

## MINUTES

### BROWNS PLAINS LANDFILL COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE GROUP MEETING OF

26 MARCH 2019

**ATTENDEES:** B Lee (Health Environment & Waste Branch - HEW)  
R Oakley (HEW)  
B Chambers (Community Representative)

The meeting commenced at 1:05pm.

#### **1.0 APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Councillor Dalley, M Asnicar (Manager HEW), J Loscialpo, L Boyd and W Cox

G Burns, J Ooms, J A Lee, 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, S Gaunt, Mr Jonsen, (all Community Representatives) did not attend.

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

It was agreed that the distributed minutes of the previous meeting (on 11 December 2018) were an accurate record.

B Lee made reference to the fact that a Community Representative made contact on 14 February 2019 to advise that a complaint made on 27 November 2018 had not been recorded in the minutes of the December 2018 meeting. The minutes of the meeting were amended accordingly.

#### **3.0 BUSINESS ARISING**

##### **3.1 Landfill Odour**

B Lee reported that there have been 108 confirmed odour complaints in the last 12 months compared to 59 for the previous 12 month period.

There were 35 odour complaints received during the three-month period of December 2018 to February 2019. This compared to 11 for the same three-month period the previous year. Details of the 35 recent complaints were as follows:

##### **December 2018**

There were 16 odour complaints received regarding the landfill during December 2018:

- 02/12/2018 - 10.00am - Bayliss Road Heritage Park - The call was received after hours on a Sunday.
- 08/12/2018 - 8.30am - Thistle Street Regents Park - The complaint was made by email on a Saturday. Contact was subsequently made with the resident who has since joined the Community Consultative Group.

- 10/12/18 - 9.00am - Sefton Court Heritage Park - Resident advised she was not experiencing odour at the time, but it was occurring sometimes around 3.00 to 5.00pm. Odour operational controls were explained to the resident.
- 10/12/18 - 10.00 - St James Cct Heritage Park - An officer investigated and noted nothing unusual happening at the tip-face. The EDL drilling crew were setting up (to start work on the gas collection system) but had not commenced. The officer noted there was a light breeze in the direction of St James. The demister were turned on. The officer spoke to the caller's husband on the phone.
- 10/12/18 - 10.30 - St James Cct Heritage Park - See above. The resident was spoken with on the phone. Her premises was visited soon after the call and a faint odour was discernible.
- 12/12/18 - 6.20pm - Sefton Court Heritage Park - As the call was made after-hours an officer returned the call on 13/12/18 and the resident stated that odour had been experience for a long time. Reference was made to previous complaints but there were no records of same. Odour control measures were explained to the resident.
- 13/12/18 - 9.30am - Lamberth Road East Heritage Park - A moderate odour was noted at tip face. The odour control system was activated. The officer met with caller at her residence at 12:30. No odour was observed at this time and the resident agreed the odour had subsided. The officer explained to the resident what actions had been taken.
- 13/12/18 -- 9.45am - Junee Court Heritage Park - An officer called and left a message for the resident at 11.45am but the call was not returned. See above and below for action taken on this day.
- 13/12/18 - 2.30pm - St James Cct Heritage Park - An officer inspected the tip face and noted a moderate odour. The odour control system was already on. The officer then went to the resident's home where a moderate odour was detected. The resident was advised of action taken.
- 13/12/18 - 3.00pm - Lamberth Road East Heritage Park - This was the second complaint from the resident that day. She advised that the odour had returned. She declined the offer of another visit from an officer and asked that the complaint be recorded.
- 13/12/18 - 4.30pm - Lamberth Road East Heritage Park - This was the third compliant from the resident that day. She advised that the odour had returned again and wanted the call recorded.
- 14/12/18 - 9.00am - Tarrango Place Heritage Park - An officer went to the tip-face at 10.10am and noted the weather was overcast with slight wind toward Regents Park. There was a mild but discernible odour heading towards the resident. The odour control system was activated. The officer rang the resident back at 10:45am when she stated the odour was "not too bad".
- 19/12/18 - 2.30pm - St James Cct Heritage Park - At the time of the call the weather was observed to be overcast with temperature of 30°C with wind from the north east. An officer attended the tip face and observed a definite odour. The odour was more pronounced immediately adjacent to where (EDL landfill gas) excavation works were occurring. The odour control system was operating at the time and was topped up with extra deodoriser. The resident was called and advised her of action taken.

