

SLCRG Meeting: Tuesday 27th September 2022

Venue: Stawell RSL: 3 Scallan St, Stawell (**Upstairs Meeting Room – Level 1**)

Item	Description	Action
	<p>Attendees:</p> <p>Richard Baum (chair) Roz Byass (community) Danielle Chipier and Colin Workman (community) Ken and Janice Jende (community) Rhonda Clark (Cleanaway) Matthew Smith (Cleanaway) Ramya Gowda (Cleanaway) Scott Pigdon (EPA) Scott Sandercock (EPA) Lionel J Woodford (ERR) Chris Peska (Cleanaway) – via Zoom Sheila Cabral-Sheppard (Cleanaway) – via Zoom David George (NGSC) – via Zoom</p> <p>Apologies:</p> <p>Gilda McKechnie (community) Lachlan McIntyre (community)</p> <p>About these minutes:</p> <p><i>These minutes and supporting information are in line with the agreed Terms of Reference. Any concerns/queries about papers supporting the Stawell CRG should be raised with the Chair/Facilitator, Richard Baum by emailing richard@ashtonforsyth.com.au</i></p>	
1	<p>Welcome and introductions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New members and guests introduced themselves: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Guest: Scott Pigdon (EPA) – Regional Manager EPA Northwest ○ Guest: Scott Sandercock (EPA) – Senior Environment Protection Officer Northwest ○ Guest: Lionel Woodford (ERR) – Inspector ○ Guest: Chris Peska (Cleanaway) – Senior Environmental Business Partner Victoria ○ Guest: Sheila Cabral-Sheppard (Cleanaway) – Environmental Business Partner ○ Guest: David George (NGSC) – Manager Community Safety & Amenity ○ New Community Members: Danielle Chipier and Colin Workman – residents living near the site for 14 years 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ New Community Members: Ken and Janice Jende – residents living next to the landfill site for 23 years ● Facilitator clarified the role of the SLCRG: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The group is convened by Cleanaway ○ Purpose of the group is for Cleanaway to communicate operational activity at the landfill site, to listen to the issues and concerns raised by community members and to think through what might be possible to mitigate community issues and concerns ○ The role of the forum is not to discuss whether the site should exist or not, but rather to minimise operational impacts on the community at the site 	
2	<p>Actions from previous minutes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Greg to chat with neighbours who might be interested in being on the distribution list <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Greg was unable to attend the meeting.</i> ● Loki to chat with members of the Landcare groups bordering the site to see if any are interested in being on the distribution list <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Loki was unable to attend the meeting.</i> ● Cleanaway to advise community if any further blasts are required <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Cleanaway communicated blasting activity through the email distribution list and mailouts. Cleanaway communicated when the last blast was completed.</i> ○ <i>Ken asked what further blasting would take place – Rhonda clarified that blasting would take place at some time in the future if the EPA grants approval for the construction of Cell 6.</i> ○ <i>Community members expressed frustration with regard to promises made before Cleanaway acquired the site.</i> ○ <i>Scott P confirmed that the site (because of the land area) has a finite capacity.</i> ○ <i>Scott P confirmed new State Government structured process/approach to engage the community in decision making including licenses and license amendments.</i> ● Community members to report any odour during operating hours to Matt at Cleanaway <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Matt confirmed that Ken had made contact regarding odour which had been helpful in identifying the problem.</i> ○ <i>Danielle requested Matt's contact details</i> ● Cleanaway to explore the possibility of an odour curtain at the site 	<p>Richard to send out SLCRG contact list which contains Matt's contact details.</p> <p>EPA to provide EPA 'hotlines' email address</p> <p>Richard to included Lionel's contact details on the contact list</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Rhonda confirmed that Ramya would cover details of the odour curtain in the operational presentation ● Gilda to report back to Cleanaway on any noise issues to confirm the hypothesis and to notify Matt if the noise persists so he can quickly get to Gilda's property to observe the problem <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Matt confirmed Gilda made contact and he visited that property to investigate adding further details would be covered in the operational update. ● Stacey to investigate if there is any historical noise data for the site (and surrounding properties) <p>This detail provided by email:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ On historical noise data, EPA has completed noise monitoring in the past, in response to pollution reports received. However, the usage of the site has changed over time, as well as a change of legislation (Environment Protection Act 2017) and revised noise guidelines (see links below). Under the 2017 Act, businesses must take steps to minimise the risk of harm to human health and the environment from pollution (e.g. noise) or waste. For noise, the legislative framework requires businesses to understand its noise limits and to take action to ensure that its premises operates in accordance with those limits. ○ The links provided post the last meeting and included in the minutes are also in support of