

NEW CHUM COMMUNITY REFERENCE GROUP

Meeting minutes – Thursday, 10 April 2025

Meeting details:

Meeting:	New Chum Community Reference Group (CRG)
Date:	Thursday, 10 April 2025
Location:	New Chum Boardroom, Cleanaway, 100 Chum Street New Chum
Start time:	5:00pm

Agenda items:

Item	Discussion led by
1. Welcome and introduction	Chair
2. Attendance and apologies	Chair
3. Confirmation of previous meeting's minutes	Chair
4. Actions from previous meetings	Chair
5. Correspondence	Chair
6. Site operations and environment update <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Rescheduling of CRG site tourb. Landfill gas capture updatec. Site reopening update	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 5:06pm.

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)
- **Ian Dalzell** (community member)
- **Paul Hurley** (community member)
- **Wendy Davidson** (community member)
- **Jacques Janse Van Rensburg - Observer** (Ipswich City Council, Development Compliance Manager)

Apologies were received from:

- **Aaron Carter** (General Manager of Solid Waste Services Queensland, Cleanaway)
- **Brett Davey - Observer** (Ipswich City Council, Manager City Design)
- **Walter Wood** (community member)
- **Bryan Carmont** (community member)
- **Vicki Carmont** (community member)
- **Mark Delitt** (community member)

3. Confirmation of previous meetings

The Chair confirmed the circulation of the minutes of the previous meeting held on Wednesday, 12 February 2025. The Chair provided an opportunity for CRG members to comment on the minutes of the previous meeting.

- No comments were made. Minutes were adopted as a true record of the February CRG meeting.

4. Action items from previous minutes

The Chair acknowledged there were no carry over action items from the February meeting minutes. The Chair provided an opportunity for CRG members to comment.

- No comments were made.

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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 the operation of the New Chum landfill and resource recovery facility, of which the CRG should be aware.

- CRG member Ian Dalzell advised he has been receiving regular email updates via a local environmental activist's distribution list. He noted none of the recent communications have included any references or matters relating directly to Cleanaway or the New Chum facility.

6. Site update – remediation and environmental actions

Michael Azevedo provided a detailed update on remediation and environmental actions at New Chum since the last meeting, summarising key developments and challenges faced due to significant weather events in March and April. Key points included:

- Site reopening update (recent weather and Cyclone Alfred update):
 - The site experienced extraordinary rainfall on Sunday, 9 March, receiving approximately 326mm in a single day.
 - The intensity and volume of rainfall resulted in significant site inundation and considerable erosion, with damage noted both onsite and along Chum Street due to the floodwaters external to the New Chum site.
 - Cleanaway took proactive steps in response to Cyclone Alfred forecasts, including obtaining a [temporary emissions licence \(TEL\)](#) from the Department of Environment, Tourism, Science and Innovation (DETSI) ahead of the anticipated rainfall to manage stormwater effectively.
 - Michael emphasised that despite challenging conditions and the unprecedented severity of rainfall, there were no injuries to personnel and no significant loss or damage to equipment, attributing this to the careful management and preparedness of site staff.
 - Site operations were suspended prior to the storm as a precaution, with assessments carried out remotely until it was safe to return onsite. Additional personnel were mobilised promptly post-event to accelerate remediation efforts.
 - Following Cyclone Alfred, DETSI conducted a site inspection and provided positive feedback on Cleanaway's prompt and effective response.
 - Continued rainfall through late March and early April (an additional 100mm) presented ongoing challenges, leaving the site muddy and boggy, delaying some remediation activities.
 - The timeline for reopening New Chum has been extended as a direct consequence of the recent unprecedented weather events.
 - Additional remediation works and infrastructure assessments are ongoing to ensure the facility meets all safety and environmental standards before reopening.
- Rescheduling of CRG site tour:
 - After recent heavy rainfall the site is still very muddy, with remediation works needing to be completed before the site tour can go ahead.
 - CRG members reiterated their interest, particularly Ian Dalzell, in touring the New Chum facility, and welcomed the proposal to extend the tour to include the LMS Energy gas-to-energy site.

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- Michael reiterated the aim is to reschedule the site tour before the site reopens.
- Landfill gas capture update
 - The site's second permanent gas flare has been successfully commissioned and is currently in final stages of certification. This system performed effectively during Cyclone Alfred, maintaining the site's landfill gas management without interruption.
 - Ipswich City Council and DETSI have been involved throughout the commissioning process.
 - Positive feedback was received from the Petroleum and Gas Inspectorate following a recent inspection (as required under the [Petroleum and Gas \(Production and Safety\) Act 2004](#)).
 - The Cleanaway – LMS Energy gas-to-energy project has received concept approval from ICC.
 - Planning considerations now underway include an underground pipeline to transport captured landfill gas across Whitwood Road to LMS's gas power generation facility.
 - Michael confirmed that once operational, the LMS facility would generate electricity for the local grid while creating employment opportunities for the local community.

CRG member Ian Dalzell questioned whether the second gas flare would still be needed once the LMS Energy gas-to-energy project is operational.

- Michael confirmed the landfill gas flare system will remain as a backup, ensuring all landfill gas continues to be managed effectively even if LMS's gas-to-energy system experiences downtime.

7. General business

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

- There were no enquiries.

The Chair announced the opening of Cleanaway's 2025 New Chum Landfill Community Benefit Fund. He committed to [sharing a link to the application form and eligibility guidelines](#), encouraging CRG members to share these details with local not-for-profit community groups and sporting clubs making a positive impact in the Ipswich community or environment.

8. Next meeting

The Chair suggested the next meeting be held on **Thursday, 12 June 2025**. This date will be confirmed with CRG members via email in the coming weeks.

9. Meeting close

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

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