- 19/12/18 - 4.00pm - St James Cct Heritage Park - This was the second complaint from the resident that day. Weather was observed to be overcast with temperature of 27°C and wind from the north/north east. The resident called to advise the odour had gotten worse since 3.30pm. An officer proceeded to the rear of the resident's house and noticed a faint odour.
- 20/12/18 - 2.25pm - St James Cct Heritage Park - Weather was observed to be sunny with temperature of 34°C and wind from the north east. An officer called the resident who advised that the odour was very strong. The officer advised that the odour control system was operating and that a load of rubbish was being sorted to find lost valuables which may be contributing to the odour.
- 21/12/18 - 2.00pm - St James Cct Heritage Park - Weather was observed to be sunny with temperature of 35°C and wind from the north east. The resident reported odour and asked that the odour control system be put on, which it was.

### January 2019:

There were 17 odour complaints received regarding the landfill during January 2019:

- 2/01/19 - 7.35pm - Kalbarri Rise Regents Park - Odour complaint was received out of business hours and therefore it couldn't be investigated at the time. It was followed up the next day. Council staff attended the resident's address where no odour could be detected. An officer then called the resident and explained odour management controls at the landfill site. The resident mentioned that the odour had persisted at the same time every night for the past five days. The resident was requested to call back immediately if odour persisted at operational hours.
- 03/01/19 - 4.00pm - Lamberth Road Heritage Park - The resident mentioned that the odour had been persistent for the past five days. Resident also requested that her complaint be recorded. A separate odour complaint was received from the same resident that same day. Weather was observed to be wet with light winds and occasional sun. No special burials were performed that day. Council staff attended the residential area where they could not detect any landfill odour.
- 04/01/19 - 12:00 noon - Crenton Court Heritage Park - Weather was observed to be clear and sunny. Council staff attended the tip face where they found slight winds heading towards the residential area. Odour at the tip-face was moderate. The odour control system was turned on. An officer then proceeded to the resident's address. No odour could be detected at the address. Officers spoke to the resident and explained odour control measures.
- 04/01/19 - 3.45pm - Hampden Crescent Heritage Park - Weather was observed to be clear and sunny. The odour control system was already on due to previous odour complaint. Council staff went to the resident's address where no odour could be detected initially. Staff then spoke to the resident and explained odour control measures. They then showed the resident the distance his house was from the tip face.
- 04/01/19 - 4.40pm - Thistle Street Regents Park - see above - and - an officer also called the resident to explain control measures - and discuss the Community Consultative Group.
- 08/01/19 - 4.45pm - St James Cct Heritage Park - An officer rang the resident to ascertain the nature of the odour. She advised it was intermittent. The officer advised he would drive to the tip face and investigate. The resident advised she did not

require a call back. Weather was observed to be overcast with a gentle breeze from the north east. The officer detected a moderate odour at the tip face. The odour control system was activated.

- 09/01/19 -2.40PM - Lamberth Road Heritage Park - An officer attended the caller's address where no odour could be noticed. The officer then went to tip face where a light odour was observed. There was a gentle breeze from the northeast. The dozer operator advised that the rubbish was currently being covered so the odour should be reduced. The odour control system was activated.
- 09/01/19 - 4.00PM - Lamberth Road Heritage Park - The resident had called earlier in the day and made a point of asking that her complaint be recorded. The officer asked caller if she needed a visit to her house and she said no.
- 09/01/19 - 4.50pm - Chelsea Court Heritage Park - See above
- 15/01/19 - 5.20pm - St James Cct Heritage Park - No investigation was possible due to the report being received out of operational hours. The odour control system had already been activated.
- 17/01/19 - 9.50am - Tarrango Place Heritage Park - Weather was warm with light breeze from the east. A light-moderate rubbish odour was detectable earlier in the morning at the tip face before the complaint had been received. An officer went to caller's address and walked around the front of the property. No odour was detected at the time. After returning to the landfill a light odour was detected at tip face. The odour control system was activated.
- 22/01/19 -3.50pm - St James Cct Heritage Park - Weather was observed to be clear and sunny with a gentle breeze from the east north east. An officer attended the tip face where a light/moderate odour was sensed. The odour control system was activated. The officer rang the complainant and advised of action taken. The resident went outside and advised the odour was no longer an issue.
- 23/01/19- 2.50pm - Thistle St Regents Park - The resident rang to advise that there had been a strong landfill odour between 3.00pm and 7.00pm on 22/01/19. The officer asked the resident to call should the odour occur on the afternoon of the 23<sup>rd</sup>. The odour control system was activated as a precautionary measure at 3.10pm. NOTE: an officer was on site until 7.00pm on 22/01/19 as part of the Ibis fly out count. The odour control system was operating as a result of a previous call. During the fly out count a light odour was noticeable.
- 29/1/19- 16:30- St James Cct Heritage Park - The weather was observed to be hot and sunny. Mainline demister was already on due to previous complaint however demister liquid was not potent. Resident informed council that she could not smell the demisters currently. Council staff attended the tip-face where there was a slight odour heading towards residents direction. Council staff attended the resident's address where no odour could be detected. Council staff also went to the buffer between the residents and the landfill and no odour could be detected there as well.
- 29/01/2019 - 15:30 - Lamberth Rd Heritage Park - The resident informed council that she would not like a call back as she was going out but she did want her complaint recorded and asked if the demisters could be turned on. The weather was observed to be hot and sunny. Council staff attended went up to the tip-face where there was a slight odour heading towards resident's direction. Council staff attended the resident's address where no odour could be detected. Council staff also went to the buffer between the residents and the landfill and no odour could be detected there as

