

NEW CHUM COMMUNITY REFERENCE GROUP

Meeting minutes – October 4, 2023

Meeting details:

Meeting:	New Chum Community Reference Group
Date:	October 4, 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) - apologies*
- *Yvette Phillips (community member) - apologies*
- **Walter Wood** (community member)
- *Ian Dalzell (community member) - apologies*
- *Bryan Carmont (community member) - apologies*
- *Vicki Carmont (community member) - apologies*
- **David Trezise** (community member)
- *Mark Delitt (community member) - apologies*
- **Paul Hurley** (community member)
- *Aaron Carter (General Manager of Solid Waste Services Queensland, Cleanaway) - apologies*
- **Michael Azevedo** (Regional Manager, Cleanaway)
- **Phil Lutton** (acting as CRG chair on behalf of Cleanaway)
- **Andrew Musgrave** (acting as CRG secretary on behalf of Cleanaway)

The Chair noted the attendance as an observer of:

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

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, September 6, 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 September meeting.

4. Action items from previous meetings

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

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 Trezise mentioned he had sent the Gilbert + Sutherland consulting report regarding Cell 3B to Phil – it had been uploaded to ICC website the day of the meeting. David noted he was keen to discuss the report at the next meeting and encouraged its circulation to CRG members prior to the October meeting.

6. Site update - remediation and environmental actions

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

- The Department of Environment and Science (DES) has recently given permission for capping activities to recommence, using a claypave product to undertake the interim capping operations.
- David Trezise asked about the elements involved in the capping process and a short discussion ensued about the processes in place.
- Cleanaway have applied to DES to extend their stormwater works in preparation for the summer and wet season. These are on top of the extensive works already having been completed on site since the 2022 floods.
- All pre-wet season checks have been completed; DES was scheduled to come to the site in the week beginning October 2 to undertake their pre-wet season checks.
- Michael noted that Cleanaway had started preparing the irrigation system repositioning to its long-term position from Basin 1 to Perched Pond.
- The collection of landfill gas is continuing. Also noted was the application to Ipswich City Council and amendment to the EA regarding gas infrastructure.
- Work and preparations on Cell 3B are continuing and Cleanaway continues to work with Ipswich City Council throughout the approval process.
- The leachate treatment plant is not operational at present. There have been persistent technical issues, for example, the separation of solids remains an issue needing to be rectified. It may be running by next CRG in November (leased for 30 Megalitre treatment volume) and Michael will provide an update at that point in time.
- Fire preparedness is underway, and Cleanaway understands the forecast for a dry summer. The site has two large 30kl dust suppression trucks that are also equipment with firefighting cannons, which have already proven to be effective in dousing small fires and flare-ups. Landfill gas flares were discussed; Cleanaway are still waiting on a second permanent flare to be delivered, installed, and commissioned, with the temporary flares to then be decommissioned. The permanent flare will not give off a large colourful flame given the combustion chamber is much lower in the stack.

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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".
- There was general conversation about Geoff's health and the CRG wished him well in that regard.
- Michael commented on an email enquiry from Geoff regarding the use of a road owned by Cleanaway. Geoff contended that Jackal Renewables was using that road to access their business at an adjacent site. Michael said Cleanaway were currently determining the status of the roadway. Brett from ICC said the road was never properly constructed and was originally earmarked as a mine access road. Michael confirmed there was no commercial agreement between Cleanaway and Jackal Renewables and committed to trying to provide a resolution in time for the next CRG in November. Brett advised Michael to check for easements and if Cleanaway gave access as part of Jackal's original Development Application.
- 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.

8. Next meeting

The Chair suggested the next meeting be held on Wednesday, November 8 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.

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