

MINUTES

BROWNS PLAINS LANDFILL COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE GROUP MEETING OF

20 JUNE 2017

ATTENDEES: M Asnicar (Health Environment & Waste Branch - HEW)
R Oakley (HEW)
B Lee (HEW)
JA Lee (Community Representative)
J Ooms (Community Representative)
B Chambers (Community Representative)

The meeting commenced at 1:00pm.

1.0 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from L Boyd (Community Representative) and Councillor Dalley

N Martin, L Miller, D Moore, P Cohen, E Koch, F and M Laughton, G Williams, A and H Priday, D Eldridge, L Ross, L and M Blunt and S Baker, (all Community Representatives) did not attend.

2.0 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

JA Lee confirmed that the distributed minutes of the previous meeting (on 14 March 2017) were an accurate record.

3.0 BUSINESS ARISING

3.1 Landfill Odour

B Lee reported that there have been 32 confirmed complaints in the last 12 months compared to 14 for the previous 12 month period.

There were seven odour complaints received during the three-month period of March to May 2017. This compared to one for the same three-month period the previous year. Details of the seven recent complaints were as follows:

March 2017

- 22/03/17 - 12.30pm - Tarrango Place - An officer visited the complainant's residence at 2.15pm. No odour was sensed however the prevailing breeze was in the complainant's direction. An odour was noted later the same day near the waste administration office. The landfill deodoriser was activated.
- 23/03/17 - 3.35pm - Lamberth Road East - An officer visited the residential area at 4pm and couldn't detect any odour. A gentle wind was noted, but it did not seem to be blowing towards the residence from the landfill.

April 2017:

- 03/04/17 - 4.48pm - Yancey Street - Given the time of day, no operations staff were available at the time of the call to visit the street.

- 04/04/17 - 12 noon - Berkley Drive - An officer explained to the complainant that the odours were a result of hot weather following heavy rain (ex-cyclone Debbie). An officer attended the resident's area and noted the odour was very strong.
- 07/04/17 - 4.30pm - Kensington Street - The resident was advised of the reasons for the odour in accordance with the above and that the landfill had received an influx of flood waste.
- 11/04/17 - 5.43pm - Thistle Street - Complaint was emailed after business hours so the matter was reviewed and acknowledged the next day. Ongoing receipt of flood waste to the landfill contributed to the odour.
- 12/04/17 - 11am - Camden Street - An officer attended the address and noted a moderate odour. Ongoing receipt of flood waste to the landfill contributed to the odour.

May 2017:

No complaints received.

B Lee reported that the five complaints in April were made soon after the heavy rain of ex-tropical cyclone Debbie. JA Lee asked where the complaints were made and B Lee advised they were from residences to the west of the site. M Asnicar mentioned that significant quantities of flood waste were also being received at the time. R Oakley said that wet weather always creates the likelihood odour issues at landfills.

JA Lee asked that, if odour nuisances can't be stopped, then why doesn't the Council close the landfill. B Lee replied that the landfill was located in a strategically important site for the residents of Logan and received relatively few complaints given its location.

B Chambers said he noted in previous minutes of the Group that there was reference to after-hours complaints being recorded but no action being taken. He asked that, since there were supervisors on site from 7am to 4pm on Saturdays and Sundays couldn't complaints be referred to them for investigation and possible action. M Asnicar replied that when the site was open complaints went to the on-call officer who relayed them to on-site staff for investigation and action.

Action: *B Lee to review and report back on the instructions which had been issued to the after-hours operator.*

3.2 Environmental Performance

The results of environmental monitoring of the landfill site that was conducted in January 2017 were received in March 2017. The only exceedance of landfill licence limits was at one of the eight dust monitoring stations around the site. It was adjacent to the sports fields construction work.

3.3 Department of Environment and Heritage Protection (DEHP)

There was no contact with DEHP officers relating to landfill operation during the period of March to May 2017.

3.4 Ibis Update

Numbers of ibis recorded at the landfill site have been as follows:

Average number recorded by contractor before dispersal	Total
2016	
June	1172
July	1158
August	855
September	767
October	791
November	788
December	572
2017	
January	692
February	866
March	776
April	821
May	914

There were no ibis complaints received during the March to May 2017 period.

