

New Chum Community Reference Group

Meeting Minutes

Title: New Chum Community Reference Group

Date: Monday February 22, 2016

Time: 6:00pm – 8:00pm

Facilitator: Nathan Williams

Venue: Ipswich City Council Administration Building, 50 South Street, Ipswich

In Attendance

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Nathan Williams – Chair, New Chum CRG	Jim Dodrill – President, IRATE	Greg Broad – Community Member
Jo Pocock – Development Planning Manager, ICC	Neil Perry – General Manager Queensland, Cleanaway	Geoff Yarham - Secretary of IRATE
Scott Blanchard – Regional Manager, DEHP	Meg Saunderson - Principal, Riverview State School	Duchense Broad – Community Member
Jonathan Blight – Scribe	Doug Hughes – Regional Manager, Cleanaway	

Apologies

Paul Tutin – Member, IRATE	Cr Victor Attwood	Leanne Burley – Head of Curriculum, Riverview State School
Cr Bruce Casos		Elly Read – Site Officer - Ipswich DEHP

Not in Attendance

Bruce Morton, Manager Environmental Health, WMHHS		
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Notes & Actions

Item	Minutes	Action/Decision
1. Welcome & Apologies	Apologies from Elly Read, Cr Victor Atwood and Cr Bruce Casos, Paul Tutin, Leanne Burley	
2. Review of Minutes	<p>Nathan Williams (NW) apologised for the previous meetings being cancelled at the last minute. These cancellations were due to a major onsite incident (discussed in the Operations Update) and a member of the CRG had sudden and unexpected health issues which prevented them from attending.</p> <p>NW asked the CRG if they had any final comments on the September minutes. The CRG approved the September meeting minutes.</p> <p>Neil Perry (NP) informed the CRG that on 1/02/2016 Transpacific Industries Group (TID) changed to Cleanaway Waste Management Ltd (CWML). The parent group, TID, was listed on the Australia stock exchange, and is now CWML. The Trading entity that holds the licence to New Chum landfill – which was previously Transpacific Waste Management Pty Ltd, has changed its name to Cleanaway Solid Waste Pty Ltd. NP said that wherever the company had Transpacific in their name, that has been replaced with Cleanaway. NP explained why this has been changed: The company has 2 parts to their business. Transpacific was the post-collection, liquids and industrials part of business. Cleanaway was collections and part of the business that was largely due to the acquisition of Cleanaway from Brambles in 2007. The company has conducted some market analysis and found that having two brands is not effective, so they have moved to a stronger, single brand across Australia, under the banner of Cleanaway.</p> <p>NP informed the CRG that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the ASX code is now CWY • the ABNs have not changed • the CRG minutes will now refer to the company as CWY, Cleanaway or the company. <p>Doug Hughes (DH) mentioned that there is still a trading name under Transpacific, so any reference to it on previous authorities are still valid, and will update to Cleanaway over time.</p> <p>Jo Pocock (JP) said council development approvals will not need to change as they run with the land, not with the company.</p> <p>Scott Blanchard (SB) mentioned that CWY will need to ensure it has a suitable operator status. This is required for the company name that is undertaking the activity.</p> <p>NW asked NP if the Terms of Reference (TOR) need to be updated to reflect the new company name. NP agreed that</p>	

