

NEW CHUM COMMUNITY REFERENCE GROUP

Meeting minutes – Thursday, 17 October 2024

Meeting details:

Meeting:	New Chum Community Reference Group
Date:	Thursday, 17 October 2024
Location:	New Chum Boardroom, Cleanaway, 100 Chum Street New Chum
Start time:	5:30pm

Agenda items:

Item	Discussion led by
1. Welcome and introduction	Chair
2. Attendance and apologies	Chair
3. Confirmation of minutes	Chair
4. Actions from previous meetings	Chair
5. Correspondence	Chair
6. Site operations and environment update <ol style="list-style-type: none">Cell 3B construction progressExplanation of the Department of Environment, Science and Innovation's Environmental Enforcement Order	Cleanaway
7. 2024 Community Benefits Fund – event 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 5:42pm.

2. Attendance and apologies

The Chair acknowledged the attendance of:

- **Michael Azevedo** (Regional Manager, Cleanaway)
- **Andrew Musgrave** (acting as CRG chair on behalf of Cleanaway)
- **Jo Hoban** (acting as CRG secretary on behalf of Cleanaway)
- **Walter Wood** (community member)
- **Wendy Davidson** (community member)

Apologies were received from:

- **Aaron Carter** (General Manager of Solid Waste Services Queensland, Cleanaway) – apology
- **Brett Davey - Observer** (Ipswich City Council, Manager City Design)
- **Paul Hurley** (community member) – apology
- **Bryan Carmont** (community member) – apology
- **Vicki Carmont** (community member) – apology
- **Mark Delitt** (community member) – apology
- **Ian Dalzell** (community member) – apology

3. Confirmation of previous meetings

The Chair confirmed the circulation of the minutes of the previous meeting held on Wednesday, 7 August 2024, at 5pm. The Chair provided an opportunity for committee members to comment on the minutes of the previous meeting.

- No comments made. The minutes were adopted as a true record of the August CRG meeting.

4. Action items from previous minutes

The Chair acknowledged the site tour that was suggested at August's meeting had just been completed and thanked Michael for organising.

- The site tour was completed prior to this meeting. Michael and a member of the New Chum team drove the CRG members around the site which gave a good sense of the scale. The tour visited 'Clay Pave Hill' where they could view the whole site from an elevated position. They were also shown the site water treatment plant (WTP) and Cell 3B from various observation vantage points.

The Chair also acknowledged that a New Chum fact sheet had recently been published and CRG members were welcome to take a copy, or download it via this link (<https://bit.ly/Cleanaway-New-Chum>).

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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 of which the CRG should be aware.

- No correspondence was noted by CRG members.

6. Site update – remediation and environmental actions

Michael Azevedo provided an update on remediation and environmental actions at New Chum over the past two months, which included:

- Cell 3B construction is nearing completion, with final gravel placement expected within a couple of weeks.
 - Basin 1 is near complete with the final works being the construction of the forebay. Basin 2 construction is progressing and is ahead of schedule.
 - The second permanent flare, installed to improve methane capture and odour management, is about to start commissioning. Cleanaway have received the Environmental Approval (EA) for these works from the Department of Environment, Tourism, Science and Innovation (DETSI) approximately two weeks prior.
 - Wendy asked if DETSI had come out to assess? Michael confirmed that it is predominantly desktop-based assessment undertaken by DETSI, which includes monitoring of data and environmental impact reporting. He confirmed the temporary flares will be removed from site soon.
 - The site has demonstrated improved methane capture. At the next CRG in December, there may be two flares operating.
- The team are preparing the site for the wet season.
 - Andrew asked if anything had changed for this season compared to last season. Michael noted onsite capacity for stormwater holding had increased with the forebay for Basin 1 being constructed and Basin 2 being brought back on line, and back to its original pre-flood capacity.
 - The other significant change noted is the WTP which can treat up to one megalitre per day. Michael explained that a sedimentation basin is designed to hold and discharge water within 5 days. To clarify, the two main changes are increased capacity to hold water and the WTP to treat this captured water before it is released. There are many additional quality controls for the capture and treatment of this water now in place to enhance New Chum environmental controls.

Michael Azevedo provided an explanation of DETSI's Environmental Enforcement Order (EEO):

- Cleanaway acknowledges that DETSI has issued an EEO requiring them to engage an appropriately qualified person to prepare a detailed report on the site's leachate collection system. This report will confirm the system's suitability and identify any necessary actions to ensure compliance with the site's EA conditions.

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- The issuance of this EEO stems from DETSI's need to fully understand the challenges the site has faced post-2022 flooding, particularly the operational disruptions and the complex nature of managing leachate levels under such extreme weather conditions.
- As part of Cleanaway's response to these challenges, Cleanaway has been closely monitoring and addressing the leachate levels across the site, managing and reducing leachate in the landfill. Cleanaway are continuing to use the onsite Leachate Treatment Plant and their Yatala Liquid Waste Processing Facility to manage leachate as required.
- This formal process with DETSI allows Cleanaway to document the extensive efforts already undertaken to proactively manage leachate and to demonstrate the steps taken to maintain high environmental standards.
- Cleanaway's goal is to ensure DETSI has a clear and comprehensive understanding of the multifaceted approach being implementing to manage onsite leachate in the most environmentally responsible manner.
- Cleanaway has now submitted all documentation required by the EEO, and the information is currently being reviewed by DETSI.

7. 2024 Community Benefits Fund update

The Chair provided an update on Cleanaway's 2024 \$50,000 New Chum Landfill Community Benefit Fund (CBF), which included:

- Event will take place on Thursday, November 7 2024 – food, drinks and cake will be provided.
- Queensland Pioneer Steam Railway will be hosting the 2024 Community Benefits Fund celebratory event and have confirmed a steam locomotive will be onsite during the event.
- Cleanaway is hoping to have the Ipswich City Council Mayor, Teresa Harding and Division 3 Councillors, Andrew Antonioli and Marnie Doyle, and Federal Senator Paul Scarr in attendance to help celebrate with the CBF recipients, local community and CRG members.

8. General business

Members were asked if there was any issues they would like to raise with Cleanaway.

- Wendy thanked Cleanaway for the site tour saying it had been very informative.
- Walter wished to record a gesture of appreciation – when Walter was away sick he and his wife were truly grateful to be kept up to date by the CRG chair and to receive a care package from Cleanaway.

9. Next meeting

The Chair suggested the next meeting be held on **Thursday, 5 December**. This date will be confirmed with CRG members in the coming weeks.

10. Meeting close

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 6:35pm.

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