

MINUTES

BROWNS PLAINS LANDFILL COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE GROUP MEETING OF

30 SEPTEMBER 2020

ATTENDEES: M Asnicar (Health Environment & Waste Branch - HEW)
B Lee (HEW)
R Dewan (HEW)
J Ooms (Community Representative)
W Cox (Community Representative)

The meeting commenced at 6.00pm.

1.0 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cr Heremaia, Cr Raven and R Oakley (HEW).

D McRae, L Boyd, B Chambers, A Priday, S Baker, G Burns, J A Lee, L Miller, D Moore, P Cohen, G Williams, H Priday, L Ross, L and M Blunt, S Gaunt and 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 1 July 2020) were an accurate record.

3.0 BUSINESS ARISING

3.1 Landfill Odour

B Lee reported there have been 47 confirmed complaints in the last 12 months to August 2020 compared to 89 for the previous 12 month period.

There were two odour complaints received during the three-month period of June to August 2020. This compared to eight for the same three-month period the previous year. Details of the eight recent complaints were as follows:

June 2020

There were no odour complaints:

July 2020:

There was one odour complaint:

- 15/07/20 – 10.00am – Columbard Place Heritage Park – The complaint related to both odour and dust over the past three to four months. The property is approximately 400 meters from the active tip face. An officer called the resident at 3.49 pm the same day. The officer explained landfilling practices and control

measures. The resident requested dust monitoring results for the last six months and was advised to lodge a Right To Information application.

August 2020:

There was one odour complaint:

- 18/08/20 – Volstead Road Heritage Park – An officer returned the resident's call at 5.22 pm and established that the odour was no longer present. The resident was advised of the controls utilised at the waste facility to minimise the likelihood of odours, and invited to make further contact in the event of issues in the future. Tip face was approximately 500m from the resident's address.

W Cox advised she had noted only very little odour in recent weeks. J Ooms also advised he hadn't notice any significant odour.

R Dewan advised that the new Cell 2E (Stage 1) was now taking most of the putrescible domestic landfill waste. The remainder of the waste loads were going to Cell 2B to achieve design height. He also mentioned that in coming weeks the tipping face for Cell 2B will be moving west, which is parallel to (and not towards) residences to the south.

R Dewan also advised that Cell 2E will be constructed in two stages due to the need to maintain the access road. Stage 1 will be landfilled to what was natural ground level prior to Stage 2 being constructed.

J Ooms asked what will happen to the greenwaste area that was in that area. R Dewan advised that had not yet been decided but easy access for customers would be a major consideration.

3.2 Environmental Performance

B Lee advised that the results of monitoring conducted at the Browns Plains Landfill in May 2020 were received in July 2020. The results did not indicate exceedances of any landfill licence conditions.

3.3 Department of Environment and Science (DES)

B Lee reported there was no contact relating to environmental matters.

