

Minutes

Browns Plains Landfill Community Consultative Group Meeting of 31 October 2022

ATTENDEES

R Oakley(Health Environment & Waste Branch - HEW)
S Wylie (HEW)
W Cox (Community Representative)
J Ooms (Community Representative)

1.0 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cr Heremaia, Cr Raven, M Asnicar (HEW)

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, (Community Representatives) did not attend.

2.0 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

It was agreed that the distributed minutes of the previous meeting (on 27 April 2022) were an accurate record.

3.0 BUSINESS ARISING

3.1 Landfill Odour

There was one odour complaint. The details were as follows:

June 2022

03/06/22 – 7.57am

The complainant advised that it smelt like grass clippings. The customer was advised that the green waste disposed at the site is crushed for transportation and recycling and that the current green waste stockpile has been crushed and is in the process of being transported from site.

The customer was further informed that the rain event recently may have increased the odour potency being emitted for the crushed stockpile.

The complainant was satisfied with the response but wanted Council to explore the possibility of relocating the pad to minimise the smell or only servicing in the weekdays.

The Covella Estate in which the complainant resides is 50m from the facilities boundary and it is possible for odour nuisance to occur from the crushed green waste stockpiles.

3.2 Environmental Performance

S Wylie advised that the results of monitoring conducted at the Browns Plains Landfill were received in June 2022. The results did not indicate exceedances of any landfill licence conditions.

3.3 Department of Environment and Science (DES)

There was no contact relating to environmental matters.

3.4 Ibis Update

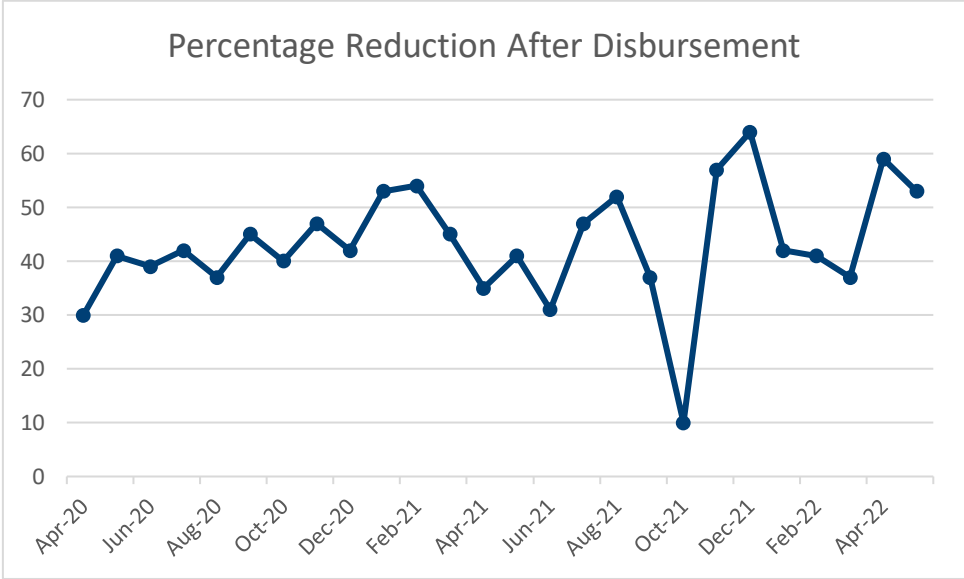
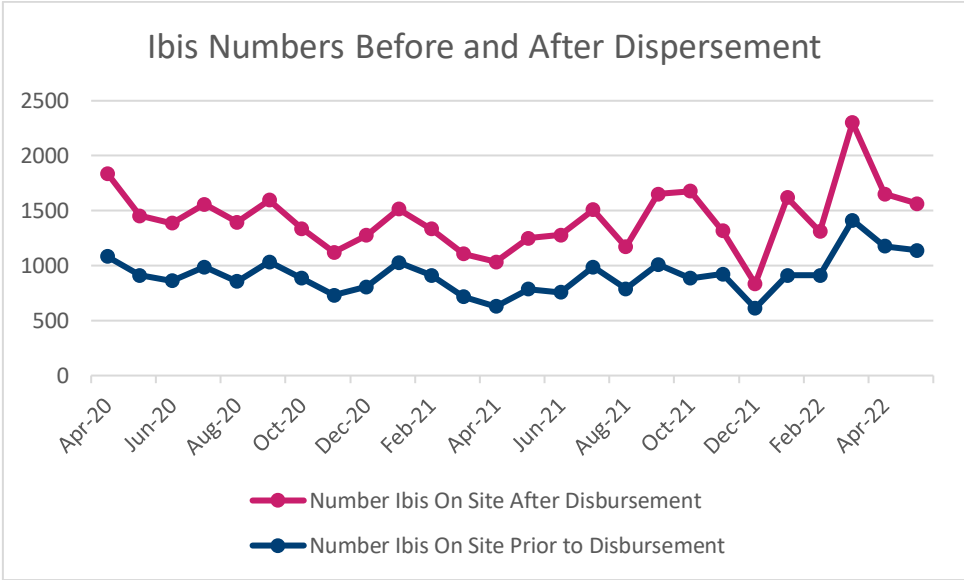
The May 22 report from the wildlife management contractor stated that:

