

# NEW CHUM COMMUNITY REFERENCE GROUP

Meeting minutes – February 7 2024

## Meeting details:

Meeting:	New Chum Community Reference Group
Date:	February 7, 2024
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 5:05pm.

### 2. Attendance and apologies

The Chair acknowledged the attendance of:

- **Wendy Davidson** (community member)
- **Yvette Phillips** (community member) – joined via Teams
- **Walter Wood** (community member)
- *Ian Dalzell* (community member) – *apologies*
- *Bryan Carmont* (community member) – *apologies*
- *Vicki Carmont* (community member) – *apologies*
- *David Trezise* (community member) – *apologies*
- *Mark Delitt* (community member) – *apologies*
- **Paul Hurley** (community member)
- **Aaron Carter** (General Manager of Solid Waste Services Queensland, Cleanaway)
- **Michael Azevedo** (Regional Manager, Cleanaway)
- **Barry Griffin** (National Head of Engineering for Landfill and Remediation, Cleanaway)
- *Phil Lutton* (acting as CRG chair on behalf of Cleanaway) – *apologies*
- **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)

Aaron Carter introduced Barry Griffin to the group, stating he was here to answer any questions the CRG may have. Barry went on to explain his role overseeing all CAPEX and remediation programs for Cleanaway. He has been heavily involved in the New Chum project.

### 3. Confirmation of previous meetings

The Chair confirmed the circulation of the minutes of the previous meeting held on Wednesday December 6, 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 December 6 meeting.

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## 4. Action items from previous meetings

**Question on Notice from December 2023 (In Progress):** Ian spoke to the group on November 8 about the access road being used by Jackal Renewables being shut-off. Michael says Cleanaway has approached Jackal Renewables to let them know they (Cleanaway) 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 stated he would need to check with Cleanaway's legal department for an update on them "issuing a legal letter informing Jackal Renewables that the road will be closed".

This Question on Notice was again marked as "In Progress", with Michael stating that he will inform the CRG when any further updates are received.

## 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.

Aaron stated he had received correspondence from Ipswich City Council (ICC) Mayor Teresa Harding – this correspondence was shared verbally with the CRG.

## 6. Site update - remediation and environmental actions

Michael Azevedo provided an update on remediation and environmental actions at New Chum. He addressed the CRG and provided details of activities onsite since the CRG last met in December. The site activity updates Michael provided included:

- Approval received in mid-December 2023 to progress the site's Stormwater Environment Protection Order (EPO) works.
- Approval received to move forward with construction and operation of Cell 3B given at the end of December.
- Site has experienced significant rainfall since late last year.
- The summer rainfall events have been short and fast, ranging from 20mm up to 60mm – Christmas Day storm produced 192 lightning strikes within 10km of New Chum.
- Internal checks and balances of the Mass Water Event Management framework have been working well, specifically the site team informing DES and ICC of activities at the site.
- Aaron commented the Mass Water Event Management Plan and the controls they have in place have been discussed in the CRG before, and he was personally pleased with how the team has prepared and executed that plan over Christmas.
- Michael went on to say Cleanaway were closing out those heavily managed processes, via a high volume of sampling and reporting, which will be provided to DES. Qualitatively,

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the sampling and reporting is coming back very positive. We're doing a lot of assessment post-storm so that we can be prepared for future storms, he added.

- With approvals in hand, Cleanaway will be ramping up onsite construction activities in April, hoping to have works completed before the end of dry season in preparation for the next wet season.
- Walter Wood asked if they were confident there would be a dry season?
  - i. Michael commented that it is expected that there will be a dryer season but are preparing as if rainfall will also occur. The site was as "prepared as possible" for the recent summer rains. Despite this, after only the first rains the site was close to capacity for rainfall capture due to the extreme nature of the rainfall.
  - ii. Aaron commented by late January 2024, site had received 243mm with another 150mm+ falling during December.
- Paul Hurley asked how does that level of rainfall compare to other years? He doesn't feel they have received an extraordinary amount, which leads him to question if the site has enough capacity to manage heavy rainfall events.
  - i. Aaron responded that according to his research the average rainfall over several decades for the rainfall is typically a little over 100mm in each of December and January.
  - ii. Paul wondered how this compared with other years, because it he didn't feel it was an extraordinary amount of rainfall the area had received. He again questioned Michael's statement, asking if one storm basically fills the site's rainwater retention capacity.
  - iii. Aaron replied that the first rain event for the season occurred just on the cusp of the site team finishing maintenance works. Unfortunately, during the works some complications arose causing a delay and one of the stormwater retention basins was offline during the first storm.
- Barry commented the works were meant to be delivered end of November 2023, pre-wet season – they were completed Friday 22 December.
- Wendy Davidson asked what's happening with Cell 3B?
  - i. Aaron responded we are focused on completing a water treatment plant (WTP) project to support the commencement of the Cell 3B construction in April. In March we will start early works on the construction of Cell 3B, then start building in April with a five-month construction time timeline. Cleanaway are hoping to see Cell 3B completed in October 2024. Aaron clarified these dates are only estimates at this stage due to the high number of variables in play. If completed by October, they will begin to accept waste for that cell until it is full, at which point they cap and rehabilitate that cell.
  - ii. Barry then clarified with Wendy that the new WTP is being constructed to de-risk the construction of Cell 3B, saying it was the last piece of the puzzle. The recent approval allows us to continue, through a redesign due to revised groundwater levels in that area, connecting the new base liners into the existing base liners (3B West and 3B South), allowing us to fill up that void and get to final capping.

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- iii. The existing sediment basin will be raised to allow for overland flow, instead of stormwater landing in that Cell 3B void, it can then flow naturally over the whole site, the phytocapping system, the swales and then out into the environment.

## 7. General business

Aaron asked the Chair when the CRG can expect an update on the Community Benefits Fund (CBF). Andrew responded saying Three Plus have been working with the Melbourne Cleanaway staff and the 2024 CBF will be launched before mid-2024.

Walter Wood asked if any other aspiring politicians had requested a site tour or contacted Cleanaway after the Mayor's visit in January – Aaron replied no other politicians had approached Cleanaway.

## 8. Next meeting

The Chair suggested the next meeting be held on **Wednesday March 6 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 5:32pm.

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