



Minutes

Browns Plains Landfill Community Consultative Group Meeting held 17 August 2026

ATTENDEES

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

ITEM 1 – WELCOME & APOLOGIES

All attendees were welcomed to the meeting. An apology was noted from M. Asnicar (Waste and Resource Recovery).

ITEM 2 – CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

The minutes from the previous meeting held 25 May 2026 were affirmed as a true and accurate record.

ITEM 3 – BUSINESS ARISING

3.1 Material Recovery Facility (MRF) Project Update

- The Material Recovery Facility (MRF) is now operational. Recycling collected from Logan City Council residents' yellow-top recycling bins is being processed at the facility. Ipswich City Council is also utilising the MRF; however, rather than transporting material via collection vehicles, recyclables are consolidated into larger transfer vehicles, resulting in lower traffic movements. Redland City Council is currently finalising arrangements and is expected to commence using the facility from November 2026.
- Funding for the MRF was provided through a partnership between Logan City Council, Ipswich City Council, Redland City Council, and the State and Federal Governments.
- L. Banks and A. Priday noted that they were unable to hear noise from the Material Recovery Facility (MRF) from their properties. R. Dewan advised that the facility is enclosed and that noise is generally not audible from outside the site.
- L. Banks enquired about staffing at the facility. It was noted that, while the facility is highly automated and primarily relies on mechanical sorting processes, there remains a human element involved in its operation.
- L. Banks enquired about what happens to recyclables after they are sorted. It was noted that the MRF uses state-of-the-art technology to sort recyclable materials collected from residents' yellow-top recycling bins. The materials are then baled and sold to industry for use in the manufacture of new products.

3.2 Odour Complaints

R. Dewan reported that two odour complaints were received during the period from May 2026 to July 2026 (inclusive).

May 2026

17 & 18 May 2026 – St James Circuit, Heritage Park

Following receipt of the complaints, a Council officer inspected the landfill operations and visited the residence from which the odour had been reported. Despite similar atmospheric conditions being present at the time of inspection, no odour was detected.

The wind direction was observed to be originating from the Browns Plains Waste and Recycling Facility, indicating the potential for odour migration from the site. Due to prolonged and, at times, intense rainfall experienced during the preceding week, operational access to certain areas of the landfill had been compromised. The Landfill Operations Team subsequently restored the access road and disposal pad, enabling cover material to be safely applied and reducing the likelihood of odour emissions from the site.

June 2026

No odour complaints were received during the month.

July 2026

No odour complaints were received during the month.

L. Banks and A. Priday advised that they had occasionally detected odours they believed originated from the landfill. However, the odours were brief, generally limited to a slight waft, and did not persist long enough to warrant formal reporting.

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:

- Q1 2026 fieldwork for environmental monitoring was completed in late February 2026. All 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. Full analysis results and monitoring reports were received and were consistent with previous monitoring events.
- Q1 2026 fieldwork for environmental monitoring was completed in late April 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. Full analysis results and monitoring reports were received and were consistent with previous monitoring events.

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 was 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 has been submitted to DETSI.

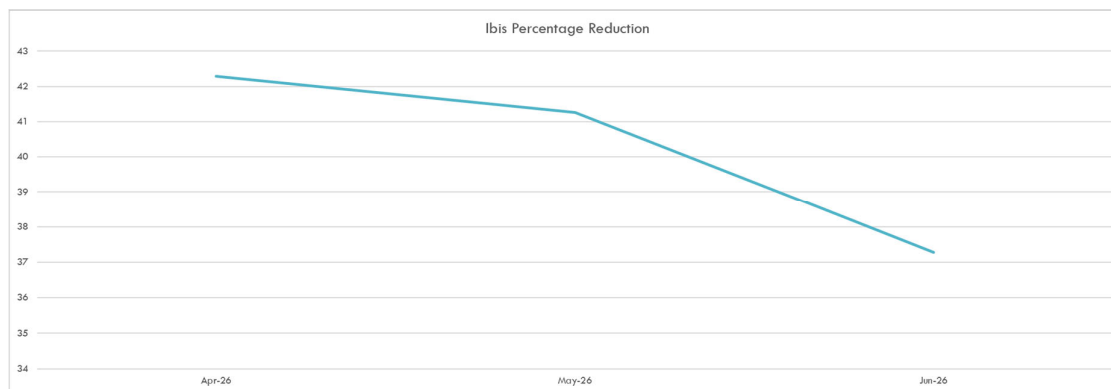
As part of a routine audit by DETSI to evaluate compliance with the Waste Levy requirements, an aerial survey and site inspection were completed in late March and June 2026. This audit has now concluded.

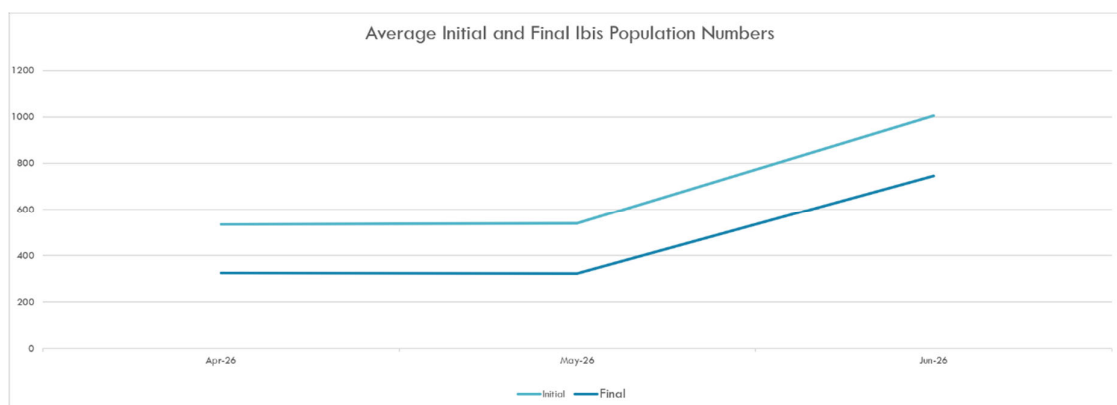
3.5 Ibis Update

No ibis-related complaints were received during the period from April 2026 to June 2026 (inclusive).

- The average initial ibis count prior to dispersal activities in June 2026 was 782 ibis.
- The average reduction in ibis numbers over the seven days following dispersal activities in June 2026 was 183 ibis.
- Initial ibis numbers observed at the Browns Plains Landfill in June 2026 were 281 lower than those recorded in June 2025.
- No nesting activity was observed on-site between April and June 2026.
- Following dispersal activities, only 38% of the remaining ibis on-site were actively feeding on the tip face.

L. Banks noted observing ibis at Charlton Park on Waller Road, Regents Park, on recent occasions.





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 November 2026