	this can happen at the next review point.	
3. FY16 Community Benefit Fund	<p>DH gave an update on the Community Benefit Fund (CBF). In late 2015, the CBF committee met and allocated funds:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ipswich Knights Soccer Club – 450 x soccer balls • Fine Iron Rod & Custom Car Club – Kitchen in new clubhouse • Riverview Community Centre – Holiday program & homework club • Riverview State School – Oven & Cooktop • Ipswich Historical Association – Relocation of buildings to create museum for the history of mining in the Ipswich area <p>DH noted the close proximity of the Historical Association with the New Chum landfill.</p>	
4. Operations Update	<p>DH reported a small spike in the number of significant reportable incidents on site.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 25th January 2016 – 16-year-old youth was swimming in the 'aqua lakes' (void 10). He jumped off a rock ledge (5m) and into the water. He resurfaced briefly before disappearing under the water. An intense search and rescue campaign occurred and after several days they found the body of the youth. CWY sends their condolences to the family of the youth. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ An investigation is going on internally as well as through the police and coroner – as he is 16 years, it is an automatic coroner enquiry. ○ DH will keep the CRG up to date with the action items post investigation. ○ Jim Dodrill (JD) asked, in the interim, what steps CWY can take to prevent other young people repeating the same incident. NP replied – discouraging people from trespassing is the main action. NP said CWY relies on everyone to deliver that message. ○ JD believes it is not widely known that void 10 is private property. JD mentioned that there is no fencing around void 10 and no signs. DH said additional signing has been installed. Meg Saunderson (MS) mentioned that the knowledge of private property does not prevent anything. Riverview State School (RSS) has similar problems, and fences or signs do not stop everyone. ○ DH reiterated that they have put more signs up and will keep the CRG up to date. • Over the last 5 months there have been 13 incidents of theft/security breaches on site <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mostly damage to the new fence installation ○ 1 theft: radios stolen from an item of gear ○ 2 police incidents: one was the 16 y/o 	

swimmer, and one for a lost teenager in the area.

- NP mentioned that the operational part of the site is fully fenced. NP said CWY has placed rocks and built mounds around areas they specifically do not want 4WDs to access.
- CWY records every bit of damage in the fenced area in the reporting and tracking system.
- NP said the fence has been pulled apart, cut apart, run into, and it has only been up for less than 6 months. This is an on-going maintenance cost and issue for CWY.

DH updated the CRG on safety.

- DH reiterated a chain of responsibility policy being brought in – especially for vehicles over weight limits. CWY have seen a large reduction in vehicles coming through that are over QLD Transport weights.
- CWY addressed the issue late 2015 of drivers entering the asbestos area without proper PPE. CWY focused heavily on this and have seen a great reduction in these incidents.
- There was an engine oil spill on the driveway – there is a spill kit there for that reason, all materials were cleaned up and nothing entered any drains or waterways.
- There have been 5 incidents of damage.
 - Mostly minor – something striking a machine or something flicking up in the waste stream.
 - 1 Dozer tipped over – working on a batter and rolled onto its side. No injuries and no significant damage to the machinery.
 - Articulated dump truck rolled the rear of it's tray. These are designed that the cabin will not roll. No damage and no injuries from this incident.
 - These were all reported.
- There was a large storm event in late November 2015. The site had 55mm of rain in 30 minutes.
 - There was a small amount of damage to the new sedimentary pond out the front, but it held the water and functioned correctly.
 - The weighbridge was believed to be struck by lightning or a surge was received – this impacted the weighbridge for a period of time.
- There has also been snake sightings on site.

DH updated on fire incidents:

- 1 small fire detected towards void 10 in late November 2015. CWY are not sure how it started. CWY extinguished it with the onsite water-cart and reported to DEHP.
- 3 small instances of smoke coming out of the active