- Average initial ibis counts prior to harassment activities were 1140.
- Average final counts of ibis were 425 after harassment activities.
- On average, ibis numbers were reduced by 53% per day during the harassment period. This compares unfavourably to the average reductions of the previous three months which were 41%, 37% and 59%.

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
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
Sep-21	1011	640	37
Oct-21	885	793	10
Nov-21	922	394	57
Dec-21	612	222	64
Jan-22	911	707	42
Feb-22	911	401	41

Mar-22	1414	887	37
Apr-22	1178	472	59
May-22	1140	425	53



There were no complaints received regarding ibis during the September to November 2021 period.

3.5 Fire Ant Update

There were no fire ant issues at the site during the May to July 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.

During the May to July 2022 period there was one complaint and:

- Complainant has been sent a committee invitation and has yet to reply.

4.0 GENERAL BUSINESS

4.1 Material Recovery Facility (MRF) update and new landfill cell update

R Oakley provided an update on the proposed MRF project progress as well as informed of the new landfill cell

5.0 CLOSE

5.1 Meeting closed at 1.34pm

3.1 Landfill Odour

S Wylie reported there were nine odour complaints received during the three-month period of December 2021 to February 2022. This compared to seven for the same three-month period the previous year.

December 2021

There were two odour complaints and details were as follows:

- 02/12/21 – 2.12pm –Thistle St Regents Park– HSE Officer went to address at and spoke to resident. Neither of us could detect an odour at that time.
Resident stated that it was from a couple of hours earlier but wind had changed direction since.
HSE Officer advised resident that given the amount of rain we have had lately and now the humidity, would have played a big part in the reported odour.
- 03/10/21 – 1.42pm - Bottle Brush Drive Regents Park – When report was received the I drove to the Complainant street to discuss the report and spoke to him about the following:
 - The Complainant mentioned that the odour was particularly bad yesterday afternoon and it was also present today to a lesser degree.
 - Whilst we stood in-front of his residence chatting some very faint odours could be detected when there was a wind gust.
 - I advised the Complainant that there it has been difficult to cover the exposed waste recently due to the inclement weather and whilst it's starting to dry out Council is committing resources to covering as much as possible.
 - The Complainant acknowledged that the weather conditions would make it difficult to undertake operations.
 - He was also advised that generally the tip face footprint is kept to a minimum to minimise the likelihood of odour nuisance.
 - His concerns about the increased frequency of odour impact was also discussed and I advised him that we are currently constructing a new landfill cell which should be completed in the coming months and would move the landfilling area further from surrounding neighbours. He was also informed that landfilling operations will also be completed at the elevated sections of the landfill, ideally when weather conditions are more preferable but operational needs may require landfilling at less favourable parts of the year.
 - The Complainant was very appreciative of someone coming out to meet him and discuss this further.
- Relevant Weather Data:
- 02/12/2021 -
- Temperature: 27.6oC
- Wind Speed: 13.7Km/Hr
- Peak Wind Gust: 20.1Km/Hr

- Wind Direction: Easterly
- Rain in Last 5 Days: 78.4mm
- 03/12/2021 -
- Temperature: 28.1oC
- Wind Speed: 15.5Km/Hr
- Peak Wind Gust: 21.3Km/Hr
- Wind Direction: Easterly
- Rain in Last 5 Days: 78.4mm

January 2022

There were three odour complaints and details were as follows:

- 17/01/22 – 5.01pm – Colombard place Heritage Park – No additional information
- 18/01/22 – 8.21am – MC took the following actions after receiving the call.
 - Call Browns Plains to ensure that the demisters were on which they weren't and they were turned on.
 - Rang the resident back to advise that the demisters were on. She was happy with the call back and that we were able to put the demisters on.
- 21/01/22 – 4.44pm – Oakdale St Browns Plains – No additional information.

