

NEW CHUM COMMUNITY REFERENCE GROUP

Meeting minutes – November 8 2023

Meeting details:

Meeting:	New Chum Community Reference Group
Date:	November 8, 2023
Location:	New Chum Boardroom, Cleanaway, 100 Chum Street New Chum
Start time:	5pm

Agenda items:

Item	Discussion led by
1. Welcome and introduction	Chair
2. Attendance and apologies	Chair
3. Confirmation of previous meetings	Chair
4. Action items from previous meetings	Chair
5. Correspondence	Chair
6. Site update – remediation, environmental actions, other items	Cleanaway
7. General business	All
8. Next meeting	Chair
9. Meeting close	Chair

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Minutes:

1. Welcome and introduction

The Chair welcomed all attendees and declared the meeting open at 5:06pm.

2. Attendance and apologies

The Chair acknowledged the attendance of:

- **Wendy Davidson** (community member)
- *Yvette Phillips (community member) - apologies*
- *Walter Wood (community member) - apologies*
- **Ian Dalzell** (community member)
- *Bryan Carmont (community member) - apologies*
- *Vicki Carmont (community member) - apologies*
- **David Trezise** (community member)
- *Mark Delitt (community member) - apologies*
- *Paul Hurley (community member) - apologies*
- **Aaron Carter** (General Manager of Solid Waste Services Queensland, Cleanaway)
- **Michael Azevedo** (Regional Manager, Cleanaway)
- *Phil Lutton (acting as CRG chair on behalf of Cleanaway) - apologies*
- **Andrew Musgrave** (acting as CRG chair and secretary on behalf of Cleanaway)

The Chair noted the attendance as an observer of:

- *Brett Davey (Ipswich City Council Manager City Design) - apologies*

The chair noted the CRG did not hear back from:

- *Cr Andrew Fechner (Ipswich City Councillor) - apologies*

The Chair also noted that up to 10 members of the community can be part of the committee and encouraged those present to pass on the details of any interested parties to Three Plus or Cleanaway.

3. Confirmation of previous meetings

The Chair confirmed the circulation of the minutes of the previous meeting held on Wednesday, October 4, 2023, at 5pm. The Chair provided an opportunity for committee members to comment on the minutes of the previous meeting.

The minutes were then adopted as a true record of the October meeting.

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4. Action items from previous meetings

There were no actionable items from the October meeting, with all queries resolved to the CRG's satisfaction during the gathering.

- **Question on Notice:** David had spoken to Geoff Yarham, who has requested the Annual Return for 2022. David said it's either "a Right to Information or Cleanaway can send us a copy".

This QoN was marked as "In Progress" with Cleanaway committing to updating CRG at the December meeting.

- Ian spoke to the group about the access road being used by Jackal Renewables being shut-off. Michael commented the road was under application and it will be closed. Cleanaway has committed to have the road closed after undertaking the appropriate level of due diligence or until they hear otherwise from the authorities. Aaron confirmed Cleanaway has no commercial relationship with Jackal, and appropriate action would be forthcoming when all details are known.

This QoN was marked as "In Progress", with Cleanaway (Michael) committed to providing the CRG an update on this topic at the December meeting.

5. Correspondence

The Chair asked if any correspondence had been sent or received in relation to the CRG or relevant to operation of the New Chum Landfill site of which the CRG should be aware.

- David and Ian noted they had received their invitations to the New Chum Community Benefits Fund celebration, and both had sent in RSVPs

6. Site update - remediation and environmental actions

Michael Azevedo provided an update on remediation and environmental actions at New Chum:

- Interim capping works are continuing onsite.
- Basin one is offline for maintenance ahead of the wet season
- Landfill gas works are ongoing
- Permanent flare EA application will soon be submitted to DES – application still being formulated
- DA amendment is done and back from Ipswich City Council (ICC)
- Cell 3B application remains with ICC – no update
- There have been two pre-wet season inspections from DES around stormwater management capabilities
 - i. One for main New Chum site as a whole
 - ii. One for Clay Pave Hill

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iii. It was noted “DES were very happy with what they saw” at both inspections

- EPO has been extended by 12 months to allow for completion of all water infrastructure works (delayed due to no approval from ICC).
- The onsite leachate treatment plant still being commissioned.
- An irrigation pump has been moved to Perch Pond.
- Perch Pond is largely empty before the wet season.
- EA amendment went through which will address the discharge criteria from site, giving Cleanaway more structure for looking at a Water Treatment Plant.
- Aaron said Cleanaway’s Board of Directors visited New Chum site before the AGM, they were shown the substantial progress has been made on site and they were content with operations.
- Wendy asked if the Board were invited to site – Aaron clarified that the Board chose to attend the site and that there is a strong focus on the remediation of the New Chum site.
- Wendy asked if they normally do two pre-wet season inspections – Michael clarified that Clay Pave and New Chum are considered two sites by DES, hence two inspections.

7. General business

- **Question on Notice:** David had spoken to Geoff Yarham, who has requested the Annual Return for 2022. David said it’s either “a Right to Information or Cleanaway can send us a copy”.

Cleanaway has confirmed they will not be providing this information. Geoff can follow alternative means to access this information if he so wishes.

- **Discussion – third party review of submitted technical information in relation to landfill cell design, Cell 3B East:** David queried Cleanaway about their first thoughts after seeing the report.

Aaron confirmed that Cleanaway will be submitting a response to that report to the ICC next week. He also commented Cleanaway have been working with engineering experts on the design and Cleanaway believes it is a highly compliant proposal from a technical perspective.

Aaron closed by commenting Cleanaway’s objective is to rebuild and complete Cell 3B, in the most compliant manner possible, and then complete final capping and rehabilitation of site. Cleanaway has met with ICC to outline the key points of what will be in their response.

- **Question on Notice:** David asked if it will be possible to get a copy of the Cleanaway response to the Gilbert + Sutherland consulting report.

Cleanaway has confirmed the information contained in their Gilbert + Sutherland consulting report response sent to ICC is commercial in confidence at this time, so it cannot be shared with the group.

Cleanaway expects that it will be made public by ICC in the future.

- David mentioning the latest community meeting held by Willowbank Area Group (WAG) was attended by “so many politicians, it was embarrassing”. He commented as

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jurisdiction overlaps, they have been sharing information and resources. David mentioned that Veolia is donating to back to the community per tonne to a similar community fund.

- David asked about the date of Cleanaway's next appearance in the Magistrate's Court. The Chair and Michael committed to finding that date and communicating it appropriately.
 - **It has since been confirmed as February 28, 2024.**
- Andrew spoke about CRG celebration regarding the Community Benefits Fund – encouraged everyone to attend, confirming no local, state or federal government representatives are able to attend.

8. Next meeting

The Chair suggested the next meeting be held on **Wednesday December 6 at 5pm**, and that date be confirmed with the CRG in the preceding weeks.

9. Meeting close

The Chair declared the meeting **closed at 5:41pm**.

-ENDS-