well. Mobile demister was down due to faulty battery. A contractor had been contacted to fix the problem immediately.

- 30/1/19- 11.10am - St James Cct Heritage Park - Resident informed council that the odour was pretty high. Council staff also turned on the both mainline and mobile demister. Council staff attended to the resident's address where no odour could be detected. Council staff also went to the buffer between the residents and the landfill and no odour could be detected there as well. Mobile demister battery was replaced on Wednesday 30/01 and the demister was up and running.
- 31/1/19- 4:45pm- St James Cct - Resident informed council that the odour has been around for a few days. No previous complaints were noted. Council staff went up to the tip-face where there was a slight odour heading towards residents direction. Council staff also turned on the both mainline and mobile demister. Council staff went to the resident's address where no odour could be detected.

### February 2019:

There were two odour complaints received regarding the landfill during February 2019:

- 13/02/19 - 3.20pm - St James Cct, Heritage Park - An officer called at the area behind the resident's home and noted sporadic minor odours over a 10 minute period. The odour control system was activated.
- 19/02/19 - 4:15pm - St James Cct, Heritage Park - The resident advised that odour was being experienced at the time of the call and requested that the odour control system be activated. An officer attended the tip-face where a moderate odour was noted to be heading in resident's direction. The system was turned on. No further action deemed necessary.

B Chambers reported that he had noted no odours out of the ordinary. He noted the low number of complaints for February and commented that there are many reasons why a resident may or may not make a call about an odour. He also noted that, in terms of complaints made over the last 12 months, there were almost twice as many in the 12 months to February 2019 as there were in the previous 12 months. He asked if that was likely to be due to the height of the landfill cell.

R Oakley replied that was possibly the case, but it wouldn't explain the lack of calls in February (and so far in March) 2019. There was no significant change to operations with the exception of the tipping face moving a bit further away from the residents.

## **3.2 Environmental Performance**

The results of environmental monitoring of the landfill site that was conducted in October 2018 were received in January 2019. There were no exceedances of landfill licence limits.

## **3.3 Department of Environment and Science (DES)**

In September 2018 correspondence was received from DES in relation to a site inspection conducted on 28 May 2018.

The correspondence raise four matters of concern. Three of those matters were noted and discussed at the conclusion of the May inspection. They were also the subject of an email (outlining actions to address concerns) sent from Council to DES on 1 June 2018.

Council officers, however, had no recollection of the fourth matter relating to the leachate tanks contained in the September 2018 correspondence.

The matter has since been the subject of email exchanges between Council and DES in which they acknowledged the length of time between the inspection and the correspondence and apologised for the lack of communication. DES have since asked whether Council had taken any action with respect to the leachate tanks. Council has responded by advising leachate tank arrangements have been unchanged for many years and, regardless, the referenced environmental risk is considered very low with the landfill cell itself “bunded” around its perimeter with a drainage channel that would capture any spillage therefore reducing the risk of any release.

A response from DES was received in November 2019 in which they acknowledge Council's advice and require no further action.

