

Minutes

Browns Plains Landfill Community Consultative Group Meeting held 25 May 2026

ATTENDEES

R Dewan (Waste and Resource Recovery)
A Alexander (Waste and Resource Recovery)
A Priday (Community Representatives)

ITEM 1 – WELCOME & APOLOGIES

All attendees were formally welcomed to the meeting. Apologies were noted from L Banks (Community Representative) and M Asnicar (Waste and Resource Recovery).

ITEM 2 – CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

The minutes from the previous meeting held 23 February 2026 were affirmed as a true and accurate record.

ITEM 3 – BUSINESS ARISING

3.1 Material Recovery Facility (MRF) Project Update

- As of April 2026, construction of the MRF structure has been completed, and external pavement works are progressing. The facility is anticipated to become operational within the coming months.
- Further information and project updates are available on Council's website: [Greenovate Material Recovery Facility](#).
- A. Priday noted that his primary concern relates to potential traffic impacts once the facility becomes operational.

3.2 Odour Complaints

- R. Dewan reported there were 3 odour reports received during the period of February 2026 to April 2026 (inclusive). The details are outlined below.
- R. Dewan noted that the occurrences aligned with weather events, which impedes landfill covering activities, with subsequent warmer conditions following rainfall likely contributing to the odour concerns. Efforts are being made to remain as proactive as possible around such conditions.
- A. Priday noted occasional detection of odour; however, it dissipates shortly after.

Odour complaint summary: February to April 2026 (inclusive)

February 2026

There was no odour reports received.

Mach 2026

11 Mach 2026 – Halfmoon Street, Browns Plains

The reporter observed an odour overnight, but it was not noticed the following morning when they were speaking with a waste officer. The wind direction was observed to be originating from the Browns Plains Waste and Recycling Facility. The persistent rain events over the past week, coupled with high wind speeds and high temperatures, increased the likelihood of odour nuisance. With the improving weather conditions, the Landfill Operations Team was progressively reducing the exposed landfilling area to minimise the likelihood of further nuisance.

23 March 2026 – St James Circuit, Heritage Park

Following the review of data from the on-site weather station, the possibility of odour nuisance being caused by the Browns Plains WRF was supported. The Landfill Operations Team had made significant progress in reducing the footprint of the exposed landfilling area and it was expected to have a significant impact on reducing the likelihood of further odour issues. The increased landfilling footprint was a result of high-intensity rainfall that compromised access roads and the ability to safely and effectively cover the exposed waste.

April 2026

8 April 2026 – St James Circuit, Heritage Park

Following the review of data from the on-site weather station, the possibility of odour nuisance being caused by the Browns Plains WRF was supported. The active landfilling area was being covered to reduce the footprint of the exposed waste, and it was expected to have a positive impact on reducing the likelihood of further odour issues.

3.3 Environmental Performance

Environmental monitoring and sampling were conducted as per the requirements of the Landfill Environmental Monitoring Program (LEMP), which is a condition of the site Environmental Authority. Sampling included:

- Q4 2025 fieldwork for environmental monitoring was completed late in October 2025. All locations were successfully sampled at the Browns Plains Waste and Recycling Facility. Full analysis results and monitoring reports were received and were consistent with previous monitoring events.
- Q1 2026 fieldwork for environmental monitoring was completed late in February 2026. All available locations were successfully sampled at the Browns Plains Waste and Recycling Facility. The monitoring reports will be available to Council once the laboratory and data are completed.

