

**Ryde Waste and Recycling Centre (WRC)
Community Advisory Committee (CAC)**

11 November, 2008
Meeting notes

Attendees:

- 3 Community representatives
- 1 ANL representative
- 1 Cemetery representative
- 1 Local government representative
- 4 WSN Environmental Solutions (WSN) representatives

Meeting facilitated and notes prepared by: WSN

Ref	Item	Action	Date Due
1	Welcome and agenda		
1.1	MM: Welcomed everyone and meeting commenced with a short site tour. MM showed the CAC noise barrier work and explained transfer station building improvements.		
1.2	JPA: Introduced self as new Community Engagement Co-ordinator and invited CAC members to contact her. Apologies: Cec Morgan is who is away.		
2	Acceptance of minutes from the last meeting		
2.1	JPA: Asked if anyone wished to comment on the minutes from the last meeting. Minutes passed.		
3	Environmental and operations update		
3.1	RM: Action from last meeting – copies of the noise monitoring report were distributed with the last minutes. RM: Presented environmental update. Since last meeting, 1 informal noise complaint – odour related to green waste. Investigation found quantities on site within licence limits. Licence variation to address noise complaints included action to create a noise barrier as just seen. The two shipping containers used are expected to keep noise within guidelines, even in a worst case scenario. Water is also being re-used for dust compression and to aid decomposition of waste. Other improvements include on-site stockpile size reduction. All actions required under the licence variation have been carried out within required time frames.		

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	There is also a weekly meeting with ANL regarding operations.		
3.2	<p>MM: Meeting with the WSN Service Delivery GM about painting and generally improving the transfer building. Some painting has already occurred.</p> <p>The weekly meeting with ANL includes working out ways to increase the recycling rate so there is a quicker turnover.</p> <p>An internal safety audit is underway.</p> <p>The focus has been on noise reduction. Everything that can be done to reduce the beeper noise has been done. WSN equipment has been refitted to reduce noise but we are unable to do anything about trucks etc from other companies.</p>		
3.3	<p>BM: Clarified that the varied licence to operate is conditional on the noise barriers (containers) being in place. Metal waste continues to be noisy.</p> <p>MM: Working to reduce noise by getting rid of material more quickly in smaller transactions which creates less noise.</p>		
	Meeting suspended to observe Remembrance Day.		
4	ANL Update		
4.1	<p>ANL Update</p> <p>PK: WSN has spent some money to allow for safer and smoother transfers of material. Tonnages have been reduced and there is now not as much shredded material on-site. Old product is not being held as transferring happens on a daily basis.</p>		
5	Community feedback on odours and noise		
5.1	<p>JO: Submitted a record of noise and smell occurrences recorded by CM to the meeting. Some of the noise not from waste services, have spoken to ANL and council.</p> <p>JP: Offered for BM or CM to contact him directly at council.</p>		
6	Cemetery update		
6.1	<p>GC: Reported that cemetery construction has been completed. Only one section now not developed.</p> <p>BM: Asked if there were any leachate problems.</p> <p>GC: No leachate problems.</p>		
7	Actions from previous minutes		
7.1	Noise report distributed with agenda as agreed.		
8	General business		
8.1	<p>JO: Passed on to the meeting points from CM in his absence: the report should have a sketch of the area where the containers are, and the location of the shredder. Also, the report does not mention scrap metal or loading bins which still does not comply, and asked what was the noise maximum for scrap metal or loading bins.</p> <p>RM: Responded that the report requested was for green</p>		

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	<p>waste.</p> <p>Question: what is the story with other sites, are there many noise complaints?</p> <p>RM: Very unusual to receive noise complaints at other sites.</p> <p>MM: Commented that WSN had closed the Ryde site for 10 days to get on top of the issue.</p> <p>JO: Asked what is inside the containers.</p> <p>MM & RM: Responded soil is inside to create more of a barrier.</p> <p>PK: Commented that the exhaust system has been modified – it's all new.</p> <p>JO: Asked if there were plans to increase or decrease quantities at the site.</p> <p>MM: Responded plans were mainly for building improvements and general upgrading including possible installation of roller doors.</p> <p>JO: Asked if this would stop noise.</p> <p>MM: Responded it would help.</p> <p>MM: Asked the group if they found the CAC meetings useful and would like to continue.</p> <p>All present responded that yes they did find the meetings worthwhile and would like to continue.</p>		
9	Next meeting		
	<p>JPA: New Environment Workplace Safety Officer Loani Tierney will replace Robert Muir at Ryde. Robert is continuing at WSN but assuming new responsibilities at other sites.</p> <p>Thanked everyone for attending and said that everyone would be advised of the date for the next CAC meeting (to be held in the first quarter of 2009) before the end of the year.</p>		