February 2022

There two odour complaints received regarding the landfill during February 2021. Details of the February 2022 complaints were as follows:

- 14/02/22 – 8.48am – Not Supplied – No additional information
- 23/02/22 – 1.31pm – Ivor St Browns Plains – No additional information

Generally in relation to odour control the following steps continue to be taken on a routine basis to minimise the likelihood of odour nuisance:

- The active tip face footprint is actively being covered to minimise the area of waste exposed.
- Following recent rain events landfilling operations had to be relocated to Cell 2B. Operational efforts are being made to relocate to Cell 2E which will significantly increase the buffer distance until it is filled to the interim height.
- Malodours waste is handled appropriately through special burials, if possible.
- When cover material is removed to expose old waste for landfilling, it must be covered with fresh waste as soon as possible.

3.2 Environmental Performance

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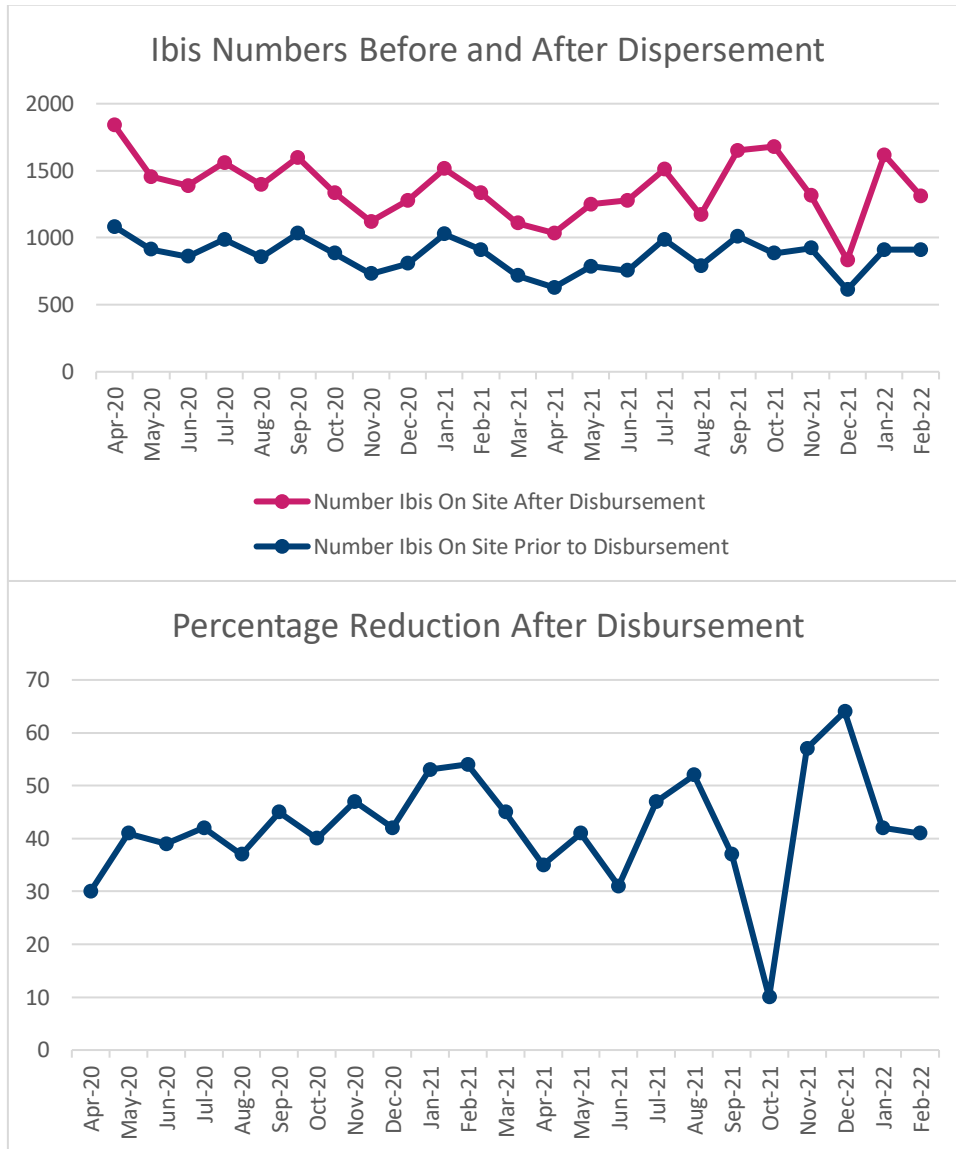
The February 2022 report from the wildlife management contractor stated that:

- Average initial ibis counts prior to harassment activities were 911.

- Average final counts of ibis were 401 after harassment activities.
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4.0 GENERAL BUSINESS

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The proposed Material Recovery Facility was discussed, with a press release being distributed by RO, outlining the intended construction of MRF in partnership with Ipswich City Council and Redland Bay Council. The proposed construction zone was also outlined by RO including a traffic increase calculation outlining a forecast additional 5 truck per hour to the existing traffic throughput.

Meeting end – 1.35pm