

MINUTES

BROWNS PLAINS LANDFILL COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE GROUP

MEETING OF 1 DECEMBER 2009

ATTENDEES: J Armstrong (Community Representative)
B Lee (Logan Waste Services)
B Chambers (Logan Waste Services)
R Fergusson (Logan Waste Services)

The meeting commenced at 2.30pm.

1.0 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillor C Dalley, Councillor L Clarke, G Sandilnikoff (Community Representative), N Martin (Community Representative), M Sams (Community Representative), P Menon (Logan Waste Services)

2.0 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

It was agreed that the minutes of the meeting of 22 September 2009 were an accurate record.

3.0 BUSINESS ARISING

3.1 Landfill Odour

3.1.1 Odour Survey

The meeting reviewed odour survey data for the three-month period of August to October 2009.

The average number of odour incidents recorded by survey participants was 0.06 incidents/participant/month compared to 0.5 during the same period last year.

The duration of odour incidents recorded by survey participants was 0.05% of the month compared to 0.8% for the same period last year.

3.1.2 Odour Complaints

There were three complaints received during the three-month period of August to October 2009 compared to 15 for the same period last year. All three were received in August, and none were considered to have been caused by the landfill. Details were as follows:

- 24/08/2009 at 10:14pm - Cherokee Place - The complaint was received by the Waste Admin Program Leader via e-mail and referred to the Waste Operations Co-ordinator (WOC) for further action. The complaint was also referred to the City Standards Branch requesting a complaint be entered into Pathway for investigation by Environmental Health as he believed that the odour was from the poultry farms located on Park Ridge Road. The WOC conducted a site visit at 3:00pm on 28/08/2009 and spoke with the complainant about the source of the odour. The complainant was happy that the odour was not from the landfill and advised that he would contact Council about the poultry farms.
- 25/08/2009 at 10:29pm - Wiltshire Street - The complaint was received by email by Waste Admin Program Leader and referred to the WOC for further action. The

complaint was also forwarded the complaint to City Standards Admin requesting a complaint be entered into Pathway for investigation by Environmental Health as it was believed that the odour was from the poultry farms located on Park Ridge Road. The WOC contacted the customer at 9:15am on 27/08/2009. At the time of the phone call, the customer was not available and a message was left. The customer did not call back.

- 25/08/2009 at 8:45pm - Wiltshire Street - The LWS On-Call officer advised he was unable to investigate the complaint immediately due to the time. Due to the location, this complaint was subsequently determined to also be due to the poultry farms.

3.2 Environmental Performance

Apart from odour complaints, there were no other significant environmental incidents recorded at the Browns Plains Landfill during the period of August to October 2009.

3.3 Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DERM)

Correspondence dated 7 October 2009 was received from DERM in relation to LWS's proposal for landfill licence conditions to be amended in relation to the following:

- LWS are seeking to pump clean, uncontaminated groundwater from Cell 2F to the pond or dam located on site.
- Pump stormwater that collects within Cell 2F (where it has not been adversely impacted by coming into contact with rubbish placed within the cell) to the dams located on site for beneficial reuse.
- Release water (via monitoring location W2) on occasions where the pond/dam are at capacity. LWS propose that this is only to be undertaken during periods of abnormally high and prolonged rainfall and where the dams/pond do not have sufficient capacity to contain the volume of water within them.

The DERM response was that LWS should submit a range of further information including the current Stormwater Management Plan, an assessment of impacts of releasing groundwaters and various other issues.

J Armstrong asked what is currently happening with the groundwater while we wait for a decision from DERM. R Fergusson advised that it is being discharged to sewer.