A summary of the ibis control contractor's most recent report (April 2017) is summarised below:

- Average initial ibis counts in April were 821, prior to harassment activities;
- Average final counts of ibis were 435 after harassment activities; this number has increased by approximately 100 ibis since March;
- On average, 19 nests were removed per week. Most notably, 41 nests were removed in the last week of March, indicating that number of Ibis are rising in accordance with the continuation of the breeding season;

B Lee also passed on a message received from Community Representative L Boyd that ibis are creating a noise nuisance in the trees at the rear of her home in the evenings.

Action: *R Oakley to refer the matter to the ibis management contractor to determine if any assistance is possible.*

The Community Representatives all reported experiencing no problems with ibis.

B Chambers noted in the previous meeting minutes that reference was made to an ibis control drone trial and asked about the success of the trial. R Oakley replied that the circumstances weren't ideal during the trial because kites (predators of the ibis) were present at the time of the trial and were keeping ibis numbers down. R Oakley saw potential for use of the drones to disturb ibis in inaccessible locations. Further trials will be considered in the future.

3.5 Fire Ant Update

There were no developments regarding fire ants during the period.

3.6 Bayliss Road Entry to Landfill

The new entry was officially opened on 9 May 2017 after an education program involving roadside signage, handing out of flyers at the site and social media. Users of the site seem to have adapted well to the change.

JA Lee said she had seen a bus interchange happening at the site and asked why that was. M Asnicar advised that the Recycling Market car park was being used as a

car park for some recent events at the Logan Metro and the bus interchange is necessary as there is currently no safe way to walk to the venue. He advised that more parking is to be constructed with the development at the Browns Plains Road end of the site.

B Chambers said he understood that there were going to be boom gates installed at the site entrance. R Oakley advised that was true. They were originally going to be installed near the entry to Recycle Way at Bayliss Road end but this was not possible as Recycle Way is a public road. They will now be installed on Recycle Way before the facility's front gates. They will only be on the inbound lane entry side of the road. Consideration is also being given to installing a light on the gates to warn vehicles that the booms are down.

3.7 Construction at Front of Site

At the meeting of 14 March 2017 an action was placed on B Lee to seek information on what is being constructed at the front of the landfill site. The Sports and Recreation Branch advised:

- It will become the home of Brisbane Roar, the state's only A-League team. It will also become the home of the state's largest football zone, Football Brisbane, which controls and administers community players and competition across five local government areas.
- Development of the northern (Brisbane Roar) precinct of the site will include development of a premier sports facility to elite performance standard, club administration and car parks.
- Development of the southern (Football Brisbane) precinct will include three rectangular pitches (suitable for football, rugby league/union, touch football and other sports), an administration centre and offices, change rooms with associated fitness and performance rooms and a canteen.

B Chambers pointed out that there is still a large Brisbane Broncos sign up on the Browns Plains Road frontage of the site.

Action: *B Lee to request that Council's Sports & Recreation Branch take down the Brisbane Broncos sign.*

3.8 Bayliss Road Speed Limit

At the meeting of 14 March 2017 an action was placed on B Lee to seek advice on the Bayliss Road speed limit. The following advice was received from the Council Traffic Program:

- The speed limit from the gates away from Browns Plains Road will remain 60 km/hr. There is no proposal to reduce this to 50.
- In the past the speed limit between the gates and Browns Plains Road was 80 km/hr but it was reduced to 60 for the landfill entrance roadworks. A review with a view to permanently reduce this to 60 has not been completed.

3.9 Invitations to Odour Complainants

At the Group's September 2009 meeting it was recommended that Council direction be sought on a proposal to send landfill odour complainants an invitation to join the Group. The 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.

Further, at the Group's meeting of 25 June 2013 it was agreed that Council should ensure that invitations to join the Group are reissued to complainants who had been previously invited over six months previously. (It had previously been Council's practice to not send multiple invitations to residents making multiple complaints.)