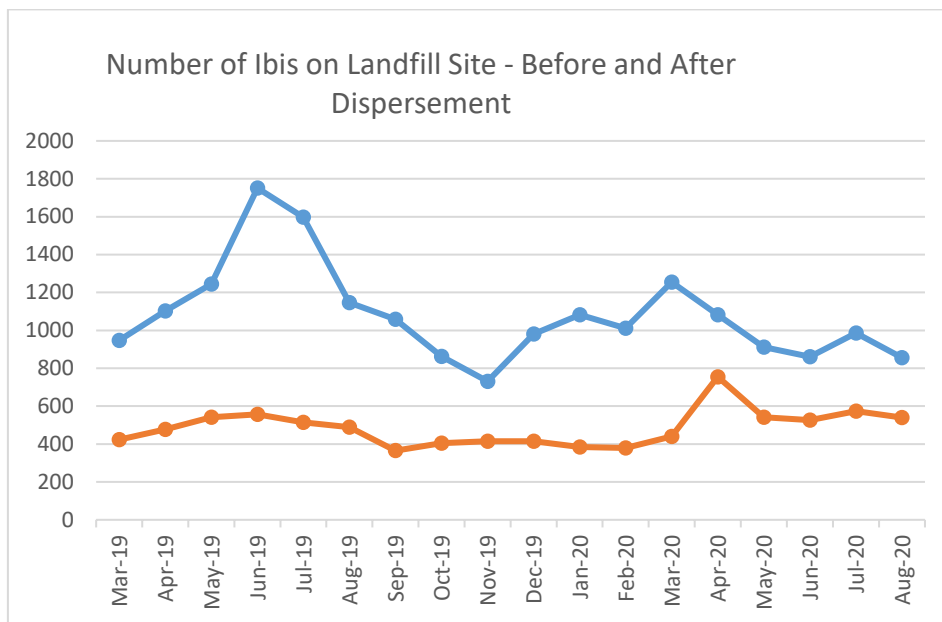
3.4 Ibis Update

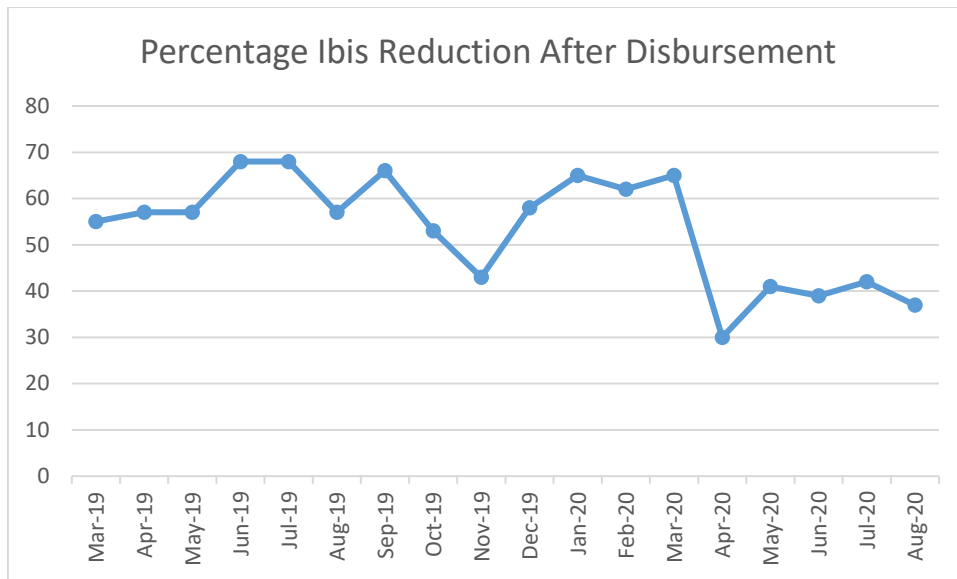
The most recent (August 2020) report from the wildlife management contractor stated that:

- Average initial ibis counts in August 2020 prior to harassment activities were 856 compared to 986 in July.
- Average final counts of ibis were 539 after harassment activities.
- On average, ibis numbers were reduced by 37% per day during the harassment period. This compares to the average reductions of the previous three months which were 42%, 39% and 41%.
- The main dispersal methods used included the whip.

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

	Number Ibis On Site Prior to Disbursement	Number Ibis On Site After Disbursement	Percentage Ibis Reduction After Disbursement
Mar-19	947	424	55
Apr-19	1103	477	57
May-19	1245	541	57
Jun-19	1751	557	68
Jul-19	1598	514	68
Aug-19	1146	489	57
Sep-19	1058	365	66
Oct-19	863	404	53
Nov-19	731	414	43
Dec-19	980	415	58
Jan-20	1083	385	65
Feb-20	1012	380	62
Mar-20	1255	440	65
Apr-20	1083	755	30
May-20	912	542	41
Jun-20	861	526	39
Jul-20	986	573	42
Aug-20	856	539	37





There were no ibis complaints received regarding ibis during the June to August 2020 period.

W Cox and J Ooms both reported no recent issues with ibis.

3.5 Fire Ant Update

No new fire ant nests were discovered at the site over the June to August 2020 period.

3.6 Invitations to Odour Complainants

It is Council's practice to invite any resident who makes a complaint about landfill odour to join the Community Consultative Group, and re-issue such invitations where a previous invitation has not been issued in the preceding six months.

Of the two complaints made during the June to August 2020 period:

- One invitation was issued
- One was from a resident who had been previously invited.

3.7 Site Visit for Community Representatives

At the previous meeting an action was placed on R Oakley to arrange a landfill construction visit for Community Representatives. B Lee reported that the visit was conducted on 6 July 2020. W Cox and J Ooms reported satisfaction with the inspection.

4.0 GENERAL BUSINESS

4.1 Meeting Times

W Cox advised that she and J Ooms had noted that the change of meeting times from Tuesdays at 1.00pm to Wednesdays at 6.00pm had not resulted in an increase in community representative attendance. (This change took effect in June 2019.) They jointly requested that consideration be given to changing meeting times back to Tuesdays at 1.00pm.

Action: B Lee to ensure that consideration is given to the suggestion to change meeting times back to 1.00pm on Tuesdays.

4.2 Greenwaste Bins

M Asnicar advised that, under a new waste collection contract commencing in July 2021, Council will be offering an optional greenwaste bin service. Promotion of the service has just commenced and will continue over coming months.

He advised it was not possible at this stage to predict what effect this might have on landfill operations. It was possible, for example, that a large take-up of greenwaste bins could reduce the number of greenwaste disposal visits to the site.

5.0 CLOSE AND NEXT MEETING

The meeting closed at 6.24pm. Invitations and agendas for the next meeting in December 2020 will be issued in due course.

ATTACHMENT 1

