

SLCRG Meeting: Thursday 2nd March 2023

Venue: Stawell RSL: 3 Scallan St, Stawell (Downstairs Meeting Room)

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) Sheila Cabral-Sheppard (Cleanaway) Chris Peska (Cleanaway) Jorine Bothma (NGSC) Stacey Bloomfield (EPA) – via Teams Ryan Straub (EPA) – via Teams Lionel J Woodford (ERR) – via Teams</p> <p>Apologies:</p> <p>Gilda McKechnie (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"> • Apologies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Gilda McKechnie confirmed as an apology</i> • Welcome and introduction to new members and guests <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Stacey (Snr Engagement Advisor NW and Ryan (NW Environment Team Leader EPA) were introduced to the new community members</i> ○ <i>Jorine (Coordinator Sustainable Development at NGSC) introduced herself to the group as the new council rep</i> ○ <i>Sheila and Chris confirmed their roles at Cleanaway</i> 	
2	<p>Actions from previous minutes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Richard to send out SLCRG contact list which contains Matt’s contact details (Completed) • EPA to provide EPA ‘hotlines’ email address (Completed) • Richard to included Lionel’s contact details on the contact list (Completed) 	<p>Richard to update contact list with Jorine’s details and distribute</p> <p>Richard to bring hard copies of</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EPA to clarify noise limits for the site <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>EPA (Stacey) confirmed an improvement notice (legal notice) has been issued to Cleanaway relating to the landfill site requiring Cleanaway to complete a noise remediation action plan – the plan will look at proposing a noise limit for the site as well as identifying noise generating activities and to make an assessment as to whether appropriate measures or controls are in place to minimise unreasonable noise to be omitted from the premises.</i> ○ <i>Rhonda (Cleanaway) confirmed that at the last meeting hard copies of a noise assessment were handed out confirming that Cleanaway were within the permitted noise protocols – Rhonda confirmed the EPA has asked for another noise assessment and action plan for how Cleanaway monitor noise – Rhonda confirmed previous noise management initiatives (bunds, containers, change out of old equipment.</i> ○ <i>EPA (Stacey) confirmed that the plan asks for an assessment to identify all the noise generating activities, what controls are in place, whether the controls are appropriate, what are the gaps and what is proposed to minimise unreasonable noise.</i> • Cleanaway to schedule a tour opportunity before the next meeting (Completed) • Cleanaway to investigate landfill gas extraction operations on total fire ban days <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Ken (Community) confirmed he went on the site tour and was satisfied that the flame doesn't represent a safety issue</i> ○ <i>Rhonda (Cleanaway) also confirmed the presence of large water tanks on site</i> ○ <i>Ramya (Cleanaway) confirmed that the site had a permit to operate on Total Fire Ban Days</i> 	<p>contact list to next meeting</p> <p>Richard to add EPA hotline numbers to the contact list</p>
3	<p>Operational and environmental management update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cleanaway to present an update on operations at the site <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Ramya (Cleanaway) confirmed that Cell 5 construction is scheduled to be completed in May 2023</i> ○ <i>Ramya (Cleanaway) confirmed that the planning permit amendment has been approved to allow for an additional 1.5hrs operations on public holidays (allowing the site to operate from 10.00am till 1.30pm)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Colin (Community) asked about whether this included quarrying activities</i> 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Ramya and Rhonda (Cleanaway) clarified that this amendment didn't cover quarrying activities – these were covered under a different permit (currently allowing 8am till 12noon on Saturdays outside normal business hrs. – not on Sundays or Public Holidays)</i> ○ <i>Ramya (Cleanaway) confirmed that noise bunds at the site have been extended and improved</i> ○ <i>Ramya (Cleanaway) confirmed that Cleanaway has engaged a consultant to complete the noise assessment (mentioned earlier)</i> ○ <i>Ramya (Cleanaway) confirmed that Cleanaway had received a couple of noise complaints in the last two months relating to activities at the clay pit – used for the construction of Cell 5 (vehicle noise – 1 excavator and 2 haul trucks)</i> ○ <i>Ramya (Cleanaway) confirmed odour curtains on Pomonal Rd, NW side of the active cell and next to the leachate pond and well as 2 aerators in the new leachate pond, mandatory truck washing on site departure (security cameras around the site)</i> ○ <i>Ken stated that he'd been told some time ago that a landfill and quarry could not be operated on the same site (the quarrying activities impact the walls of the landfill)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>It was recognised that commitments had been made in the past (before Cleanaway took over the site) that were not honoured</i> ▪ <i>It was confirmed that Cleanaway have permits for both landfill and quarrying activities</i> ▪ <i>Lionel (ERR) comment post meeting: "Clearly there is an expectation that once quarrying is complete the cell will be excised from the work authority and an EPA licence will be the regulatory mechanism. There is also a requirement that the work authority will be separated from the landfill by a fence though the specification of this fence is not dictated in the conditions so it can be a farm fence or similar."</i> ○ <i>Rhonda (Cleanaway) confirmed that quarrying activity only takes places when a new cell is being constructed and that quarrying for Cell 6 is due to commence in January 2024 (and this is the last cell at the site)</i> ○ <i>Janice stated that their home is often covered in dust, which she has to wash off, and the dust on the roof washes into their drinking water tanks which has raised health concerns</i> 	<p>Cleanaway to provide an update on Cell 6 construction plan at next meeting</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Ryan (EPA) mentioned that the dust issue was something that the EPA are interested in and should be reported to EPA</i> ▪ <i>Ryan (EPA) mentioned that the Dept of Health have previously been involved in tank water issues, but that EPA would look into it</i> ○ <i>Ken confirmed the positive impact of the new (and less impactful) reversing signal (tone) on the trucks</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Matt confirmed that the last ones were changed out a couple of days ago</i> ○ <i>Ramya (Cleanaway) explained the process for minimising dust with the water trucks – Matt (Cleanaway) confirmed that the water truck runs continually on windy days</i> ○ <i>Ramya (Cleanaway) presented the stormwater management plan for the site</i> ○ <i>Ramya (Cleanaway) presented the gas extraction process</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Chris (Cleanaway) confirmed that the Stawell site was not large enough for a commercial waste-to-energy plant</i> ○ <i>Ken mentioned an increasing presence of vermin (crows and foxes)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Stacey (EPA) suggested that if there's a link between practices at the site and vermin numbers then it's something that should be reported to the EPA</i> ○ <i>Roz lamented on the amenity of Pomonal Rd before the landfill site existed.</i> 	<p>EPA to confirm a course of action for Janice (recommendation of an organisation who can do the water testing)</p> <p>Community members to advise on impacts of the new reversing tone at the next meeting</p> <p>Community members to report any negative impacts of vermin at the site.</p>
4	General business	
5	<p>Next meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposed timing for next meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Oct (to be advised) – not school holidays</i> 	