

# Minutes

## Browns Plains Landfill Community Consultative Group Meeting of 28 September 2021

### ATTENDEES

B Lee (Health Environment & Waste Branch - HEW)  
J Ooms (Community Representative)  
W Cox (Community Representative)  
B Chambers (Community Representative)

### 1.0 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cr Heremaia, Cr Raven, M Asnicar (HEW), R Oakley and L Boyd

A Straub, D McRae, A Priday, S Baker, G Burns, J A Lee, L Miller, D Moore, P Cohen, G Williams, A & 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 29 June 2021) were an accurate record.

### 3.0 BUSINESS ARISING

#### 3.1 Landfill Odour

B Lee reported that there have been 22 confirmed complaints in the last 12 months to August 2021, compared to 47 for the previous 12-month period.

There were no odour complaints received during the three-month period of June to August 2021. This compared to two for the same three-month period the previous year.

B Lee also reported that that the first odour complaint to be received in over three months came in on 24 September 2021. W Cox advised she had noted odour on that day and again on the following Saturday. She had noted odour only very occasionally in the weeks prior to that.

B Chambers advised of sometimes noting odour near the southern landfill boundary when walking early in the morning.

Utilising the site plan in Attachment 1 to these minutes B Lee reminded attendees that tipping is currently mainly being conducted in cells 2B following the filling to ground level of cell 2E, of which only the northern half had been constructed. He advised that construction of southern half of cell 2E had recently commenced and was expected to be completed by the end of the year.

### 3.2 Environmental Performance

B Lee advised that the results of monitoring conducted at the Browns Plains Landfill in May 2021 were received in August 2021. The results did not indicate significant exceedances of any landfill licence conditions.

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

B Lee advised that there was no contact with DES in relation to environmental matters during the period.

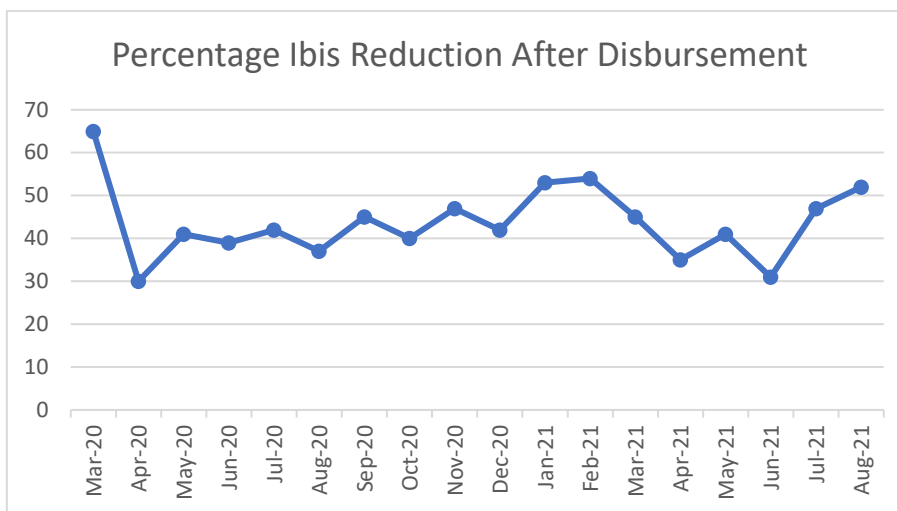
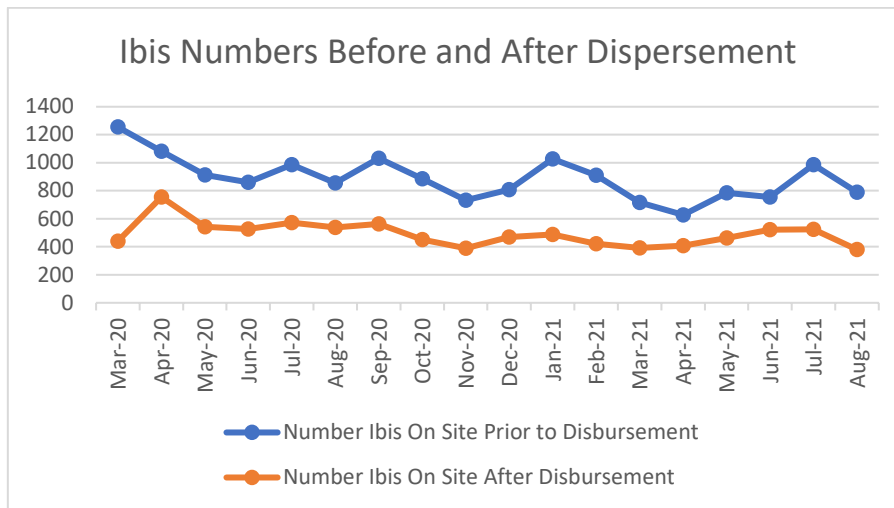
### 3.4 Ibis Update

The August 2021 report from the wildlife management contractor stated that:

- Average initial ibis counts prior to harassment activities were 790.
- Average final counts of ibis were 380 after harassment activities.
- On average, ibis numbers were reduced by 47% per day during the harassment period. This compares to the average reductions of the previous three months which were 47%, 31%, and 41%.

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

	Number of Ibis on Site Prior to Disbursement	Number of Ibis on Site After to Disbursement	Percentage Ibis Reduction After Disbursement
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
Sep-20	1033	564	45
Oct-20	885	451	40
Nov-20	732	389	47
Dec-20	808	469	42
Jan-21	1028	487	53
Feb-21	911	422	54
Mar-21	716	392	45
Apr-21	628	407	35
May-21	786	463	41
Jun-21	756	522	31
Jul-21	986	524	47
Aug-21	790	380	52



### 3.5 Fire Ant Update

There were no fire ant issues at the site during the June to August 2021 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.

No invitations were issued as no complaints were made during the June to August 2021 period.

## 4.0 GENERAL BUSINESS

### 4.1 Waste Collection Contract

B Lee advised the Group that, in relation to non-landfill issues, since 1 July 2021 the new waste collection contract being conducted by Cleanaway had been a focus of the Waste & Recycling Program.

## 5.0 ATTACHMENT 1

