

# Woodlawn Eco-Precinct

## Community Liaison Committee Meeting Minutes

<b>Date</b>	Thursday 16th June 2022	<b>Time</b>	5:00 pm
<b>Coordinator</b>	Justin Houghton	<b>Location</b>	Woodlawn Conference Room

### Committee List ✓

Name	Present	Name	Present
Justin Houghton (JH) (Veolia)	✓	Sandra Ellson (SE) (Community)	X
Cr Andy Wood (AW) (GMC Cr)	✓	Scott Martin (SM) (GMC Designated Off)	✓
Simon Reynolds (SR) (Community)	✓	Cid Riley (CR) (Community)	✓
Adrian Ellson (AE) (Community/TADPAI)	✓	Kym Wake (KW) (Chair)	✓
Cr John Preston (JP) (QPRC Cr)	✓	Richard Kirkwood (RK) (Community)	X

### Guests/Observers ✓

Name	Present	Name	Present
Andrew Jackson (AJ) (Veolia) (minutes)	✓		
Tobias Stanley (TS) (Veolia)	✓		

### Minutes

<b>1</b>	<b>Welcome</b>
1.1	Meeting opened with Welcome to Country and CLC welcomed the second meeting of 2022.
<b>2</b>	<b>Present / Apologies</b>
2.1	Apologies: Nil
<b>3</b>	<b>Approval of Previous Minutes</b>
3.1	Minutes accepted without change.
<b>4</b>	<b>Matters Arising from Minutes</b>
4.1	<p><b>Veolia Community Liaison Committee</b></p> <p>a. Targeted community participation</p> <p>CLC members should be represented on the committee board based on gender/ethnicity and age diversity (KW). JH said Veolia has reached out to community groups. If needed, JP will reach out to the community. According to AE, this should be handled by the committee rather than Veolia reaching out and suggested a representative from "Develop". A letter will be drafted by JH (<b>Action<sup>1</sup></b>).</p>

5	<b>Woodlawn Eco-Precinct Operational Update (Slide)</b>
5.1	<p><b>Bioreactor and Leachate Treatment Plant</b></p> <p>Presentation of waste receipt statistics for the region, Sydney and residual waste streams as well as odour and traffic complaint numbers for the Bioreactor. JH also provided CR with a breakdown of regional waste receipts. JH explained that we are limited by the approved volumes which is 125,000t and while truck movements may increase or decrease from day to day we can only transport that total volume annually. As to queries relative to the volume and the transportation of regional waste from the ACT, JH has agreed to look into obtaining records of the regional waste truck movements (<b>Action<sup>2</sup></b>).</p>
5.2	<p><b>Bioenergy and Mechanical Biological Treatment</b></p> <p>Energy generation and gas capture was presented, with year-to-date incoming and outgoing stats for the MBT.</p>
5.3	<p><b>Site Water Balance including Leachate Treatment</b></p> <p>With the impact of recent extreme rainfall events, the onsite water balance needed to be addressed. The low temperatures and high humidity have also significantly reduced evaporation rates due to the low temperatures. Apart from the LTP being offline for two days, leachate extraction from the bioreactor has been consistent as a result of the upgraded infrastructure. The LTP is currently installing a third UF skid. The LTP is treating an average of 4.1 L/s</p>
5.4	<p><b>Odour Management</b></p> <p>In mid-January, H<sub>2</sub>S reached a peak value of 2,631, which has since declined to 1,400 ppm. The western utility area in the void, which was a potential source of odour emissions, has now been covered with landfill gas extraction systems. Currently, landfill gas is captured at a rate of 4000 m<sup>3</sup>/h. Veolia is adopting a gable profile instead of a pyramid profile for the new lift. By doing this, stormwater will be better separated from leachate, and stormwater will be less likely to enter the waste mass.</p> <p>Drone technology is being used to locate methane emissions in the void, as well as increasing gas capture during cooler nights. JH presented the committee with odour analysis data showing the correlation between complaint locations and weather conditions. AE queried a period of time as to notification of heightened facebook odour complaints. In response to the notification, Veolia conducted off-site surveys without being able to trace the odour reported. This may be due to the odour dissipating prior to the social media activity.</p>
5.5	<p><b>Independent Environmental Audits</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Independent Odour Audit             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Undertaken by The Odour Unit Pty Ltd in March 2022.</li> <li>ii. Fieldwork was completed in March.</li> <li>iii. A draft report has been finalised and is currently being reviewed.</li> <li>iv. During the previous meeting on 3rd of March 2022, community odour analysis was noted along with odour diaries (<b>Action<sup>3</sup></b>). CR maintains an ongoing diary of personally identified odour events. He is concerned about the impacts on his asthma. JH highlighted the stringent OH&amp;S standards maintained by Veolia with regards to individuals working within the Void.</li> </ol> </li> </ol>

