

HALLAM ROAD & TAYLORS ROAD

COMMUNITY REFERENCE
GROUPS



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MINUTES

Wednesday, 14 December 2022 at 5:00pm	Facilitated By:	Susan McNair (Currie)
Veolia Hampton Park Landfill, 274 Hallam Road, Hampton Park	Note Taker:	Susan McNair

ATTENDEES

Community: Jim Houlahan (JH), Ian Jenz (IJ), Thelma Wakelam (TW), Tony O'Hara (TOH), Vernadette Dickson (VD), John Theodoridis (JT)

City of Casey: Paul McGrath (PM)

EPA: Jo Prendergast (JP), Adele Shalevski (AS)

Veolia: Steven Marshall (SM), Chris Watkins (CW), Lachlan James (LJ), Tai Truong (TT), Nial Stock (NS), Mark Foley (MF)

APOLOGIES

City of Greater Dandenong: Warren Wood

FACILITATOR

Susan McNair (SMc)

Members of the Taylors Road Landfill Community Reference Group and Hallam Road Landfill Community Reference Group, and others interested in joining either group, were invited to join a joint tour of the two facilities. This was followed by a short presentation, Q&A session and light dinner at the Hallam Road Landfill Education Centre.

5:00pm WELCOME (Facilitator)

- SM welcomed everyone and ran through the schedule for the meeting
- Introductions took place
- SM and CW outlined safety requirements of site visit
- Attendees broke into groups to travel in cars on the site tour – Hallam Road Landfill then Taylors Road Landfill.

Attendees toured the Hallam Road Landfill. In each car, Veolia representatives spoke to the site's operations. The group viewed:

- the site from the top of the cell 12/14a batter in the centre of the site, overlooking the cell 14b construction and cell 13 filling area
- the new leachate ponds and across lot 4 from a distance

Attendees toured the Taylors Road Landfill. The group were shown the perimeter of cell 12c and viewed the likely location for the future cell 21 area from a distance. Facility Manager Tai Truong spoke to the site's operations, detailing:

- EarthSure's thermal treatment facility
- The South Western part of the site where the proposed soil washing facility would be constructed
- The EarthSure extended soil storage area, and
- The temporary laydown area for the soil washing plant

6:30pm PRESENTATION AND Q&A

Steve Marshall and Chris Watkins gave a brief update on site operations.

SM:

- **Soil wash plant** - application still pending
- **Hallam Road Landfill cell 13** air space exhausted. No commercial customers coming to the site to allow space for kerbside waste. This means a lot less trucks are moving through the site.
- **Revisited contour amendment plans for Hallam Road Landfill**

Plans have been in development for more than two years and are currently before Council, seeking an amendment to the planning permit.

SM/CW showed slides which were first presented to the group in 2021 depicting the planned steepening of the batters and flattening of the top of the cell. SM asked HRL CRG members if they recall CW talking through the changes at previous meetings to which the members confirmed they had seen this historically.

Proposed changes will not impact odour or drainage.

JP: Seeking more information on how the changes to the contour will impact the volume and life of the landfill.

SM: The proposed changes will increase the volume of waste by 1-3%, and potentially extend the airspace by 7-8 months.

- **Proposed changes to land transfer**

Current plans around the proposed land swap with the City of Casey were outlined. Instead of handing Lot 2 and Lot 4 to council, discussions are being held around handing over Lot 2 and Lot 1. This would be beneficial to residents and Council as Lot 1 can be directly accessed from the Northern boundary and likely provide increased usable open space.

General Q&A

- **Odour management**

JT: The impact of gas odour on local residents is significant. Veolia should consider 'channelling' of the gas down the exterior contours of the landfill to lessen community impacts. Should consider a novel solution.

LJ: Requirement of EPA licence is that Veolia address landfill gas at the source. Current design requirements on the Hallam Road site are making landfill gas management difficult. This means the impact on the community is more significant than it should be. Current understanding of regulations would not allow typography changes to manage gas odour.

Action: Contouring to channel gas to be an agenda item at next Hallam Road CRG meeting.

VD: When does gas extraction stop?

LJ: The engines won't operate forever, but we need to maintain negative pressure, so we'll move to

other ways ie. flare.

- **Life of landfill, transfer of responsibility and risk**

JH: Following capping of the site, rehabilitation and transfer of ownership to Council, who owns the waste?

SM and LJ: Council will own the land, but Veolia will still have responsibility for risk. With regard to the liner, it is engineered to outlast the waste.

ToH: If this site is filled, is waste-to-energy a possibility at this site? Or would you go to Taylors Road waste-to-energy?

TW: There is a Commonwealth target to divert 80% of landfill. And other mechanisms too. What will be the impact here?

SM: We are required to hand over a capped site by 2040. If we run out of airspace, we would start diverting waste, but only the sort that suits that type of processing. Not all waste-to-energy sites are the same. And it is a commercial decision. There is also currently a cap on tonnes that can go to waste-to-energy, so all of those proposed won't get to the scale they are talking about. While we're looking at options, landfill won't be totally avoidable as there is a by-product of waste to energy that still requires landfill.

8:00pm Close (Facilitator)

- SM thanked everyone for attending
- Those keen to become/stay as members of the CRG we asked to read the Terms of Reference and complete the necessary nomination forms.
- Attendees were asked to share the opportunity to join the CRGs with others in their networks and communities.

Action: Dates for 2023 meetings to be shared in minutes.

- Meeting closed

ACTION TRACKER

Item	Action	Who	Due
1	Contouring to channel gas to be an agenda item at next Hallam Road CRG meeting.	Currie	March
2	2023 meeting dates to be shared	Currie	Complete – see below

2023 meeting dates:

Hallam Road	Taylors Road
1 March	29 March
7 June (in person)	28 June (in person)
6 September	27 September
6 December (in person)	6 December (in person)