	<p>landfill. These were isolated and water put over the top of them.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 small equipment fire. Hydraulic hose blew on a dump truck. Small amount of smoke was coming off the engine. No visual flame. DH noted that almost all the gear on site has fire suppression systems involved. In this case, the fire suppression system put it out. <p>DH updated the CRG on employment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two more local full time operators have been employed. The site now has a crew of 10. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Including the weighbridge personnel, management and HPC team, there are usually 15-16 staff on site. ○ NP added that this does not include any contracted crews that may be on site. <p>DH updated the CRG on the Development Application submission. The submission for the front driveway: relocation of offices and weighbridge, was approved by Ipswich City Council (ICC) on Friday 19 February.</p> <p>A part of that application was a clarification in regards to hours. CWY sought ICC for clarification in regards to light vehicle movements on site – largely due to a fine received by council in July. ICC approved an amendment.</p> <p>DH read it for the CRG.</p> <p>“The following ancillary activities are permitted to be undertaken outside the above mentioned hours of operation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Entry to and exit from the staff car park: up to a maximum of 30 minutes before and after the approved hours. • Preparation of office and weighbridge for commencement of operations at 6am: up to a maximum of 30 minutes before and after the approved hours. • Routine security patrols on site” <p>DH clarified that there were no changes to operating hours or noise restrictions, purely confirmation from ICC for CWY.</p> <p>GY asked why the noise paragraph, clause 17, has been removed from the 4631. JP replied that the condition was deleted on the basis that the company has to comply to the DEHP noise regulations and the condition was no longer contemporary. Council does not have the jurisdiction to control the noise restrictions, this is under DEHP. Clause 17 was removed to provide greater clarity regarding this.</p> <p>DH discussed future development applications.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The front driveway will require an Operational Works (OW) and a Building Works (BW) approval. DH said CWY is unlikely to submit this before the next CRG meeting, but wanted to flag it for the members that 	
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	<p>this is part of their approved design.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ JP commented on the previous discussions regarding the wheel wash facility and the bypass. The bypass is to be used for internal movements only, and there is a clear condition that any exiting vehicles must go through the wheel wash. If vehicles are found not doing this, fines will be issued. ○ JD asked if this will be under surveillance. JP said that is not a requirement from ICC. DH added that if drivers do not comply, CWY are fined, so making sure compliance is met is CWY's responsibility. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DH noted that with the rebranding of the company to Cleanaway, CWY will be updating the front sign. This is part of the original enforcement notice that was put over the property, and CWY was required to get RPEQ sign-off for the front sign. In order to get this approval, CWY will be demolishing it and building a new one – requiring a new approval from Council. • CWY are starting plans for cell 4 – final touches are being made on an application to ICC to commence the development of cell 4. DH confirmed this will be done by the next CRG. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ SB asked if there would be an application to DEHP to fill cell 4. DH clarified that they will be requesting a minor amendment through DEHP as well. ○ JD stated that IRATE will be opposed to any further expansion of the site. IRATE will likely mount a public campaign into public awareness about that. JD said he has several councillors on record stating they will oppose expansions of the site into Cells 3 and 4. 	
5. Equipment Update	<p>DH gave an equipment update.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A D8T Dozer was brought on site in early November • CWY switched equipment with a sister site in NSW – CWY received an 836 Compacter and gave the sister site an 826 compacter. This happened in early February. 	
6. Complaints Update	<p>DH gave a complaints update.</p> <p>In the period since the last CRG, CWY has received two complaints.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A member of the community arrived to talk about traffic movements on Old Ipswich Rd. There was a fairly major accident on the Ipswich Motorway and some truck drivers were trying to divert it and go through Old Ipswich Rd. Once CWY was made aware of that they mounted a campaign at the weighbridge to inform drivers not to use Old Ipswich Rd. • A driver complained and was abusive to one of the weighbridge operators. It was later identified that there 	

