

New Chum Community Reference Group Minutes

Date: 03/09/2018 **Time:** 6:00pm – 8:00pm

Venue: 100 Chum Street, New Chum

Host: Cleanaway

Attendees: Bernard Houston – Chair, New Chum CRG
Brett Davey – Development Planning Manager, Ipswich City Council
Dave Darvall – Manager Strategic Compliance, DES
Doug Hughes – Regional Manager, Cleanaway
Duchense Broad – Community Member
Geoff Yarham – Secretary, IRATE
Greg Broad – Community Member
Jim Dodrill – President, IRATE
Meg Saunderson - Principal, Riverview State School
Neil Perry – General Manager Major Projects and Development

Apologies: Nil

Actions:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The June meeting minutes will be amended to reflect that the meeting was closed following a long conversation.	Actioned
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The CRG approved the February Minutes for release	Actioned
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• That the minutes of this CRG meeting will note the changes to the current DA for the New Chum Redesign and Rehabilitation Project.	Actioned
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cleanaway will give regular updates to the CRG on its discussions with ICC on the current DA for the Redesign and Rehabilitation Project.	Pending

Time	Agenda Item	Actions
15 mins	<p>Welcome and Apologies</p> <p>Mr Perry gave an acknowledgement of Country.</p> <p>The Chair introduced representatives from DES to the CRG</p>	NA
10 mins	<p>Review of Minutes</p> <p>IRATE tabled these comments on the previous minutes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All previous minutes have listed Void 10 as included in Cleanaway's DA for the New Chum Redesign and Rehabilitation Project. IRATE said that Void 10 is not listed in the latest version of the DA (available online). IRATE said that the June meeting was summarily closed by Cleanaway. <p>Response</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Other CRG members felt the meeting was closed after a long conversation. 	<p>The June meeting minutes will be amended to reflect this close.</p> <p>The CRG approved the February Minutes for release.</p>
15 mins	<p>Update on New Chum Development Application</p> <p>Luis Rodriguez (Cleanaway) was invited into the room to provide an update on Redesign and Rehabilitation Project.</p> <p>Cleanaway has:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Submitted an application to amend final land form Received information requests from Ipswich City Council (ICC) and State Planning Received 25 question from the State Government (each question containing 4 to 5 sub-questions) Received 19 questions from ICC (again each question containing several sub-questions) <p>Cleanaway feels that this evidences a detailed review and assessment by the regulatory bodies of Cleanaway's application. This application includes reports covering hydrology, ecology, dust and storm water.</p> <p>Cleanaway is currently developing responses to these questions.</p> <p>Cleanaway has engaged appropriate specialist consultants to aid their response to the State and Council.</p> <p>Comment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A CRG member said this was evidence of community concern and interest in this decision. <p>Question</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Why does New Chum DA not include void 10? <p>Response</p>	<p>The minutes of this CRG meeting will note the changes to the current DA for the Redesign and Rehabilitation Project.</p> <p>Cleanaway will give regular updates to the CRG on its discussions with ICC on the current DA for the Redesign and Rehabilitation Project.</p>

- ICC have indicated:
 - They have an interest in Void 10
 - This void is encompassed by ICC's plan for a green corridor through that area
 - ICC would like to inform future options for Void 10 and so Cleanaway has discontinued references to Void 10 in this application

Discussion

- The CRG discussed whether it should amend the April minutes to reflect this change in status for Void 10.

Conclusions

- No amendments to the April Minutes are required
- Void 10 was included in the Redesign and Rehabilitation Project at that time.
- Since that time ICC has requested that Cleanaway discontinue references to Void 10 as part of their application.
- Cleanaway has complied with this requested.
- This change is noted in these minutes.

Statement

- A CRG member said they always felt that Cleanaway's proposal to include Void 10 in the Redesign and Rehabilitation Project was not a decision and subject to change.

Statement from IRATE

- All public consultation documentation should be removed from application for the Redesign and Rehabilitation Project because the application that was submitted does not cover all the activities that the community was consulted on. (The current application does not refer to works for Void 10).

Response

- It is not unusual for an initial concept (as presented in Cleanaway's current application) to change in response to feedback from community and from key stakeholders (such as ICC).

Question

- Is Void 10 remediation work dependent on income derived from additional landfill height?

Response:

- It is Cleanaway's intention is to do work on Void 10. Cleanaway is seeking ICC's advice on how best to link the Southern and Northern green corridors. Whether that this work includes Void 10 or whether it just includes the surrounding green space is yet to be clarified.
- However, if Cleanaway does not receive permission for an amended land form it will be difficult to fund rehabilitation works beyond those mandated by law.

