

NEW CHUM COMMUNITY REFERENCE GROUP

Meeting minutes – December 7 2022

Meeting details:

Meeting:	New Chum Flood Remediation Community Reference Group
Date:	December 7, 2022
Location:	Community Information Centre, Cleanaway, 100 Chum Street New Chum
Start time:	5.05pm

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	Chair
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 5.05pm.

• Attendance and apologies

Cleanaway noted personnel changes at New Chum Landfill. Cleanaway Regional Manager Michael Azevedo has been appointed the senior person at the site. He takes over from Kristy Barnes who, after more than five years at New Chum, has returned to her home state of Victoria to take up a new position with Cleanaway. Michael has experience as a General Manager in the energy, engineering, environmental, industrial, mining, municipal and water sectors.

Further, a new and permanent General Manager of Solid Waste Services Queensland has been appointed and will take on the role in mid-January from Suzanne Wauchope, who was appointed on a temporary basis earlier in the year.

The Chair acknowledged the attendance of:

- Walter Wood (Community member)
- Michael Azevedo (Cleanaway Regional Manager)
- Matt Baxter (Cleanaway Fleet and Equipment Manager)
- Suzanne Wauchope (Cleanaway General Manager of Solid Waste Services Queensland)
- Phil Lutton, acting as CRG chair on behalf of Cleanaway (Three Plus)
- Paul Larter, acting as CRG secretary on behalf of Cleanaway (Three Plus)

The Chair noted the attendance as observers of:

- Carolyn Carruthers (Department of Environment and Science (DES) Manager Community Engagement)
- Brett Davey (Ipswich City Council (ICC) Manager City Design)

The Chair noted apologies from:

- David Curtin (Community member)
- Mark Dellit (Community member)
- Yvette Phillips (Community member)
- Keith Steel (Community member)
- Ian Dalzell (community observer)

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.

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2. Confirmation of previous meetings

The Chair confirmed the circulation of the minutes of the previous meeting held on Wednesday, October 12 at 5.05pm (the November meeting was cancelled owing to cases of COVID at the site).

The Chair provided opportunity for committee members to comment on the minutes of the previous meeting and there was no further comment.

The minutes were adopted as a true record of the New Chum CRG meeting on October 12.

3. Action items from previous meetings

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

- **A request that a distribution map for the Cleanaway New Chum newsletter be made available.**

Cleanaway provided CRG members with a printed copy of the distribution area.

- **A question from a CRG member asking why an odour could be detected at the member's residence even though the contaminated water in Cell 3B had been cleared.**

The Chair invited Cleanaway to update the meeting. Cleanaway said that the company had encouraged the CRG member to talk to the Department of Environment and Science about having an air quality monitor installed at his residence.

- **A request to clarify the treatment of silt removed from Cell 3B.**

A Cleanaway representative provided information as to the treatment of silt from the cell, which has been moved to an appropriate location and capped as per standard procedure and in line with best practice.

- **A request for hydrology reports from the site.**

Cleanaway said technical reports prepared for the site were commercial in confidence but offered to provide a presentation on site groundwater to a future CRG meeting so that all members could gain a better understanding of this aspect of the site.

- **A request was made for name tags to be worn at the meeting.**

Cleanaway had distributed name tags prior to the meeting.

- **CRG members had requested more information on the Community Benefits Fund**

- Cleanaway provided the opportunity to speak to Stakeholder and Community Engagement Manager Olga Ghiri about the CBF (see item 6 in the agenda).

4. 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.

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5. Site update - remediation and environmental actions

The Chair asked Cleanaway to provide a site update.

Cleanaway said that 67 landfill gas wells had been drilled as part of a program that began in August to extend an existing landfill gas network. The drilling will continue until March. These wells allow Cleanaway to safely capture and burn landfill gases via flares that operate 24 hours per day. This is the most environmentally friendly way of dealing with the gas until it reaches a volume that can potentially be converted to energy. Cleanaway has been approached by a third party to use the gas and is evaluating that proposal.

Cleanaway also provided an update on leachate and, separately, groundwater management. The site is managing both to ensure that there is a balance between having enough capacity in holding ponds to manage another flood event and limiting water tanker traffic on roads.

Cleanaway has also completed further earthworks on part of the perimeter of the site to direct stormwater to a dedicated pond.

6. Community Benefits Fund (CBF)

The Chair noted that Olga Ghiri from Cleanaway would oversee the New Chum CBF and Olga would appear via video to provide information and answer any questions about the CBF process.

Olga described the purpose of the CBF as being to support the sustainability of the local community.

Cleanaway would provide a total of \$50,000 per year for local community groups that were successful in their applications.

It was planned to call for applications in traditional and social media in February, with potential applicants directed to guidelines and an application form on the Cleanaway website.

ACTIONS:

- Cleanaway to circulate the presentation to all CRG members.
- Cleanaway to request CRG community member feedback on the geographical area to be covered by the CBF, suggested in the meeting to be the distribution area for Cleanaway's New Chum community newsletter.
- Cleanaway to check that this includes Dinmore.
- Cleanaway to request the nomination of two community members of the CRG to join Olga on a panel to review applications.

7. General business

The Chair opened the meeting to further questions.

There was a request for information about timing of ultimate closure of New Chum Landfill and potential future uses of the site.

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Cleanaway said it was not possible to answer these questions while it was awaiting the outcome of a Queensland Planning and Environment Court (2021) decision regarding an application for a height rise extension at the site.

Cleanaway has previously provided to the CRG examples of rehabilitation projects at other Cleanaway sites, sourced from the company's website. These involve a high proportion of green space.

Any decision would be made in consultation with the community and Ipswich City Council.

ACTION: Cleanaway said it would seek to provide a summary of considerations for future uses.

8. Next meeting

The Chair asked the group about the viability of a January meeting and asked for suggested dates.

ACTION: It was decided to write to all the CRG community members seeking their input.

9. Meeting close

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 6:10pm.

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