this action. They will help community members to understand the conditions attached to the Operating Licence, as well as understand how the operators (current and past) of the site have assessed their compliance with aspects such as noise. ○ Relevant links: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Noise Protocol - https://www.epa.vic.gov.au/about-epa/publications/1826-4 ▪ Low Frequency Noise - https://www.epa.vic.gov.au/about-epa/publications/1996 ▪ About noise limits - https://www.epa.vic.gov.au/for-business/find-a-topic/noise/commercial-industrial-and-trade-noise-limits ● Cleanaway to provide updates to community on rock crushing timing (post cell five completion) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Cleanaway confirmed there would be no rock crushing in the immediate future – longer term would depend on future cell approvals. 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stacey to provide a noise compliance process overview at the next meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Scott P gave a short presentation on the noise compliance process. ○ Danielle asked about the noise limits for Stawell Landfill site. ○ Janice raised issues with council and Scott P recommended community members raise council-related issues through the EPA and these can be dealt with through regulatory catch-ups between EPA, ERR and council. ○ Scott P recommended community members contact EPA via email as the easiest way of logging an issue. 	<p>EPA to clarify noise limits for the site</p>
<p>3</p>	<p>Operational and environmental management update (Presentation by Cleanaway includes issues raised by members)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ramya gave a site overview • Phase 1 of Cell 5 (which includes three stages) will be completed by March 2023 • Stages four and five will be completed by May 2023 • Site will then be audited and approval sort from EPA to start using the cell • Ken asked about capacity of Cell 4 – Scott P confirmed previous operator overfilled previous cell and EPA stopped operations at the site until reparations had been made and that Cleanaway would not be able to overfill current cell pending approval to start using Cell 5 • Ramya confirmed that Cleanaway have applied for a change to the council permit to allow for an additional 1.5hrs operational time on public holidays (currently awaiting approval) • The additional 1.5hrs will be in the 10am till 2pm timeslot • Rhonda advised that Cleanaway have been operating this way with approval from Council and that this process was formalising the permit to reflect this • Rhonda confirmed that Cleanaway’s current practice is not to operate on a Sunday • Ramya confirmed that Cleanaway had extended and improved the noise bunds around the site • Ramya confirmed that Cleanaway had engaged an external firm to monitor noise on instruction from ERR and the report has been shared with EPA, ERR and the Council • Ramya advised that she had brought copies of the report for any interested community members • Ramya advised that the findings in the report confirmed that noise was within required EPA limits • EPA advised that they had also been taking noise readings and there had been an exceedance of noise limits • Rhonda expressed frustration that the details of the exceedance were not being provided to Cleanaway to enable them to address any issues 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Danielle and Colin expressed an interest in touring the site • Ken noted the muddiness of the road outside the site • Rhonda confirmed that Cleanaway had extended the asphalt road within the site to Pomonal Rd • Cleanaway confirmed the truck spraying process before trucks leave the site via the truck wash. • EPA discussed the possibility of Cleanaway building a monitoring process into its procedures to ensure that mud wasn't building up on Pomonal Rd as a result of its operations – Rhonda confirmed that road monitoring was already within Cleanaway's procedures • Rhonda suggested community members make direct contact with Cleanaway for any issues to allow for faster remediation (where possible) • Ramya explained the process for handling odorous loads (eg: animal skins from an abattoir) • Ramya explained that Cleanaway are installing odour curtains at the end of October (along Pomonal Rd and opposite the active cell) – eucalyptus based • Ramya confirmed location of the litter nets • Ramya confirmed daily litter patrols (2-3 times per day) • Danielle confirmed a significant reduction in litter on their property since the litter nets were installed • Colin suggested green fencing would be more aesthetic than current blue fencing • Ramya confirmed Cleanaway had offered CFA use of the firetruck (water truck) and water tanks in the case of fire emergencies • Ramya confirmed stormwater dam locations • Ramya confirmed location of the new leachate pond which has been completed • Ken expressed concern that the new pond is closer to their property – EPA advised that Cleanaway had responsibility for preventing negative impacts on the community arising from odour from the new leachate pond • Ramya confirmed the proposed installation of landfill gas extraction (methane) – project due for completion early next year • Colin raised concern about the flame on total fire ban days • Ramya confirmed next newsletter will be in December 	<p>Cleanaway to schedule a tour opportunity before the next meeting</p> <p>Cleanaway to investigate landfill gas extraction operations on total fire ban days</p>
4	<p>Next meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposed timing for next meeting – March 2023 	