

## MINUTES

### BROWNS PLAINS LANDFILL COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE GROUP

#### MEETING OF 22 SEPTEMBER 2009

**ATTENDEES:** J Armstrong (Community Representative)  
G Sandilnikoff (Community Representative)  
Councillor C Dalley  
B Lee (Logan Waste Services)

The meeting commenced at 2.30pm.

#### **1.0 APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Councillor L Clarke, P Menon (Logan Waste Services), R Fergusson (Logan Waste Services), B Chambers (Logan Waste Services), N Martin (Community Representative), M Sams (Community Representative)

#### **2.0 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

It was agreed that the minutes of the meeting of 23 June 2009 were an accurate record.

#### **3.0 BUSINESS ARISING**

##### **3.1 Odour Survey**

The meeting reviewed odour survey data for the 3-month period of May to July 2009. B Lee reported that:

The average number of odour incidents recorded by survey participants was 2.1 incidents/participant/month compared to 1.7 during the same period last year.

The duration of odour incidents recorded by survey participants was 1.7% of the month compared to 0.3% for the same period last year.

G Sandilnikoff reported he has noticed landfill odours at his house in Kentish Court at night recently. He also reported that his son-in-law has mentioned experiencing odours at an industrial premise in Magnesium Drive. Cr Dalley advised that such odours should be reported so they can be investigated.

##### **Odour Complaints**

B Lee reported that there were 2 complaints received during the 3-month period of May to July 2009 compared to 2 for the same period last year. Both were received in July and details were as follows:

- 1 July 2009 4.35pm - St James Circuit - The On-call officer (Bryan Tomlin) conducted a site inspection. At the time of the investigation, he noted extensive odour at the bottom of the street (to the west) and a mild odour at the top of the street (to the east). The demisters were not turned on.

- 1 July 2009 4.15pm - St James Circuit - The On-call officer (Bryan Tomlin) conducted a site inspection. At the time of the investigation, he noted extensive odour at the bottom of the street (to the west) and a mild odour at the top of the street (to the east). The demisters were not turned on.

### 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 May to July 2009.

The results of environmental monitoring conducted in April 2009 were received in May 2009. The results indicated an exceedance of the dust limit of 130mg/m<sup>2</sup>/day at one of the eight dust monitoring locations. The reading was 400mg/m<sup>2</sup>/day. The reason for the exceedance was still being considered at the time of this report. Dust suppression methods, such as the use of water trucks, continue to be used on a regular basis. It should also be noted that no complaints about dust were received by LWS during this monitoring period.

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### 3.3 Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DERM)

B Lee reported that there was no significant contact with DERM officers from May to July 2009.

### 3.4 Ibis Update

B Lee reported that there were no complaints received regarding ibis during the period of May to July 2009.

<b>2009</b>	<b>Tip Face</b>	<b>Tip Face Surrounds</b>	<b>Trees</b>	<b>Total</b>
March	800	470	200	<b>1470</b>
	1100	300	350	<b>1750</b>
	980	330	180	<b>1490</b>
	1000	700	100	<b>1800</b>
April	1100	400	150	<b>1650</b>
	700	580	150	<b>1430</b>
	1000	800	20	<b>1820</b>
	800	800	50	<b>1650</b>
May	1100	0	280	<b>1380</b>
	1200	60	150	<b>1410</b>
	1600	0	200	<b>1800</b>
	1380	300	80	<b>1760</b>
June	1800	300	300	<b>2400</b>
	1000	1000	250	<b>2250</b>
	1200	800	100	<b>2100</b>
July	500	2000	300	<b>2800</b>
	200	1400	250	<b>1850</b>
	1800	700	100	<b>2600</b>
	1500	500	300	<b>2300</b>

B Lee reported that LWS are keeping a watching brief on the availability of raptor (bird of prey) handlers for possible future ibis control.

### 3.5 Fire Ant Update

B Lee reported that three possible fire ant nests were noted near the Logan Recycling Market by Council Vector Control Officers on 17 April 2009. They were confirmed as fire ants by the Department of Primary Industries (DPI) shortly thereafter. The nests were treated and follow-up treatment was conducted in May 2009. .

Additionally, there was one change to the list of Logan suburbs wholly or partly in the Fire Ant Restricted Area since the last Group meeting with Waterford being added. This now means that, of Logan's 59 suburbs, 32 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 Master Planning

The "*Browns Plains Landfill and Logan City Council Sport Centre Final Traffic Management Study*" report was reviewed during June 2009. This report, which was commissioned by the Council's Community Infrastructure Branch, deals with the medium and long-term traffic arrangements with respect to the interface between the landfill and the new indoor sports centre. A meeting on the matter with Councillors, consultants and officers was held on 30 June 2009, but no final decision was made. The matter remains under consideration.

Cr Dalley commented that another access to the landfill may be required, but Council is very mindful of not disturbing existing traffic flows. A landfill access off Bayliss Road is still being considered.

G Sandilnikoff asked if any new traffic lights were planned. Cr Dalley advised that no decisions have been made, but consideration was being given to traffic lights at the corner of Browns Plains and Bayliss, Browns Plains and Magnesium and other locations on Browns Plains Road.

### 3.7 Community Representation

At the 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 advertisement and flyer regarding the invitation for new Community Representatives for the Group.***

J Armstrong commented that a flyer (inviting new Community Representatives to serve on the Group) that arrived in an envelope with a rates notice would be more effective than one delivered directly to letterboxes.

***Action: B Lee to investigate whether it is possible for a flyer inviting new Community Representatives to be included with rates notices for 1,500 specific properties in the immediate area of the landfill.***

J Armstrong asked if it would be possible to send odour complainants a copy of the most recent Consultative Group meeting minutes and an invitation to join the Group.

***Action: B Lee to seek Council direction 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.***

J Armstrong expressed disappointment at B Lee's advice that:

- Local newspapers would be very unlikely to publish minutes of Group meetings as a result of Council issuing the minutes as a media release.
- The only sure way of having minutes published in local newspapers would be to pay for them to be published as an advertisement.

He requested that investigations be made into how much it would cost to put an abridged version of the minutes in the local newspaper.

***Action: B Lee to investigate the costs associated with putting an abridged version of Group meeting minutes in a local newspaper.***

#### **4.0 GENERAL BUSINESS**

##### **4.1 Clearing of Stage 2G**

B Lee passed on advice from the Waste Operations Co-ordinator that clearing of the next landfill cell (Stage 2G) would commence later in 2009. The location of Stage 2G is indicated on the attached aerial photo.

#### **5.0 CLOSE AND NEXT MEETING**

The meeting closed at 3.30pm. The next meeting of the Group is due in December 2009. A date and time will be advised in due course.