3.4 Ibis Update

There were no complaints received regarding ibis during the period of August to October 2009. Ibis numbers at the landfill site were as follows:

2009	Tip Face	Tip Face Surrounds	Trees	Dam and Other Places	Total
May	1100	0	280		1380
	1200	60	150		1410
	1600	0	200		1800
	1380	300	80		1760
June	1800	300	300		2400
	1000	1000	250		2250
	1200	800	100		2100
July	500	2000	300		2800
	200	1400	250		1850

	1800	700	100		2600
	1500	500	300		2300
August	880	500	100		1480
	700	880	150		1730
	550	520	180		1250
	690	720	90		1500
September	800	700	60		1560
	1350	900	200		2450
	1400	950	200		2550
	1500	900	300		2700
October	350	900	900		2150
	400	1000	1000		2400
	500	900	800		2200
	650	930	300		1880

R Fergusson advised she is currently researching an ibis control proposal incorporating nest and egg removal and use of a trained dog to chase adult ibis.

J Armstrong asked why we were even attempting to move the ibis, and whether it would be better to just leave them at the landfill rather than take action that could see them end up in people's yards. B Lee replied that it is a condition of the DERM landfill licence for bird control measures to be used.

J Armstrong asked if the proposed control measures are likely to work. R Fergusson replied that the company in question claims to have had good results at landfills in the Gold Coast and Moreton Regional areas.

3.5 Fire Ant Update

There were no changes to the list of Logan suburbs wholly or partly in the Fire Ant Restricted Area since the last Group meeting. Of Logan's 59 suburbs, 33 are wholly or partly in a restricted area. These suburbs include:

Berrinba	Jimboomba	Park Ridge South
Bethania	Kingston	Priestdale
Boronia Heights	Logan Central	Rochedale South
Browns Plains	Loganholme	Regents Park
Carbrook	Loganlea	Slacks Creek
Cornubia	Logan Reserve	Springwood
Crestmead	Marsden	Tanah Merah
Forestdale	Meadowbrook	Underwood
Greenbank	New Beith	Waterford
Heritage Park	North Maclean	Waterford West
Hillcrest	Park Ridge	Woodridge

3.6 Site End Use - Traffic Management

B Lee advised that LWS are unaware of any further developments in relation to this issue.

3.7 Community Representation

3.7.1 Advertisement and Flyer

At the Group's March 2009 meeting LWS were asked to consider the possibility of advertising for new Community Representatives for the Consultative Group in local

newspapers or by letterbox drop. B Lee advised that the issue remains outstanding with a draft newspaper ad and flyer prepared but awaiting approval.

Action: P Menon to approve draft and advertisement and flyer regarding the invitation for new Community Representatives for the Group.

3.7.2 Flyer Delivery with Rates Notices

At the Group's September 2009 meeting it was recommended that investigations be made into whether it is possible for a flyer inviting new Community Representatives to be included with rates notice for 1,500 specific properties in the immediate area of the landfill.

B Lee reported that this matter was considered by Council at its meeting of 27 October 2009 when it resolved that such flyers continue to be delivered by direct mail.

3.7.3 Consultative Group Invitations for Odour Complainants

At the Group's September 2009 meeting it was recommended that Council direction be sought on the proposal to send landfill odour complainants a copy of the most recent Consultative Group meeting minutes and an invitation to join the Group.

B Lee reported that this matter was considered by Council at its meeting of 27 October 2009 when it resolved that written invitations to join the Group be sent to residents who make odour complaints about the landfill.

3.7.4 Publication of Group Minutes in Local Newspaper

At the Group's September 2009 meeting it was recommended that investigations be made into the costs associated with putting an abridged version of Group meeting minutes in a local newspaper.

B Lee reported that this matter was considered by Council at its meeting of 27 October 2009 when it resolved that Group meeting minutes not be published in local newspapers, but continue to be published on Council's website.

4.0 GENERAL BUSINESS

4.1 Landfill Stage 2G

B Chambers advised that the next landfill stage to be developed after the current stage 2F will be stage 2G. Clearing of stage 2G, which will be visible from Bayliss Road, will commence in March 2010. Excavation of 2G should commence in late-2010. Waste tipping in 2G won't commence for another three to four years.

5.0 CLOSE AND NEXT MEETING

The meeting closed at 3.00pm. The next meeting of the Group is due in March 2010. A date and time will be advised in due course.