

NEW CHUM COMMUNITY REFERENCE GROUP

Meeting minutes – December 6 2023

Meeting details:

Meeting:	New Chum Community Reference Group
Date:	December 6, 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. General business	All
8. Next meeting	Chair
9. Meeting close	Chair

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Minutes:

1. Welcome and introduction

The Chair welcomed all attendees and declared the meeting open at 5:00pm.

2. Attendance and apologies

The Chair acknowledged the attendance of:

- *Wendy Davidson (community member) - apologies*
- *Yvette Phillips (community member) - apologies*
- **Walter Wood** (community member)
- **Ian Dalzell** (community member)
- *Bryan Carmont (community member) - apologies*
- **Vicki Carmont** (community member)
- **David Trezise** (community member)
- *Mark Delitt (community member) - apologies*
- *Paul Hurley (community member) - apologies*
- **Aaron Carter** (General Manager of Solid Waste Services Queensland, Cleanaway)
- **Michael Azevedo** (Regional Manager, Cleanaway)
- **Andrew Musgrave** (acting as CRG chair on behalf of Cleanaway)
- **Georgie Olivier** (acting as CRG Secretary on behalf of Cleanaway)

The Chair noted the attendance as an observer of:

- *Brett Davey (Ipswich City Council Manager City Design) - apologies*

The chair noted the CRG did not hear back from:

- *Cr Andrew Fechner (Ipswich City Councillor) - apologies*

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 8 November 2023, at 5pm. The Chair provided an opportunity for committee members to comment on the minutes of the previous meeting.

The minutes were then adopted as a true record of the 8 November meeting.

4. Action items from previous meetings

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There were four actionable items from the November meeting, with all queries resolved to the CRG's satisfaction during the meeting.

- **Question on Notice:** David had spoken to Geoff Yarham, who has requested the Annual Return for 2022. Cleanaway responded that the report is available to the general public online.

Cleanaway has confirmed they will not be providing this information. Geoff can follow alternative means to access this information if he so wishes. This QoN was marked as "concluded".

- **Question on Notice:** Ian spoke to the group on November 8 about the access road being used by Jackal Renewables being shut-off. Michael says that Cleanaway has approached Jackal Renewables to let them know that they intend to close the road. Jackal Renewables expressed their dissatisfaction with the impending closure as they do not have suitable access via the other roads. Michael says that Cleanaway will still be issuing a legal letter informing Jackal Renewables that the road will be closed. Cleanaway will wait for their response, which will then be forwarded to the Department of Environment and Science (DES) and Ipswich City Council (ICC). Cleanaway will then be guided by DES and ICC as to the most appropriate course of action for closing the road.

This QoN was marked as "In Progress", with Cleanaway (Michael) stating that he will inform the CRG when any further updates are received.

- **Question on Notice:** David asked if the CRG can be supplied a copy of Cleanaway's response to the Gilbert + Sutherland report after it is submitted to the Ipswich City Council next week. Michael informed the CRG that the information is commercial in confidence at this time but expects that it will be made public by Ipswich City Council in the future.

This QoN was marked as "concluded".

- **Question on Notice:** David asked the date of Cleanaway's next appearance in the Magistrate's Court. The Chair and Michael committed to finding that date and communicating it appropriately.

Cleanaway confirmed the next appearance will be on February 28, 2024. This QoN was marked as "concluded".

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.

- David tabled a public notice that was printed in the local Ipswich newspaper last week stating that ICC has adopted Temporary Local Planning Instrument (TLPI) No.1 of 2023 (Resource Recovery and Waste Activity Regulation), stating it deals with waste facilities and resource recovery areas, coming into effect on 11 December 2023 and runs for two

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years. David asked for it to be distributed to the rest of the CRG members not in attendance. Aaron thanked David for bringing it to their attention.

- David also notes another public notice which concerns 'PGH' who own the clay pits in New Chum. PGH applied for an amendment to their rehabilitation plan. PGH intend to go from industrial waste disposal to just industrial. David believes that from a community point of view, this means there will be no other landfills in those clay pits.
- Walter noted that DES hosted a community drop-in meeting about New Chum odour at the Redbank Plains Community Centre. The CRG commented several community members had attended.
- CRG member Walter Wood shared he received a visit at home from Danielle Mutton earlier this week, she was door knocking his area. He invited her in, and they had 30-minute chat. After which Walter suggested Ms Mutton contact Cleanaway management for clarification on New Chum's current site activities as some of what she was telling him was, from his perspective, inaccurate. Specifically, Ms Mutton stated "the source of the odour was a result of Cleanaway damaging and removing part of a cell liner". Walter then suggested she contact Cleanaway and request a site visit and to be briefed on current site activities.
 - Aaron thanked Walter for this suggestion and said Cleanaway would welcome any discussion or briefings with Ms Mutton, or any community members.

6. Site update - remediation and environmental actions

Michael Azevedo provided an update on remediation and environmental actions at New Chum:

- Interim capping works are ongoing.
- Basin one is offline for maintenance but should be back online by mid-December (weather permitting).
 - i. It has been delayed by more than a week due to heavy rainfall site received in late November.
- Landfill gas works are ongoing.
- Permanent flare EA application will soon be submitted to DES – application being finalised.
- DA amendment for the flare is complete after being submitted to and returned by ICC.
- Cell 3B application remains with ICC – no update at present.
- The recent pre-wet season inspections ensured New Chum was prepared for the heavy rainfall that occurred during late November.
- Stormwater EPO has been extended by 12 months – no update at present.
- The onsite leachate treatment plant is still being commissioned and recently started its 'proof of performance' (that will run for approx. 11 days). Aaron commented some upgrades had been made to the plant to better match the treatment technologies to the infeed qualities, they are keen to see how it performs during the proof of performance phase.

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- An irrigation pump has been moved to Perch Pond, which is largely empty before the wet season.
- Cleanaway has recently undertaken a controlled discharge of water from site in response to heavy rainfall. DES and ICC have been informed of this action and the focus has been on ensuring that highest quality stormwater has been released from site. Thanks to the controlled release, the site is now back to a 50% holding. David asked if Cleanaway undertook water sampling before the controlled release. Michael informed David that they sampled the day before and the day after the discharge.
- Aaron commented Basin one maintenance works have been “absolutely necessary” while Cleanaway awaits approval from ICC to reconstruct Cell 3B, and having the Basin one asset to manage water onsite during those works is critically important. He went on to comment Cleanaway’s management of water quality through the site water movements, their engagement with DES and ICC, their water quality testing and ‘mass water event’ simulations have allowed them to effectively manage recent heavy rainfalls.

7. General business

The CRG members thanked Cleanaway for hosting the New Chum Community Benefits Fund (CBF) celebration event and expressed gratitude again for the community funding. Cleanaway thanked the CRG members for the roles they played in the CBF, they added they were quite touched to see how far the funds had gone and the significant positive impact to the local community.

CRG members wished Cleanaway a Merry Christmas and thanked them for their efforts during 2023. Cleanaway then shared some cake with members to celebrate David’s birthday – Happy Birthday David!

8. Next meeting

The Chair suggested the next meeting be held on **Wednesday January 10 at 5pm**, and that date will be confirmed with the CRG in the coming weeks.

9. Meeting close

The Chair declared the meeting **closed at 5:26pm**.

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