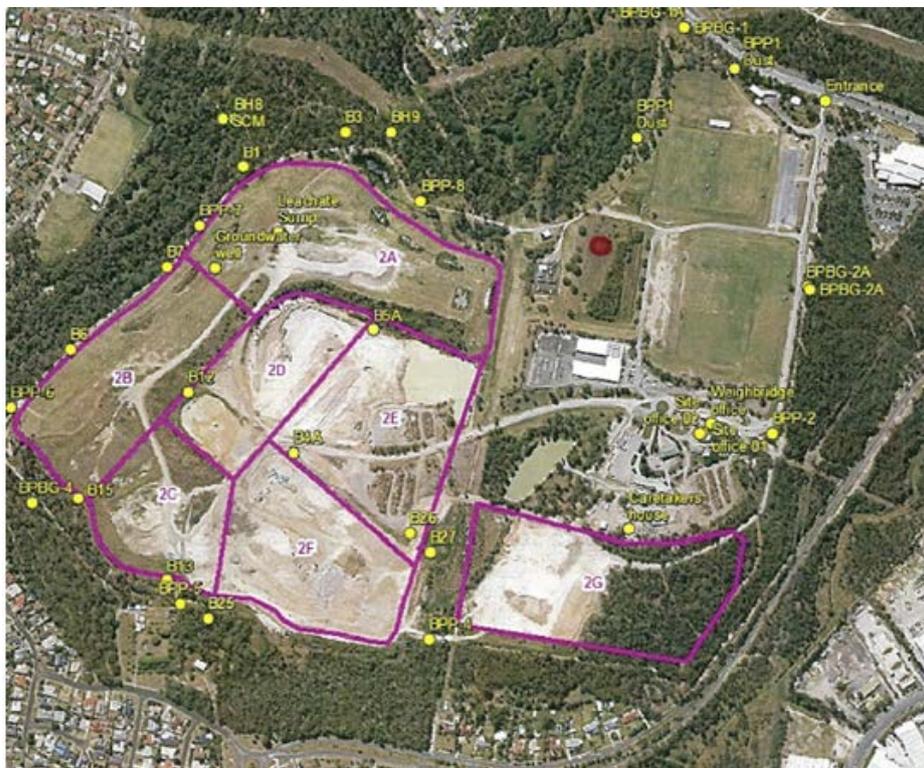
Of the seven complaints made during the March to May 2017 period:

- Invitations to join the Group were extended to five complainants
- Two were from existing Group members

4.0 GENERAL BUSINESS

4.1 Future Waste Disposal and Landfill Development

B Chambers sought confirmation of his understanding that the landfill will be operating to the mid to late-2020's, and if it was, how cell 2G (in the south east corner of the site - see site map below) would be used.



M Asnicar confirmed the estimate of mid to late-2020. He also said that, while it would ultimately be a decision for Council, it may be that cell 2G is only used for inert waste.

JA Lee observed that it would be impossible to control odours if putrescible was tipped in 2G.

M Asnicar acknowledge the proximity of residences to 2G but if Council decided to use it for that purpose best efforts would be made to minimise odours.

B Chambers said he'd also seen reference in previous Group meeting minutes about the need to top up the levels of cells 2A, 2B and 2C to design height, and said he hoped that would be done with inert waste. M Asnicar replied that no decision had been made on that issue either, but that the work will be done at a time and in a manner least likely to cause nuisance for residents.

JA Lee asked if any topping up was required in cell 2F. R Oakley replied that 2F was close to design height at the time that tipping ceased, and it was currently being left to settle. When it is time to top it up after settling it will be managed to minimise odour as much as possible.

JA Lee asked if Council had decided on an end use for the site. M Asnicar replied that no decision had been made.

4.2 Fire Ants

B Chambers said he noticed fire ant markers in front of the site on Bayliss Road and asked if they were being treated. R Oakley advised he couldn't confirm treatment, but could confirm that Biosecurity Queensland were aware of the nests.

4.3 Litter on Bayliss Road

B Chambers said that rubbish had sometimes been spilled or dumped at the new entrance to the site, and some has been left lying there on Bayliss Road for extended periods. He asked if HEW are doing a daily check. R Oakley replied that Recycle Way is regularly patrolled but HEW staff don't go out onto Bayliss Road for workplace health and safety reasons.

B Chambers asked could the Litter Crew attend on a daily basis. M Asnicar advised that the relevant Council Branch (Roads Construction and Maintenance) had been very responsive so far in collecting reported litter and the situation would be monitored. Bayliss Road is also on a weekly patrol program.

5.0 CLOSE AND NEXT MEETING

The meeting closed at 1.50pm. Invitations and agendas for the next meeting in September 2017 will be issued in due course.