# **NEW CHUM COMMUNITY REFERENCE GROUP**

Meeting minutes – March 8, 2023

# Meeting details:

Meeting:	New Chum Flood Remediation Community Reference Group
Date:	March 8, 2023
Location:	New Chum Boardroom, 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.

#### • Attendance and apologies

The Chair acknowledged the attendance of:

- Walter Wood (community member)
- Mark Delitt (community member via Teams)
- Michael Azevedo (Cleanaway regional manager)
- Yvette Phillips (community member)
- Aaron Carter (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:

- Brett Davey (Ipswich City Council [ICC] Manager City Design)
- Ian Delvett (community member)

The chair noted an apology from:

• Daniel Phipps (Department of Environment and Science [DES] assistant director Community Engagement)

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.

## 2. Confirmation of previous meetings

The Chair confirmed the circulation of the minutes of the previous meeting held on Wednesday, February 8, 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 February New Chum CRG meeting.

## 3. Action items from previous meetings

• None required

## 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

Cleanaway provided a refresh of site activities for the benefit of some CRG members who were unable to attend recent meetings. This included some history of the storm mitigation works that have taken place to improve water flow over past months and the Land Fill Gas (LFG) program that is capturing and burning the gas naturally created by landfills. There are now more than 120 wells connected to three operational flares, one permanent and two temporary, with the latter temporary flares soon to be replaced by a second permanent flare that is yet to be installed and commissioned.

Cleanaway noted that there was some maintenance tankering of groundwater from the site but there was no flooding from stormwater in Cell 3B, which flooded in 2022, or other parts of the site. Cleanaway also reported that more than 900 truckloads of silt had been removed from Perched Pond, one of the stormwater catchments, and buried and treated appropriately on other parts of the site.

## 6. Community Benefits Fund (CBF)

Olga Ghiri from Cleanaway provided an update on the CBF. Olga reported that the CBF had been a success with 18 submissions for part of the \$50,000 grant. The deadline had now closed and applications would now be assessed by the assembled panel, which also includes two members of the CRG. Winners were due to be announced late in March with funds to be dispensed in April. Cleanaway noted how enthusiastic the community had been with the CBF and commented on the quality of applications and the wide range of community groups that had taken the time to apply.

#### 7. General business

Cleanaway provided feedback to questions about the status of the proposed height rise for the New Chum site. Cleanaway said the matter was still before the courts and a decision still pending. A CRG member spoke about the nearby school community and said there had been no discussion of any odour from the site. An invitation was made for a Cleanaway representative to speak to the P&F at Riverview State School at a future date.

#### 8. Next meeting

The Chair suggested the next meeting be held on Wednesday, April 5, at 5pm, and that date be confirmed with the CRG in the preceding weeks.

#### 9. Meeting close

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 5:56pm.