	<p>were issues with his account.</p> <p>DH said there were two inspections completed – one from ICC and one from DEHP.</p> <p>DH had only received a report from DEHP late 22/02/2016 (the night of the meeting) and this hadn't been reviewed at the time of the meeting - but no further issues were received by CWY.</p> <p>NP commented on the customer service on site. Weighbridge supervisor Sonia Walsh won a CWY award for best customer service across all of Australia.</p> <p>Greg Broad (GB) asked if the CRG could send Sonia a letter of congratulations. GB moved it. Duchense Broad (DB) seconded it.</p> <p>NP discussed how Hugh Wright, DH and Sonia Walsh handled the drowning incident very well with authorities, media and community.</p> <p>NP said that the CRG can have confidence that one of Sonia's key responsibilities is to ensure the site's intake is compliant in regards to the waste acceptance criteria. DB said this shows she has been trained well and is a good trainer.</p> <p>JD received a complaint from some Riverview residents about a large amount of asbestos sheeting outside of RSS. JD took photos, documented it and reported it to DEHP. This was actioned and removed by a licenced contractor. JD said it was implied that it was left there by a customer/potential customer who was turned away by CWY. JD asked if all instances of non-compliance are reported to authorities. DH responded that every instance of a load arriving that they are not allowed to accept is reported. SB commented on this, stating that all operators have been very good at reporting these incidents.</p>	<p>NW will arrange a letter from the CRG to Sonia Walsh to congratulate her on her award and efforts.</p>
7. TOR review	<p>NW discussed an IRATE request for an additional member on the CRG.</p> <p>JD emphasised it was not just about an additional member, but about the entire membership. JD noted that there have been members who have left, and believes that new members have been admitted outside of the TOR.</p> <p>JD is requesting, in order to bring balance to the CRG, to bring in an additional member representing IRATE.</p> <p>NW discussed the current TOR in regards to membership. Besides the formal process, all members must submit an expression of interest. Otherwise they are either proxies for exiting members or temporary members, brought in to advise or discuss matters relating to their areas of expertise. Hugh Wright is an example of an expert brought in to discuss site operations. These temporary members are on an 'as needed' basis.</p> <p>NW noted that the review period for the entire membership is due mid-2016. GB is an exception to this review as he joined the CRG 12 months ago, and the membership is a three year</p>	

