

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

17 March, 2009  
Meeting notes

**Attendees:**

- 5 Community representatives
- 2 ANL representatives
- 1 Cemetery representative
- 3 WSN Environmental Solutions (WSN) representatives

**Meeting facilitated and notes prepared by: WSN**

Ref	Item	Action	Date Due
<b>1</b>	<b>Welcome and agenda</b>		
<b>1.1</b>	<b>JOP:</b> Welcomed and thanked everyone for attending.		
<b>1.2</b>	<b>Introduction:</b> PK introduced Matthew Hicks, new Occupational Health & Safety staff member at ANL. <b>Apologies:</b> Julius Pucci due to conflicting commitment.		
<b>2</b>	<b>Acceptance of minutes from the last meeting</b>		
<b>2.1</b>	<b>JOP:</b> Asked if anyone wished to comment on the minutes from the last meeting. <b>BM:</b> An amendment proposed to 3.3. "Clarified that the varied licence to operate is conditional on the noise barriers (containers) being in place." Minutes passed with above amendment.		
<b>3</b>	<b>Environmental and operations update</b>		
<b>3.1</b>	<b>LT:</b> Presented environmental update. Since last meeting, only 1 odour complaint. There was 1 spike which related to ANL green waste processing in February, but this was quickly reduced to the optimum requirement. No noise complaints have been received. Quarterly noise monitoring shows the facility is within the environmental protection licence. No overflows of stormwater from the ANL platform occurred during the last quarter therefore no monitoring was conducted over the reporting period. Stormwater collected on site was used for dust suppression.		
<b>3.2</b>	<b>MM:</b> The licence limit is 1,500 tonnes of processed and 1,500 tonnes of unprocessed waste that can be held at any one time on site. We are trying to get down to a zero base. If we see the levels are getting too high, we stop receiving - in		

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	December last year we closed down on one such occasion. We are ensuring that we stay within the limits all the time.		
3.3	<p><b>DT:</b> Can the ladies at the toll bridge differentiate between the different loads?</p> <p><b>MM:</b> Yes, everything is coded. The DECC does phantom visits. We have weekly meetings with ANL.</p> <p><b>LT:</b> There has been no leachate. We check every week, and do extra checks when it rains.</p>		
3.4	<p><b>MM:</b> We're focussing on the presentation of the site. We have a gardener and someone who mows the grass. Feedback received from the DECC has been very good. Clearing is done continuously – ANL is helping with this. We have inspected fire hoses and some have been repaired - ANL has purchased some new ones.</p> <p><b>DT:</b> How many outlets are there?</p> <p><b>MM:</b> 3 or 4 – there is a sprinkler system inside, and fire hydrants around the site.</p>		
3.5	<p><b>MM:</b> We work with ANL to fix problems as identified and where we can. For example, beepers were replaced to address noise issues, and this is working well.</p> <p><b>CM:</b> Thanked MM for dealing quickly with the noisy beepers.</p> <p><b>MM:</b> Have received quotes for re-painting, however this is on hold at the moment pending the review that is underway for the possible sale of WSN.</p>	WSN to keep CAC informed of review.	Next CAC.
3.6	<p><b>MM:</b> Reported there was an incident in February when an operator was buried under waste. He returned to work after 1 day off. The operator had a two-way radio which helped with his rescue. The operator should not have been where he was when he was. All operators now have two-way radios, and a barrier has been installed so that no-one can just wander into that area. The standard operating procedure for loader operators in that area has been revised.</p>		
3.7	<p><b>MM:</b> Artarmon will close at 1pm on Easter Sunday, and at 12pm on Good Friday.</p> <p>A new operator has been employed to help keep the site tidy and for increased coverage of operations.</p>		
4	<b>ANL Update</b>		
4.1	<p><b>ANL Update</b></p> <p><b>PK:</b> We have a new staff member whose focus is OHS/EHS. We re aiming to get to zero also so there is no processed or unprocessed waste held on site, and to reduce grinding to a 4 day week – the ultimate challenge.</p> <p><b>DT:</b> Has there been any water run-off?</p> <p><b>PK:</b> No.</p>		
5	<b>Cemetery update</b>		

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5.1	<b>GC:</b> Macquarie Park Cemetery has now finished works. Will inform CAC when next open day is.		
6	<b>Community feedback on odours and noise</b>		
6.1	<b>CM:</b> There was some noise around 11am-12pm on 9 March. Was quite noisy. Asked WSN to see what can be done. <b>MM:</b> It helps if small amounts are loaded/unloaded at a time, rather than one large amount. <b>CM:</b> There have also been some brief smells – 4-5 minutes. <b>MM:</b> That's why turn around is important.		
7	<b>Actions from previous minutes</b>		
7.1	No actions.		
8	<b>General business</b>		
8.1	<b>JOP:</b> Suggested to the CAC it may be time to review the CAC Terms of Reference. Some administrative information requires updating, and it may provide a good opportunity for everyone to generally review the terms. Agreement from all present.	JOP to send copies of the Terms of Reference to all CAC members.	Before next meeting.
8.2	<b>JO:</b> Can see there has been a big makeover of the site. Are there any cameras to capture illegal dumping which is a problem? <b>MM:</b> Site cameras travel as far down the road as the SES. When we see a dump we notify council and rangers try to identify the rubbish, and we clean it up as a courtesy. <b>PK:</b> Illegal dumping is becoming more widespread with increased waste levies. <b>JOP:</b> The WSN mattress recycling scheme offers an option for old mattresses. Some are restored and others are recycled - wood, metal and foam are recycled. <b>MM:</b> It costs \$25 to offload a mattress. Dreamsafe restore some mattresses, and recycle the remaining ones. Mattresses are a problem for landfill because they are so bulky. Wood is turned into biofuel, and foam into carpet underlay.		
8.3	Question: What is happening with recyclables – stories in the press that they are not being recycled? <b>MM:</b> There are lower market prices and demand due the global downturn. We are still recycling. <b>JO:</b> The hospitality industry doesn't recycle at the moment. <b>MM:</b> People dispose of all sorts of things in their household rubbish that they shouldn't. WSN has a strict no scavenging policy for a variety of reasons including OHS. <b>LT:</b> There are now cameras in many garbage trucks. A monitoring system can tell which rubbish comes from which household and council can contact that household and potentially fine.		
9	<b>Next meeting</b>		

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	Next CAC meeting will be on 28 July 2009 at 10:30am.		