

Red Hill Community Liaison Meeting



EMRC held its 20th Community Liaison Meeting on **02 February 2010**. There were 7 community members in attendance. Previous minutes were endorsed by all members in attendance.

Litter

Residents have reported that more waste was dumped at the end of Roland Road immediately after the area was cleaned up. The EMRC encourages residents to let them know as soon as illegal dumping occurs so they can inform the relevant authorities.

Residents have also reported seeing loose rubbish along Toodyay Rd. One collection from the Justice Department has taken place since the last meeting and **0.16 tones** of waste was collected. The EMRC has also contacted the Midland Police and asked them to look out for unsecure loadings along Toodyay Rd. Residents are encouraged to contact the Red Hill facility if they see a truck with an unsecure load so EMRC staff can report the company and driver to the relevant authorities.

Noise

Residents asked if some of the noise coming from the site is due to Landfill Gas & Power upgrades. Landfill Gas & Power have not upgraded any part of their facility within the last 9-10 months so it is likely that the noise is weather dependent. It has also been reported that the beepers of the machines working on the clay stockpile are audible to residents, particularly on Hidden Valley Rd. The EMRC have installed clackers on these machines however reducing the noise in this area is still a work in progress.

The EMRC carried out noise monitoring in late January and are currently waiting for results which will be used for the development of a noise model for the site. Results will be discussed with the community as they become available.

Odour

An incidence of odour has been detected by residences in Hidden Valley, particularly when the winds are from a northerly direction. The EMRC has recently completed an extensive odour survey of the site conducted by odour consultants where samples were taken from various locations of the facility to analyse odour levels. These areas amongst others included the tip face and Landfill Gas & Power. The results from these surveys will be discussed with the community group as they become available. The EMRC encourages residents to contact the Red Hill facility if any odour becomes a nuisance.

Fauna Management

Ibis numbers have increased on site to populations in excess of 300. The EMRC has gained a damage licence from the DEC for the removal of 100 ibis. Shooting events are to take place between late February, March and April. Neighbouring residents will be notified prior to scheduled shooting events.

Groundwater

The December water monitoring round has been completed and results from the recovery bores indicate positive trends with the main contaminants showing significant reductions in concentration in the most contaminated bores. The DEC contaminated sites auditor is being updated on the progress.

Revegetation

This year the EMRC is rehabilitating the lower bunds of the Class III cell. The total area to undergo rehabilitation this year is

approximately 2Ha. The area has already been prepared with a topsoil blend of clay and ferricrete. Due to the success in growth rates of native tubestock planted on the farm bund last June, tubestock will be used on the prepared rehabilitation areas this year as opposed to direct seed.

The EMRC reported that the current Class III cell will increase in height within the next 6-8 months. As the height of the mound increases the hill faces will be rehabilitated with native vegetation.

Solar Cities Project

The 9kW solar PV tracking system will still be installed at Red Hill over the next couple of months.

Resource Recovery Facility

As a result of recent rumours, residents asked if three incinerators are to be commissioned at Red Hill. This is not the case as there will only be one Resource Recovery Facility. There is no preference for any particular technology as the chosen technology will depend on the tender process and environmental approvals as well as financial, social and reliability factors. The EMRC made a commitment to update its website to reflect current information on all RRF issues.

Other Business

A community member asked why the Red Hill facility no longer accepts all types of plastics at the Transfer Station. The EMRC explained that only Class I and II plastics can be recycled and that plastic recycling is currently restricted in Perth. It was also queried why wine glasses cannot be recycled. The EMRC explained that wine glasses are made from window glass and that window glass and ceramics are non-recyclable. Residents asked for clarification as to exactly what can and cannot be recycled.

A community member asked if the fire before Christmas was a concern for the Red Hill facility. The EMRC helped with a temporary radio control centre during this fire. The Red Hill facility is prepared for fires and have water trucks onsite for fire fighting purposes. Residents were informed that if the landfill caught on fire it would not be explosive but more of a constant fire burn within the landfill itself.

Residents reported that the clay stockpile is an eyesore and suggested that the clay mound should be flattened. The EMRC is currently investigating potential markets for this clay.

The next meeting is to be held at the Red Hill Waste Management Facility on 6 April 2011 at 6.00pm.

Agenda:

- Litter
- Noise
- Odour
- Fauna
- Revegetation
- Groundwater
- Water Corp
- Solar Cities
- RRF
- Other Business

