

SLCRG Meeting - Monday 12 July 2021

Venue: Stawell Media Centre - 12 Main Street, Stawell

Item	Description	Action
	<p>Attendees: Richard Baum - Ashton Forsyth Consultants (Facilitator) Roz Byass – Community Gilda McKechnie – Community Rhonda Clark, Regional Manager – Cleanaway Matthew Smith, Operations Supervisor – Cleanaway Olga Ghiri, Stakeholder & Community Engagement Manager – Cleanaway Melissa Gunn, Strategic Waste Officer – NGSC Stacey Bloomfield, Snr Engagement Advisor – EPA (via phone link)</p> <p>Apology: Lachlan McIntyre, Project Platypus – Community</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lachlan provided feedback on topics to be carried over to the next meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Increased airborne rubbish littering the surrounding private and public land – request for repair and extension of old fence ➢ Excess noise and dust impacting the surrounding environment (outside declared operation hours) ➢ Advocacy for local landholders and Landcare network ➢ Attempted to guide rehab projects (endemic species for rehab of cell 1 + 2) <p>About these minutes: <i>These minutes and supporting information are in line with the agreed Terms of Reference. Any concerns/queries about papers supporting the MRL CRG should be raised with the Chair/Facilitator, Richard Baum by emailing richard@ashtonforsyth.com.au</i></p>	
1	<p>Introductions</p> <p>Facilitator acknowledged commitment of committee members to participate in the Community Reference Group.</p> <p>Group was divided into pairs to interview each other and then to introduce that person to the group.</p> <p>Facilitator reinforced the importance of trust between group members to enable the group to engage in discussions on difficult and sensitive matters relating to the landfill site.</p> <p>Facilitator confirmed the purpose of this first meeting – being to clarify the role and purpose of the group and how the group will function.</p>	
3	<p>Terms of Reference</p> <p>Facilitator led a review of the draft Terms of Reference, clarifying key points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community members represent the wider interests of the community – advocating on behalf of the broader community 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Informative and consultative forum • Advisory group, not a decision making body • Cleanaway to consider input from the group in their operational decision making • Community members to have a voice on relevant matters of concern • Cleanaway to keep members updated on operational matters so that members can update interested parties in the community • Clarity around current and future priorities • Discussions to be focused on matters that the group can influence : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Gilda mentioned ground water, run-off and vermin control as additional issues ➤ Roz noted the need for a sustainable landfill site (Olga mentioned Cleanaway’s Footprint 2025 initiative: https://www.cleanaway.com.au/sustainable-future/footprint-2025-fy2019/) ➤ Melissa also pointed group members to Council’s Waster Management Strategy (https://www.ngshire.vic.gov.au/Your-Council/Governance-and-transparency/Council-publications/Waste-Management-Strategy) ➤ Rhonda raised the issue of limited options for regional Councils when it comes to waste disposal and limited funding for circular economy initiatives ➤ Melissa clarified Council’s recycling processes ➤ Facilitator clarified that reducing waste to landfill was beyond the scope of the group – issues pertaining to waste reduction, reuse, recycling and remanufacturing being the domain of State and Local Governments (not the responsibility of a landfill owner/operator) ➤ Stacey pointed group members to DELWP’s Recycling Victoria Policy (https://www.vic.gov.au/transforming-recycling-victoria) • Cleanaway commits to working with the group to ensure that community concerns are considered in decisions made and to communicate how (if at all) community concerns impacted decision making (transparency) • Cleanaway commits to environmental compliance and aims for no impact on the local community <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Gilda mentioned that local community members living in close proximity to the site were (cautiously) optimistic with Cleanaway taking over the site • Cleanaway will keep the group updated on it operational and monitoring regime and will listen to, and acknowledge, any concern from community members • Facilitator clarified membership of the group (the group agreed to relook at the number of community members down the track) • Group members need to be able to work collaboratively with stakeholders (other group members) who might not share the same view • Group members agreed to a two-year term for membership. • Group members were encouraged to voice feedback from the boarder community at meetings 	<p>Olga to broaden TOR to include issues beyond odour, litter and dust</p> <p>Cleanaway to present an overview of how run-off is managed at the site at the next meeting</p> <p>‘Community Feedback’ to be added to agenda</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Stacey suggested a standing agenda item for community members to raise issues from the broader community • Members are not authorized to speak on behalf the group and cannot represent the group in the media • Meetings: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Next meeting late Oct/early Nov (3 months, face-to-face) ➤ Review schedule of dates at next meeting ➤ Alternative meeting venue to be proposed ➤ There may be special meetings required from time-to-time ➤ Alternative meetings to be potentially held over Zoom • Quorum: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ At least two community members – community members are asked that where possible, commitment to attend a meeting is given with 7 days’ notice and that if there are fewer than two community members, the meeting automatically reverts to Zoom 	<p>Rhonda to confirm date of next meeting</p> <p>Melissa to propose alternative Council venue for meetings</p> <p>Olga to update TOR</p>
4	<p>Communications</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cleanaway confirmed that contact between members is not limited to meetings • Cleanaway to provide relevant updates between meetings • Olga and Matthew are available to talk to members between meetings • Gilda mentioned that newsletters had been well received 	
5	<p>Standard Agenda Items</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Operational Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Rhonda updated the group on the planned drilling and blasting to create Cell 5 at the landfill site ➤ Rhonda confirmed communication of the plan would be distributed (Cleanaway Stawell Landfill site distribution list) ➤ Rhonda confirmed that the road would be closed (details would also be communicated) ➤ Rhonda mentioned the works are planned to be completed by the end of January ➤ Rhonda suggested works are planned between Tuesdays and Thursdays ➤ Gilda expressed significant concern having been through a traumatic experience when Cell 4 was created (the impacts of the drilling and blasting having a significant impact on mental health) ➤ Gilda raised the need to mitigate sound and dust impacts from the drilling and blasting operations ➤ Gilda mentioned that promises had been made to landholders (historically) that the landfill would not impact amenity within the area – that the historical intention had been to fill the existing quarry (not expand) ➤ Rhonda mentioned that rock crushing would be part of the process for developing Cell 5 – and this would take place in the ‘hole’ to minimise impacts for the community 	<p>Rhonda to communicate details of the drilling and blasting program to the community through the resident’s distribution list and to provide an update at the next meeting</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="400 152 1166 288">○ Rhonda mentioned that Cleanaway would be recruiting for a replacement for Paul (a role that includes responsibility for environment, community engagement and Council liaison – amongst other things)	