5.6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>b. Leachate and Water Management System Audit               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Undertaken by Jackson Environment and Planning in March 2022.</li> <li>ii. Fieldwork and visit completed.</li> <li>iii. Site wide water balance completed.</li> <li>iv. Draft audit report being finalised by the audit team.</li> </ul> </li> <li>c. MBT Independent Environmental Audit               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Undertaken by Ramboll Australia in March 2022.</li> <li>ii. Fieldwork finalised.</li> <li>iii. Report finalised in preparation for submission.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Community Consultation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Tarago Times updates</li> <li>b. ARC Open day</li> <li>c. TADPAI inquired about Veolia's approach to consultation and engagement with the community in relation to ensuring transparency. Veolia to investigate ways to communicate more effectively with the community. (SM) suggested setting up a mailing list, while (JH) suggested setting up a phone notification system for the community (<b>Action<sup>4</sup></b>).</li> </ul>
6	<b>General Business</b>
6.1	<p><b>Bungendore/Tarago Road Maintenance (Update from QPRC)</b></p> <p>JP stated that there is ongoing water diversion works in and around the Mount Fairy locale, with the high and increased volume of traffic usage QRPC is looking at handing over Tarago/ Bungendore Road works to Transport for NSW.</p>
6.2	<p><b>Project Development - Woodlawn Eco-Precinct</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>b. Woodlawn Advanced Energy Recovery Centre           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Development plan to be released in coming months.</li> <li>ii. The Open Day was a success with approximately 50 visitors. There was concern concerning odours from some members of the public. KW noted that Veolia has ongoing community trust issues regarding historical odours. SR reported that the day was informative, and JH clarified that the representatives were independent. KW and SM discussed the English representatives' experience with Advanced Energy Recovery operations in the UK, and noted that odour and potential health issues were not taken into consideration when evaluating the operations. SM also noted the disparity between rural Australia and rural England. CR noted the immense environmental damage relative to the transportation of waste and questioned why the plant is not built in Sydney? The committee was informed of an article that appeared recently in the Bungendore Times titled "Veolia gas flooding the Community." JH said he was unaware of the article and would obtain a copy for the committee to read (<b>Action<sup>5</sup></b>).</li> </ul> </li> <li>c. FOGO Processing Stage 2           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Veolia is currently going through the regulatory approval and preliminary design process for Stage 2 which is due to begin in 2023.</li> <li>ii. JH advised stage 2 is proposed to process upto 70,000 tpa.</li> <li>iii. Incoming year-to-date Stage 2 FOGO processing tonnage stats was explained.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

6.3	<p><b>Regulatory Matters</b></p> <p>a. JH highlighted the ongoing water storage issues, he also stated that we currently have two show cause letters to submit to the EPA in the coming weeks. The EPA receives regular R4.2 odour complaint reports from Veolia as a means of observing "odour events" against meteorological data and operational activities.</p> <p>b. Veolia is still reviewing AE's comments relative to the Transport Code of Practice (<b>Action<sup>6</sup></b>).</p> <p>c. An investigation is currently underway by Veolia to find a suitable location to locate a meteorological/H2S monitoring station in the township of Tarago. AE asked whether dust particulates would be monitored by the station?</p>
<b>7</b>	<b>New Business</b>
7.1	<p><b>Odour tracking and reporting app, and feedback form on Veolia website</b></p> <p>JH highlighted the investigation of a real time Odour tracking and reporting application.</p>
7.2	<p><b>Traffic Incident Reporting</b></p> <p>AE raised concerns regarding a member of the public taking video (dash cam) while overtaking over double yellow lines a container truck on Tarago Road in transit from the IMF to Woodlawn Eco-Precinct, and the need for an overtaking lane. JH said that the trucks do have dash cams and incidents are reported to police instead of Veolia. JH to inquire about sharing video footage with Veolia by the transport contractor (<b>Action<sup>7</sup></b>). As part of the incident reporting and recordkeeping processes, AE highlighted the need for regional trucks to supply dash cam footage to Veolia. JH states that it is possible to obtain video footage from regional waste transporting trucks.</p> <p>AE queried the "Develop" mining operational update relative to the "Heron" site. JH noted that the Deed of Agreement is still pending.</p> <p>AE has commented on the increasing number of "State Significant Projects" taking place within the local region and their likely impacts on the road infrastructure and users in Tarago/Bungendore.</p> <p>AE commented on lead dust remediation with relation to its process and the impacts of the rail corridor.</p>
<b>8</b>	<b>Meeting Closed by Chairperson</b>
8.1	Meeting Closed by Chairperson at 6:50pm. Next meeting will be held on Thursday 1st September 2022.

**Action List**

Item	Action	Assigned to
1	Draft letter/invitation for CLC membership ie. community groups	Veolia
2	Obtain records of the regional waste truck movements	Veolia
3	Liaise with CR in relation to analysis of odour diary entries	Veolia
4	Investigate phone notification system for the community comms	Veolia
5	Obtain article entitled "Veolia gas flooding the Community"	Veolia

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6	Reviewing AE's comments relating to the Transport Code of Practice	Veolia
7	Investigate obtaining video footage from transport contractor/s	Veolia

### **Attachments:**

1/ Veolia CLC Meeting #11 Operational Presentation