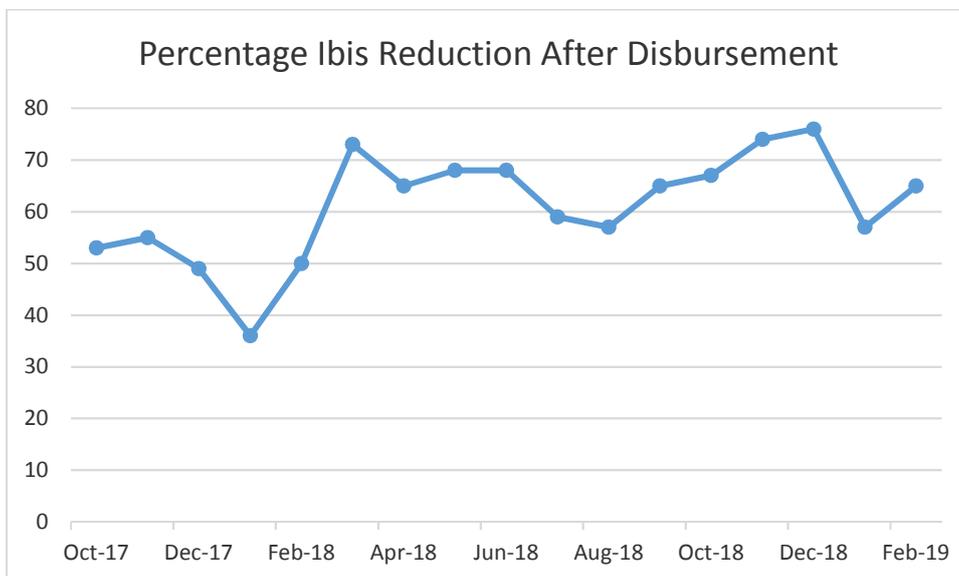
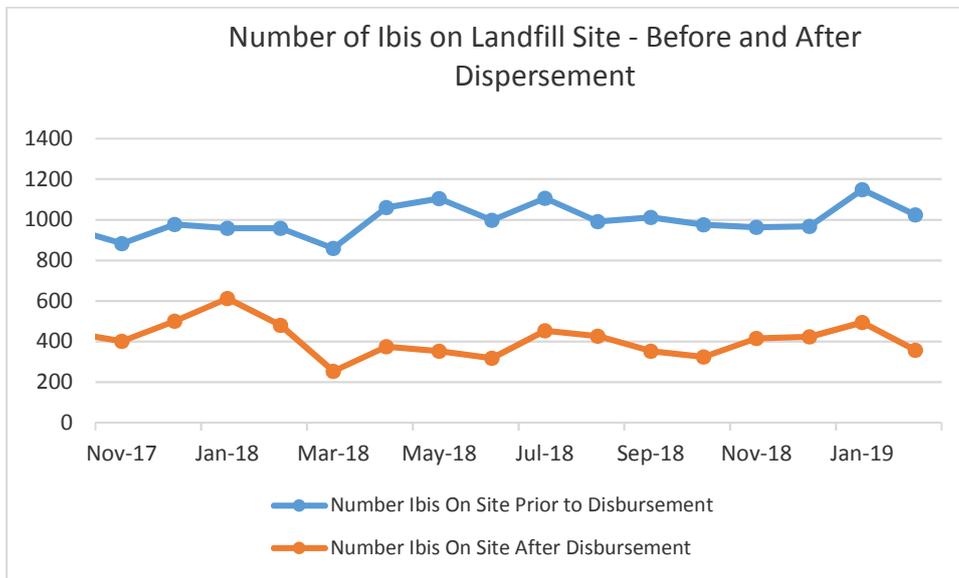
### 3.4 Ibis Update

The February 2019 report from the wildlife management contractor stated that:

- Average initial ibis counts in January were 1025 prior to harassment activities.
- Average final counts of ibis were 357 after harassment activities.
- On average, ibis numbers were reduced by 668 individuals, equating to 65% per day during the harassment period (compared to an average reduction of 654 in January 2019)
- The primary dispersal methods were the following combinations: 'quad and noodle' (69%), 'quad and whip' (28%) and 'car, horn, siren and whip' (3%).

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

	<b>Number Ibis On Site Prior to Disbursement</b>	<b>Number Ibis On Site After Disbursement</b>	<b>Percentage Ibis Reduction After Disbursement</b>
Dec-17	978	501	49
Jan-18	958	612	36
Feb-18	959	480	50
Mar-18	859	254	73
Apr-18	1060	375	65
May-18	1105	353	68
Jun-18	997	319	68
Jul-18	1106	454	59
Aug-18	992	427	57
Sep-18	1012	353	65
Oct-18	976	325	67
Nov-18	963	416	74
Dec-18	968	423	76
Jan-19	1149	494	57
Feb-19	1025	357	65



There were no ibis complaints received regarding ibis during the December 2018 to February 2019 period.

B Chambers asked, since there are so few complaints, what is the point of conducting ibis control activities? B Lee replied that it was a mandatory licence condition.

### 3.5 Fire Ant Update

No new fire ant nests were discovered at the site over the December 2018 to February 2019 period.