Statement from IRATE

- Cleanaway should absorb additional remediation costs from its profits.

Response

- Cleanaway intends to do remediation work on Void 10 if the DA is approved. There are other mechanisms such as infrastructure agreements and other legal documents that can bind Cleanaway to rehabilitation actions in Void 10. It is Cleanaway's expectation that there will be an agreement with ICC that will tie them to rehabilitating Void 10 dependent on the final land form.

A CRG member read a statement from the "frequently asked questions" that accompanied the Redesign and Rehabilitation Project. This statement describes how Cleanaway mitigates dust at New Chum.

Question

- Does Cleanaway wet the product as it hits the ground?

Response

- Cleanaway showed picture of a water cannon wetting waste.

Round-up

- Cleanaway is having a conversation with ICC on how to rehabilitate and landscape New Chum. Landscaping is part of this rehabilitation discussion. If Cleanaway's current DA is approved by ICC then Cleanaway must do this work.

Question

- Will Cleanaway allow public access to the closed landfill site within thirty years after landscaping has been completed?

Response

- This depends on the final use, but there are examples such as public motor-cross and walking tracks at Lucas Heights.

Question

- How is the current temporary land-use planning instrument being addressed through this DA?

Response

- There is an ongoing dialogue between Council, State, and Cleanaway on this and ICC has raised this in its information request to Cleanaway.

Statement IRATE

- Cleanaway did not address the TLPI in their DA application.

CWY reply – the requirements of the TLPI are being fully addressed in the information request responses to the State Government and Council.

15 mins

Operations Report**Question on notice**

Notification of change to presentation of Operations Report

- Proposed that future Operations Reports will be distributed to the CRG in advance of the meeting.

What size is the water pipe supply the high capacity dust mitigation device currently being trialed at New Chum?

Community Benefit Fund

- FY 18 funding has been allocated.
- FY 17 Westfalen is still outstanding

Safety & Environmental Update

- A battery and solar panel were stolen from an air quality sampling device.
- A dust funnel was also physically removed and taken.
- These thefts have compromised monitoring for the area covered by that sampling device

Comment

- Other CRG members reported thefts from their property.

Other Reports

- Cleanaway reported a boundary fire on a neighbouring property.
 - The fire department contained this fire.
- Cleanaway has detected a couple of fire ant nests on site. They have notified the relevant State departments.
- Police entered New Chum looking for a missing elderly person. This person was located in another location.

Employment

- Cleanaway is currently seeking three operator positions.

Question

- How many staff does Cleanaway have on site?

Reply

- 22.

Development updates

- ICC approved Cleanaway's application for Cell 2B.
- Cleanaway is currently working with Department of Environment on their operational license for that cell.
- A DA for Cell 3A will be lodged in the next few weeks.
- Cleanaway is also seeking to relocate New Chum's leachate and sediments basins currently located in 3B.

Question

- Does 3A application conform to the Golders landform?

Reply

- Yes, Council approves the final land form.

- Locations for the leachate and sediment basins are nominated in current masterplan application (for the Redesign and Rehabilitation Project).

Question

- If Cleanaway receives approval for the flagged work in cells 3A and 3B and if Cleanaway's application for further height is refused, where will the leachate ponds go?

Reply

- Most likely in the same place. These (the leachate ponds) still require a separate application.

Question

- What is the intake for the current sediment basin?

Reply

- The storm water comes from the majority of site.

Question

- Will that be the final move of sediment ponds?

Reply

- Yes

Question

- Is the water in the sediment ponds considered leachate?

Reply

- No - it is storm water. The water in the sediment ponds comes off the top of the day cover.
- Any water that comes in contact with waste will percolate through the waste and go into the leakage pump areas. It is then pumped to the leachate ponds

Question

- Will land form cope with an extreme event?

Reply

- Yes, while an extreme event is likely to create more leachate this will be captured in the sumps and leachate ponds.

Concrete crushing

- 139 000 tonnes of concrete have been crushed. This is being stored on site and being used as part of site construction.
- Crushing is being done by a contractor.

Soil continues to be brought across from Clay Pave

Equipment

- Dozer on site for concrete sorting. This will be on site for at least another month
- An additional compactor has been procured bringing the total number of compactors on site to four.

- Cleanaway is trialing a high capacity dust mitigation device. This is an articulated spray stream unit. This combines water cannons with an articulated fan.

Question

- What size pipe connects the water to the fan?

Reply

- This question will be taken on notice.

Question

- What is the water source for the fan?

Reply

- The sedimentation ponds.

Question

- Is water imported on site?

Reply

- Potable water is imported for the toilets and for consumption.

