

# NEW CHUM COMMUNITY REFERENCE GROUP

Meeting minutes – February 8, 2023

## Meeting details:

Meeting:	New Chum Flood Remediation Community Reference Group
Date:	February 8, 2023
Location:	Community Information Centre, 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. Community Benefits Fund update	Cleanaway
8. General business	All
9. Next meeting	Chair
10. Meeting close	Chair

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## Minutes:

### 1. Welcome and introduction

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

### 2. Attendance and apologies

The Chair acknowledged the attendance of:

- Walter Wood (community member)
- Mark Delitt (community member)
- Michael Azevedo (Cleanaway regional manager)
- Aaron Carter (incoming Cleanaway General Manager of Solid Waste Services Queensland)
- Suzanne Wauchope (Cleanaway General Manager of Solid Waste Services Queensland)
- Phil Lutton, acting as CRG chair on behalf of Cleanaway (Three Plus)

The Chair noted the attendance as observers of:

- Daniel Phipps (Department of Environment and Science [DES] assistant director Community Engagement)
- Brett Davey (Ipswich City Council [ICC] Manager City Design)
- Ian Delvett (community member)

Community members Yvette Phillips and David Curtin were absent.

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, December 7, at 5pm.

The Chair provided opportunity for committee members to comment on the minutes of the previous meeting.

The minutes were then adopted as a true record of the December New Chum CRG meeting .

### 4. Action items from previous meetings

The Chair led a discussion on the action items from the previous meeting, regarding:

- **ACTION:** Cleanaway said it would seek to provide a summary of considerations for future uses of the New Chum site.

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- **RESPONSE:** Cleanaway provided a general update of potential uses for landfill sites, which include nature reserves and sporting fields. The ICC provided information on other repurposed landfills in the area, with about 45 former landfills now being used for other purposes. Around 12 of those were being used as sporting fields. The ICC noted the use depended on the stability of the ground.

## 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. None had been received.

## 6. Site update - remediation and environmental actions

Cleanaway provided a brief update on site operations at New Chum. Cleanaway noted that major works on Perch Pond, one of the major stormwater catchments, would be completed by the end of 2023 while the site was well positioned to cope with any rain after the mitigation work that has been ongoing throughout much of 2022 and into 2023. The site had 142mm of rain across three significant downpours over recent weeks (56mm/48mm/38mm), with no issues arising. All drilling to install gas wells is now complete and two permanent flares are now burning off landfill gases. Investigations around converting the captured gas to energy are ongoing.

## 7. Community Benefits Fund (CBF)

Olga Ghiri from Cleanaway provided an update on the CBF. The deadline for applications is on March 12 and two community members made themselves available to be part of the judging panel.

## 8. General business

A community member raised the matter of a crematorium, cemetery and café that has been proposed on land neighbouring the New Chum site. Cleanaway said they were aware of the development application via media reports and it was unlikely to have any impact on site operations. No actions were required.

## 9. Next meeting

The Chair suggested the next meeting be held on Wednesday, March 8, at 5pm.

## 10. Meeting close

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 5:48pm.

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