

# NEW CHUM COMMUNITY REFERENCE GROUP

Meeting minutes – March 6 2024

## Meeting details:

Meeting:	New Chum Community Reference Group
Date:	March 6, 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 5pm.

### 2. Attendance and apologies

The Chair acknowledged the attendance of:

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

*Simone Ventura, David – DESI CEG has been with holding information*

### 3. Confirmation of previous meetings

The Chair confirmed the circulation of the minutes of the previous meeting held on Wednesday, February 7, 2024, 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 February meeting.

Walter and David moved for the minutes to be adopted.

### 4. Action items from previous meetings

**Standing 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 that Cleanaway has approached Jackal Renewables to let them know that they intend to close the road. Jackal Renewables

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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.

Aaron's update was it is moving slowly. He asked the group should there be monthly updates, or just an update once it has progress.

The group agreed to update only being provided when required.

**There were no further action items.**

## 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 submitted a letter regarding Annual Returns. David will send it electronically and it is included as Appendix 1 to these Minutes. He added that this clarification meant Cleanaway did not have to provide an Annual Return for certain parts of its site operations.
- David submitted a Stop the Stink Facebook group post – Paul Hurley noted he is an admin of this page but clarified he is not associated with the Stop the Stink business that has organised media events and making shirts, for example. Paul explained that the forum was initially created to share information about odour but as since become a platform for political information, particularly in the lead-up to the election.
- David printed out a pledge that was published on Stop the Stink. This pledge was designed to be filled out by candidates ahead of the Ipswich City Council election regarding their commitments to the community about waste management. David handed the pledge to be tabled to CRG and it is attached as Appendix II.

## 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:

- New Chum had a significant amount of rain during parts of Feb, which totalled around 90mm during a five-day period.
- There was a controlled release of water because of the inflow.
- Cleanaway are managing site works in preparation for the commencement of Cell 3B construction. This construction is scheduled to begin in April but precise timelines are difficult to

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set due to external factors like weather. The cell may be ready for waste later in the year or early in 2025.

- Landfill Gas Network update: The amendment to the EA is nearly ready for submission. This is pertaining to the second permanent flare on site. Work around installation may commence around April/May.
- The hot weather and regular rainfall have meant the site has been difficult to maintain. Staff have been busy keeping grass and vegetation under control during the period of rapid growth.
- David asked if asbestos would be accepted to 3B once the cell is opened. Aaron responded by explaining that New Chum is a site that does accept asbestos under strict protocols. He said it was mentioned in a sign on the front gate that lists it as an accepted waste stream. He said that The Department of Environment, Science and Innovation (DESI) had been monitoring sites in the area after some asbestos was detected in compost at another site in the Swanbank area. Aaron said that DESI had monitored sites in the area, including Cleanaway, and tests had been all clear.
- David mentioned Cleanaway's appearance in the Ipswich Magistrates Court on February 28. The case has been adjourned until March 26.
- David then spoke about previous questions put to the CRG regarding underground heating/heated coal/coal fires/waste coal measures. David said he wanted to raise it with Cleanaway as something to be aware of given he believed it had become an issue at a neighbouring site. He believed aerial thermal surveys were being undertaken by DESI. David said he would attempt to CC in Cleanaway on any coal fire discussions with DESI. David will ask DESI to share any info with the CRG regarding the thermal imaging.

## 7. General business

- David had provided a question on notice requesting an update on the Cleanaway court case in Ipswich Magistrates Court, which was set for February 28. David accepted that question had been answered in previous discussions.
- Aaron provided an update on the launch of the 2024 Community Benefits Fund. Applications open March 15, and a commitment was made to communicate the full details with the CRG via email. The following key dates were read into the minutes by Aaron: Call for Applications in local publications and social media, March 15; Closing date for applications, April 19; Applications assessed, April 24; Applicants notified, April 30; Funding Agreements signed, May 10; Funds allocated, May 31.
- David said he had been having meetings with DESI and had told them they should have a representative at the Cleanaway meetings. The Chair noted he would contact DESI once more and re-invite them to the meetings.

## 8. Next meeting

The Chair suggested the next meeting be held on **Wednesday April 3 at 5pm**, and that date will be confirmed with the CRG in the coming weeks. Paul said he was unlikely to make that date, while Aaron had a clash the following week.

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## 9. Meeting close

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 5:37pm.

-ENDS-

## Appendix 1

### Annual returns

For resource activities, you must submit an annual return.

The annual return will be issued prior to its due date, which is 1 April each year. This form will include information on how to submit your completed annual return.

Holders of an EA for a prescribed activity will not receive an annual return from the department, and therefore will not be required to submit one.

Read the [annual return requirements for resource activities: frequently asked questions \(ESR/2022/6003\) \(PDF, 282KB\)](#) for more information.

All holders of an environmental authority (EA) who receive an annual return notice must complete and submit an annual return. The annual return notice includes information on how to complete and submit the annual return (preferably online otherwise in hard copy).

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## Appendix 2

Pledge to Ipswich Community 2024

I \_\_\_\_\_ (your name), promise:

1. To support the Ipswich community by fighting for a fair and compliant Waste and Recycling Industry, holding these businesses strictly accountable for their actions and reducing future impacts by calling for a reduction in the amount of waste coming into the Swanbank/New Chum area, or any area in Ipswich LGA that is within 5kms of residential zones.
2. To support the Ipswich community by advocating that the Queensland Government set up an Independent Environmental Protection Agency and that they install extra comprehensive pollution monitoring equipment in permanent locations around our city and around each waste facility that constantly measures air pollutants and air quality emitted from waste businesses.
3. To support the Ipswich community by advocating that the Queensland Government conduct regular and frequent site inspections to ensure Waste and Recycling Industry Compliance, and that they take strong and immediate action against polluters with penalties that will dissuade breaches of pollution laws, under the Waste Reduction and Recycling Act 2011 (QLD)
  - Environmental Protection Act 2014.
  - Queensland Waste Management and Resource Recovery Strategy.
  - Queensland Resource Recovery Industries 10 Year Road Map Action Plan.
4. To support the Ipswich community by advocating that the Queensland Government keep the community informed of air quality and odour levels in real time with an online portal, and that I will regularly and frequently share the information to the community by ICC social media platforms and newsletters, so that the community is aware of any negative impact on our amenity or any breaches of environmental laws.
5. That the community can hold me accountable to a high standard of integrity and commitment to addressing waste and recycling issues, and to consider amenity and health of residents a higher priority than Waste and Recycling Industry interests.
6. I will support ICC owned Waste Resource Recovery Centres which will be priority infrastructure for the growing Ipswich LGA to minimise our reliance on landfill demand in the future, as part of the Ipswich City Council Resource Recovery Strategy and Implementation 2021 - 2031.  
I will continue to deliver the 2023 Resource Recovery Infrastructure Plan if elected as Councillor/Mayor.
7. I will ensure waste industry and high impact industry development applications in the Ipswich LGA are investigated thoroughly by the ICC planning and development department before voting on such DAs in councils "Growth, Infrastructure and Waste Committee Meetings."
8. I will ensure integrity and transparency with all interactions involving waste industries.

Signature

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