Comment from DES

- It is important to ensure that people know source of water used in the dust suppression fans.

Question

- Is Cleanaway required to sample water used on site?

Reply

- Yes, these results are reported quarterly online as part of the site's environmental report.

Inspections

- ICC conducted an inspection in July.
- Department of Resources and Mines conducted an inspection in July.
- Department of Environment and Science (DES) conducted an inspection in July.
- New Chum has been visited by DES's odour unit in July.
- There have not been issues any non-conformances

Complaints

- Cleanaway has received three complaints, one in July and two in July about dust and silt on Chum Street.
- Cleanaway received four dust complaints in August.
- These complaints are from one complainant.
- Cleanaway has also received a request for information from ICC about dust and silt. Cleanaway has responded to this request.

30 mins

Terms of Reference

NA

What has this CRG achieved?

The CRG has provided a vehicle for community input on what is happening on site and has been a forum for airing community concerns.

The CRG has also enabled Cleanaway to communicate with the community about its site operations including cell construction, compliance programs, education programs and operational activities.

Question

- Are there specific instances where the CRG has achieved change?

Reply

- Yes, there seems to be higher level of control on site than before.

The CRG has provided an opportunity for:

- Members to learn and to share that knowledge with other people in the community.
- Increased member's awareness of the various compliance measures that the site must adhere to.
- This information could be distributed through Cleanaway's website and social media channels.

IRATE has observed that members of the Riverview community are curious to know more about what happens at New Chum.

Local schools have actively promoted the various safety messages distributed by Cleanaway.

The CRG gives members an opportunity to form their own 'balanced' view of what is happening on site at New Chum.

A CRG member said they found the recent consultation activities in the shopping centres valuable. The member said they sent Riverview residents to these consultation sessions to learn more about the site and its operations. The member recommends that Cleanaway makes themselves more visible in the community.

Question

- What could be improved

Reply

- Several CRG members said that discussions often become circular and revisit old ground. They indicated they would like to see a time limit applied to these discussions.

Cleanaway feel that people get a better understanding of the facility when they visit it. Cleanaway is keen to attract more people to their open days.

How has this CRG evolved?

This CRG was the outcome of meetings between Cleanaway and ICC. Cleanaway was investigating changes to the facility at that time. These changes included processing putrescible waste at New Chum. ICC advised Cleanaway they needed to better connect with the community. Ultimately, the decision was made to not proceed with a DA to dispose of this type of waste at New Chum.

IRATE said they have seen changes in the CRG. They said that when the CRG first started it did include a representative from the Council planning area. IRATE said they will be having a discussion with Administrator's team about ICC's continuing involvement in the CRG.

CRG members said that compliance is relevant as a discussion topic.

What is this CRG's ongoing/ future role?

CRG members asked if other public members could come to meetings. They believe that more people should come and listen to what is said.

CRG members said that there were other community groups that could have an interest in this site.

CRG members felt that it was this group's role to:

- Ask robust questions about the sites management
- Build a friendly relationship between Cleanaway and the community.

The CRG also said that:

- The landscape has changed since the CRG was formed
- There is a much larger audience than before
- That this group could benefit from a wider range of views, skills and knowledge

Cleanaway said that the CRG gives them an opportunity to table operational information. They went on to say that there could be two forums, a regulatory forum and a community forum.

The CRG discussed various ways that the community could participate in these meetings. The consensus was that this group should have

greater diversity and that it should be easier for interested members of the community to attend meetings.

5 mins

Questions / Other Business

Why does the New Chum DA not include Void 10 rehabilitation?

- This was previously addressed

IRATE requests an update on dust issues/ complaints

- DES has established an odour abatement taskforce. This taskforce is looking at environmental issues in the Swanbank area. As of close of business (today) the department has received 338 reports from the community. 16 of those were about dust. Some of those reports are about Cleanaway and some are not.

Statement from IRATE

- IRATE said that in 2017 38% of dust monitoring exceeded permitted limits. IRATE said that the dust monitoring equipment is not being used effectively. IRATE said water trucks are not being used properly. IRATE said that dust monitoring should also measure the size of dust particles.

Question from IRATE

- When will Cleanaway comply with its current environmental agreement (EA)?

Response

- Cleanaway currently complies with its EA.

IRATE requested a written statement indicating how Cleanaway complies with their EA.

Response from DES

- Cleanaway is required to provide an annual report stating how they have complied with their EA.

IRATE reports a recent newspaper article on mud tracking from New Chum

- The CRG requested this item be held over to the next CRG meeting.

The meeting was closed at 8pm at the request of the CRG.

5 mins

Next meeting

All