areas of land.
- There are no current plans to use this as a means to replace field testing.
- This technology will detect methane which is a key portion of landfill gas.
- The EPA have done significant studies on the health impact of landfill gas over the years including sampling at Hallam Road Landfill, with "nothing of concern" found. A summary document of these studies is being created by the EPA's Chief Environmental Scientist.
- As odour is a key concern, it was reiterated that SUEZ has revised to fill cell 13 in two stages to reduce odour impacts.
- The Leachate Treatment Facility proposed new location has a works approval and is awaiting a planning approval. It is important to note that the old facility is being decommissioned and a new facility is being constructed, it is not being physically moved from one location to another. The leachate will be redirected to the new facility on completion.

COMMUNITY GRANTS

- 150 submissions have been made in Victoria for 2019.
- The submissions are currently being reviewed.
- SUEZ presented a plaque to Try Australia for the Dandenong Urban Garden that was constructed out the front of the Dandenong council building.
- Try Australia, Mayor Roz Blades, Afri Auscare and SUEZ were all in attendance during the presentation.

EPA ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Comment soon closes for the EPA's draft regulations, please submit comments formally.
- EPA have been completing training with council on the new regulations.
- Be conscious of the upcoming plastic bag ban.

ACTION TRACKER

| Item | Description | Action | Due |
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| 1 | EPA to provide concise version of landfill odour study | HH | 20/11/19 |

MEETING CLOSED 7:30pm