	<p>term period. NW said the TOR mention that the membership 'aims to be balanced and representative'.</p> <p>NW will review the TOR before the next meeting. NW will inform the CRG who will need to renominate.</p> <p>NP asked that NW circulate the current TOR and talk about the nomination process so everyone is clear. If there is any need to revise that process, the CRG can discuss that at the next meeting.</p> <p>DB asked that key community groups who were involved, and are no longer, be contacted regarding future involvement. DB specifically mentioned St Peter Claver College who currently have no representatives on the CRG. NW said he has attempted to discuss with them at least three times in the last 6 months with no success. NW also said there needs to be a discussion around who is needed to rightly represent the community.</p> <p>DH will commit to following up with them.</p> <p>NW said that by next meeting he will review all memberships. Then NW recommends the CRG discuss what the CRG needs to look like after mid-2016.</p> <p>JP mentioned that the CRG could potentially consider a member from emergency services, and also pointed out that the current Division 3 Councillor is retiring and that that a new divisional councillor will be elected before the next CRG membership renewal.</p> <p>JD commented on his discussion with NW over email prior to the CRG meeting. JD understands that IRATE is entitled to two members and a temporary expert. JD said that himself and GY are IRATE's representatives, and Paul Tutin (PT) is their temporary, topical expert. JD stated that it was IRATE who formed the CRG, and initially it was himself (JD) and GY who were the permanent members. NW said that all documentation says JD and PT were the permanent members.</p> <p>JD then asked how many members CWY can have in the CRG. NW said the TOR says two members and an expert may be brought in if necessary.</p> <p>JD then confirmed this is also the case with IRATE, and asked to nominate GY as IRATE's expert.</p> <p>DH clarified that JD will need to apply each meeting for their expert to attend, and describe what areas of the agenda they will be assisting in.</p> <p>NW quoted the TOR in regards to membership.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">"The group will comprise of up to a maximum of 12 members, excluding the chair, with flexibility to invite others who have identified expertise to participate as required at the discretion of the chair. It is recommended that observers not be allowed to join the meetings."</p> <p>NW clarified that the process for this is as follows: once the agenda is sent out, a member must apply to the chair (NW) to bring in an expert, explaining what part of the agenda they are required for and why they are required, then the chair will</p>	<p>DH to attempt contact with St Peter Claver College regarding involvement in the CRG.</p> <p>NW will review all memberships before the next CRG.</p> <p>NW to prepare report</p>
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	<p>discuss this further with the member. GY requested that NW send the report on the CRG memberships before the next meeting.</p> <p>NW also added that it is not his reference group – so memberships are ultimately not his decision.</p>	<p>on the CRG memberships and deliver to CRG member prior to the next meeting.</p>
<p>8. Operations and Management information requests</p>	<p>JD requested a copy of the summarised Whole Of Life (WOL) plan. IRATE has not received anything yet. They specifically want to know the future of void 10 and the western burrow. NP said the WOL plan doesn't cover the buffers, just the operational area of the facility, as discussed in previous meetings.</p> <p>Eric LeProvost a previous employee of CWY, told IRATE that the WOL plan would include the whole of property. NP clarified it is only the operational area of it.</p> <p>SB mentioned that the Deputy Mayor was in the local paper talking about filling void 10. MS said this was just in discussions of actions that can be taken to prevent another drowning incident.</p> <p>DH will take this on notice and discuss with Eric LeProvost. DH will bring a more detailed response to the next CRG. NP said CWY will bring clarification on this next meeting. JD would still like a summary in writing of the WOL. DH said the minutes can act as this summary after next meeting.</p> <p>JP said that the only certainty that should be expected is what is approved by ICC regarding the site. A WOL plan can be changed, particularly with a change of ownership.</p> <p>NP quoted page 8 of the last meeting minutes, previously approved.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">“We do have obligations to perform progressive capping once cells have been filled. Final capping and contouring will occur after final waste placement. To note: we have after care obligations forecast for the next 30 years. Things not covered in the Whole of Life modelling: after landfill use, buffer zones and ancillary area usages.”</p> <p>DH said he will review previous minutes to confirm any commitments they have made previously regarding information from the WOL plan.</p> <p>DH has gone through the operations manual and site based management plan. Condition 32 states – “A copy of the final operations manual and staff training program, prior to the acceptance of waste on the site, shall be to the satisfaction of the Health and Environment Protection Manager.”</p> <p>DH said that there is no provision for this to be provided to council, only that it was to the satisfaction of the officer. DH said there is also no requirement for it to be maintained. CWY believes any document is to be commercial in confidence.</p> <p>JP said that historically those conditions are to be taken very literally. These conditions were approved in 1992, ICC can't go back and retrospectively change those conditions in hindsight to say otherwise.</p>	

DH added that if there is anything in particular that the CRG would like to discuss regarding these conditions, they are welcome to raise those in a CRG meeting.
GY asked CWY for the most recent copy of the Site-based Management Plan (SMP).
GY asked SB if DEHP requires a copy of the SMP. SB confirmed they received the latest version from Hugh Wright at the last compliance inspection they did, and had no issues with it.

DH updated the CRG on concrete crushing on site. The concrete crushing company has gone into liquidation. There is still a large amount of machinery on site that has been unused since June 2015. They are looking for another company but haven't found anyone suitable yet.

GY asked and DH confirmed that the concrete is placed on the footprint of cell 3, as a resource recovery area.

DH updated on the progressive rehabilitation / temporary capping process. DH as per CWY licence conditions, the company is required to continue to provide both temporary capping and progressive rehab of their cells. Some of the cells, as per WOL timing, some of the cells require rectification work to complete, prior to capping.
Cell 1 – rectification works required – waiting on the repairs of Cell 2 to be completed.
Cell 2 – rectification works underway – active cell
Cell 3 – rectification works required – estimated to begin in 2020.
Cell 4a – pending application – to be lodged soon.
Cell 5 – stages 1-4, rectification works to be done from a profile point of view.
Cells 5a & 5b are currently being filled.
There is temporary capping over Cell 1 and Cell 5, but until the rectification works have been completed, the final capping cannot be undertaken.