### 3.6 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 35 complaints made during the December 2018 to February 2019 period:

- 6 invitations was issued
- 7 were from existing Group members
- 22 were from residents who had been previously invited.

### **3.7 Dosing of Odour Control System**

At the Group meeting of 11 December 2018 a member reported hearing the odour control system pump running without detecting the odour control agent. An action was placed on the Program Leader to check that operations staff were properly dosing the odour control system for after-hour operation.

Checks were made that the operational team were correctly dosing the system. The check identified a recent failure surrounding the incorrect use of a product, this was immediately rectified. The performance of the operations team and the dosing of the system is to now be monitored and recorded.

### **3.8 Group Meeting Attendance**

At the meeting of 11 December 2018 Waste Services was requested to give consideration to how to improve Group meeting attendance. An email survey was conducted of all Group members in relation to:

- Their preferred meeting times; and
- If they had suggestions on other ways to increase attendance at Group meetings.

The results of the survey were distributed for discussion at the meeting, and are attached to these minutes.

Discussion at meeting resulted in agreement to trial having meetings at 6.00pm on Wednesdays.

**Action:** *B Lee to arrange for the next meeting in June 2019 to be at 6.00pm on a Wednesday.*

## **4.0 GENERAL BUSINESS**

### **4.1 Waste Trucks on Bayliss Road**

B Chambers advised he had noted what seemed like an increase in the number of JJ Richards' trucks using Bayliss Road. B Lee replied he was not aware of any reason why that may be. It was noted that the trucks are permitted to use this road.

## **5.0 CLOSE AND NEXT MEETING**

The meeting closed at 1.30 pm. Invitations and agendas for the next meeting in June 2019 will be issued in due course.

**ATTACHMENT  
CONSIDERATION OF CONSULTATION  
RESPONSES RE: INCREASING PARTICIPATION  
IN ATTENDING BPLCCG MEETINGS**

Monday	9.00am to 12.00 noon	
	12.00 noon to 3.00pm	
	3.00pm to 5.00pm	
	5.00pm to 7.00pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>S Baker</b> - nominated the time but did not nominate a day - days not certain as travels for work - would be meeting by meeting proposition</li> <li>• <b>L Boyd</b> - 6 to 7pm</li> <li>• <b>L Miller</b></li> </ul>
Tuesday	9.00am to 12.00 noon	<b>B Chambers</b>
	12.00 noon to 3.00pm	
	3.00pm to 5.00pm	
	5.00pm to 7.00pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>S Baker</b> - nominated the time but did not nominate a day - days not certain as travels for work - would be meeting by meeting proposition</li> <li>• <b>L Boyd</b> - 6 to 7pm</li> <li>• <b>L Miller</b></li> </ul>
Wednesday	9.00am to 12.00 noon	<b>B Chambers</b>
	12.00 noon to 3.00pm	
	3.00pm to 5.00pm	
	5.00pm to 7.00pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>S Baker</b> - nominated the time but did not nominate a day - days not certain as travels for work - would be meeting by meeting proposition</li> <li>• <b>L Boyd</b> - 6 to 7pm</li> <li>• <b>L Miller</b></li> </ul>
Thursday	9.00am to 12.00 noon	<b>B Chambers</b>
	12.00 noon to 3.00pm	
	3.00pm to 5.00pm	
	5.00pm to 7.00pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>S Baker</b> - nominated the time but did not nominate a day - days not certain as travels for work - would be meeting by meeting proposition</li> <li>• <b>L Boyd</b> - 6 to 7pm</li> <li>• <b>L Miller</b></li> </ul>
Friday	9.00am to 12.00 noon	
	12.00 noon to 3.00pm	
	3.00pm to 5.00pm	
	5.00pm to 7.00pm	<p><b>S Baker</b> - nominated the time but did not nominate a day - days not certain as travels for work - would be meeting by meeting proposition</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>L Miller</b></li> </ul>
Saturday	9.00am to 12.00 noon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>M Jonsen</b></li> </ul>
<b>OTHER MEETING TIME COMMENTS:</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jan Ooms - any day, any time bar Tuesdays.</li> <li>• B Chambers - preferred days and times are above but is flexible and can really make most times so if another time means more participation, then that will be fine.</li> <li>• W Cox - available any time, but expressed concern regarding the potential to be held up at the weighbridge on busy days.</li> </ul>		
<b>OTHER SUGGESTIONS TO INCREASE ATTENDANCE</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• W Cox - open invitation to residents in immediate area by letterbox drop</li> </ul>		

**Taking all into consideration - the most popular days/times appear to be 6.00pm to 7.00pm on Mondays, Wednesdays or Thursdays.**