3.4 Department of Environment, Tourism, Science and Innovation (DETSI)

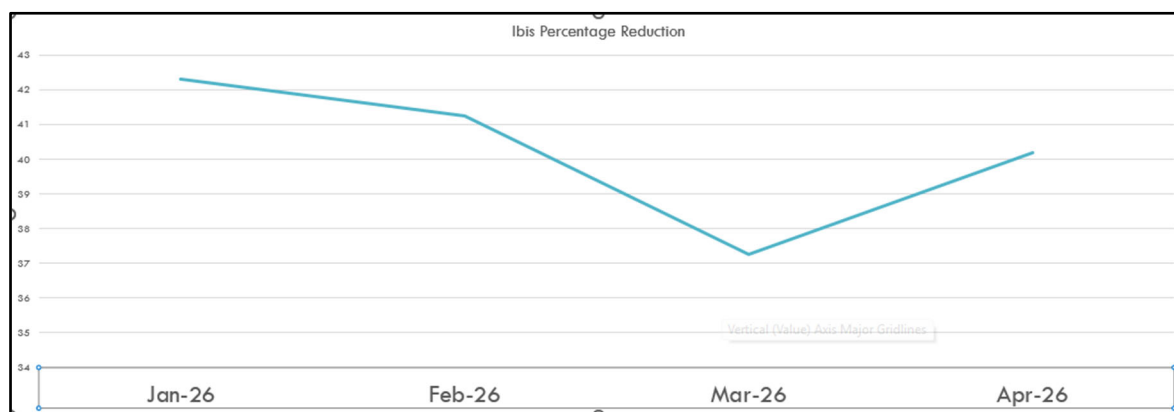
The Regulator (DETSI) has been provided with the regular monthly data files relating to deposits of waste at the Browns Plains landfill to ensure compliance with the payment of the Qld Waste Levy. Drone surveying will be undertaken in June 2026. This end-of-year survey provides a volumetric survey that is used to determine the changes that have occurred at the site in the past year, which must correlate with the weighbridge data and records of waste deposits and Resource Recovery Area movements. The data from the volumetric survey will be submitted to DETSI when available.

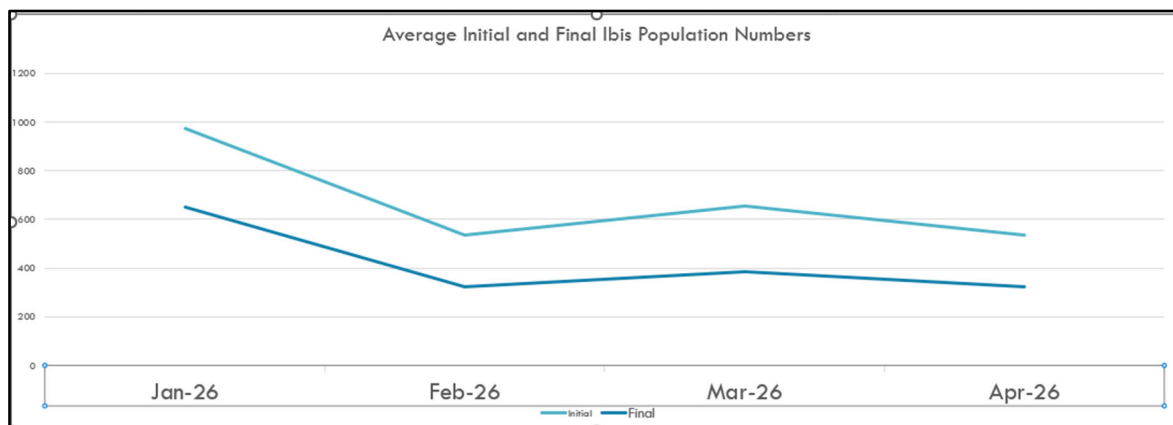
As part of a routine audit by the Regulator to evaluate compliance with the Waste Levy requirements, an aerial survey and site inspection were completed in late March 2026.

3.5 Ibis Update

There were no complaints received regarding ibis from January 2026 to April 2026 (inclusive).

- The average initial ibis counts prior to dispersal activities in April 2026 were 807 ibis.
- The average reduction across 10 days in April 2026 was 210 ibis.
- Initial ibis numbers observed at Browns Plains Landfill in April 2026 were 272 lower than in April 2025.
- Harassment events resulted in the dispersal of approximately 39% of ibis from the site.
- Zero nesting activity was observed on-site during January, February and March.
- Only approximately 52.3% of the ibis remaining on-site following dispersal activities were actively feeding on the tip face.





3.6 Fire Ant Update

The Branch has continued to actively inspect, report and treat any instances of suspected fire ants for action. Suspected fire ant nests were identified in areas of the Logan Recycling Market (LRM) and the Administration Office. These suspected sites were treated on the same day.

3.7 Invitations to Odour Complainants

Council continues to send invitations by post and email to residents who have reported odour issues, encouraging them to join the meetings.

ITEM 4 – GENERAL BUSINESS

There was no general business raised.

Next Meeting – To be scheduled in September 2026