DH mentioned that Cell 4 has been split into North, South – Cell 4a and Cell 4b.

JD asked if there had been any rehabilitation undertaken on the site. DH replied that on the corners of Cell 5 the company has established vegetation. JD asked if that was the 'overfill part'. DH said there is no overfill part. JD asked if it is the historical overfill. NP said it is the currently approved landform, on the Northern end of Cell 5.

SB updated the CRG on the DEHP wet weather inspection program.
SB said he has been filling another role for most of the last 6 months, but has now returned to his role. SB said the results of the inspections in November, and January, were that the ponds were holding up and no non-compliances to report. JD

	<p>asked if storm water run off was still being pumped to void 10. SB responded that it is, and monitoring is required every time it is pumped. JD asked what type of monitoring – SB said it is quality testing.</p> <p>SB discussed the movement of waste. DEHP has had a NSW team come and look at waste some Queensland transfer stations and their policies on how waste is processed. NP mentioned that NSW requirements are quite different to QLD.</p> <p>JD asked if there is any potential of a proximity rule being introduced in QLD. SB said he is not sure. JD asked who he could ask regarding this. SB said his policy team. SB will get a name of the correct team member for JD.</p> <p>SB said the Minister announced a waste taskforce to look at regulated waste transporters specifically and also waste transfer stations. Operation Tora – Ipswich and Gold coast have been pilot of the program, and over the last few months have been looking at the information given to them by waste transfer facilities in depth. SB mentioned they also have intel team looking at the yellow pages.</p> <p>SB said there is another project coming up in conjunction with police there will be road side checks for waste transporters.</p> <p>DH updated the CRG on the environmental test results. Annual monitoring is due in March. The report is just being finalised now by CWY. This will be published on the CWY website.</p> <p>GY noted that he appreciates the new CWY website. GY referenced the 2014 results for environmental monitoring. He said he read it and his understanding was the air was above the adopted guideline. DH said that the location of the air sample points need to be taken into account.</p> <p>ND 3 and ND 4 are closest to Collingwood Park. The rest of the sample points are generally along Chum street. In the results it explains there were a number of issues with that. One was the construction period that time last year. Another was the issues with a water cart which CWY have invested in a new water cart now. Also some contributing factors from Chum street itself.</p> <p>A lot of measures have been put into place to improve these levels in the new results.</p> <p>JD asked about dust suppression activities on Chum street. DH said that is Claypave.</p> <p>JD said the visibility of the landfill has increased from several parts of Collingwood Park and Redbank Plains. JD said people are asking 'what is it' and 'what's going in there'. JD said the people he talked to are concerned that if the liner is visible to a certain height, is that how high the landfill will be? JD said they're concerned for their real estate values if they start seeing trucks moving on the top of the landfill.</p> <p>DH said the liner is the highest point of the landfill.</p> <p>DH said the liner that can be seen is one of the corners of</p>	<p>SB will contact JD with the best contact regarding a proximity rule being introduced in QLD.</p>
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	Cell 4 - this won't be worked on for a fair while. DH said CWY are looking at options of ways to reduce visibility. The company is looking at screens, turning operations around, painting the liner, but no action has been decided on. If any other CRG members can think of strategies that could help with this, CWY is happy to discuss these.	
9. Next Meeting	<p>NW raised the topic of quarterly or bi-monthly meetings. JD would prefer the CRG meet sooner (April or May), due to the impending applications.</p> <p>DH said he is concerned that with the councillor's election being in March – is that enough time to approach the councillors for involvement. JD said that it is a luxury, but not a priority to have their presence.</p> <p>NP asked if NW knows the timelines of the committee memberships. NW said he has them documented as July. JD asked about the timing of this. NW said there is no reference to the time in the year, just the timing of membership – a 3-year term.</p> <p>NW will endeavour to provide information in the next 4 weeks regarding membership.</p>	