

# Red Hill Community Liaison Meeting



<b>Date:</b>	Tuesday, 21 February 2017
<b>Location:</b>	Meeting Room, Red Hill Waste Management Facility
<b>Start Time:</b>	6:00pm
<b>Finish Time:</b>	6:45pm

## Attendees

### Community Members

- Bridget Leggett (BL)
- Geoff Knights (GK)
- Jan Ireland (JI), from 6:05pm onwards
- Jeane Reed (JR)
- Kaye Rewell (KR)

### EMRC Staff

- Stephen Fitzpatrick, Director Waste Services (SF) (*Chairman*)
- Joanne Gray, Waste Education Officer (JG)
- Lia Barnett, Manager Engineering and Waste Operations (LB)
- Rachael Lovegrove, Manager Waste Environmental Operations (RL)
- Tanya Beinhauer, Site Manager (TB)
- Lauren Panizza, Coordinator Environmental Operations (LP) (*Minutes*)

### Apologies

- Alex Lyneham
- Dennis Reed
- Greg Warburton
- Peter Robinson

## Confirmation of Previous Minutes

Minutes of the Red Hill Community Liaison Meeting held on 21 February 2017 were accepted as a true and correct record, with one amendment: Geoff Knights to be added as an attendee.

## Actions from Previous Meeting

*SF to investigate if a sign stating Red Hill's operating hours can be placed at the intersection of Toodyay Road and Roe Highway.*

**Action: Ongoing. SF to contact Main Roads. GK asked for details as he has a meeting with Main Roads shortly and will also raise the issue.**

*Consultant Lloyd George Acoustics to work with residents to further investigate the source/s of the 50 Hz noise in the area.*

**Action: Pending. Lloyd George Acoustics yet to be notified of reoccurrence of noise.**

*TB to contact Hanson's quarry to further discuss noise issues in the area.*

**Action: Ongoing.**

*SF to contact Energy Developments Limited (EDL) to find out if RS can have a copy of the noise report.*

**Action: Ongoing. SF emailed EDL, waiting on response. Will also be raised at Thursday's meeting with EDL.**

## **Noise**

Nil.

## **Litter**

It was reported by GK that significant volumes of litter are still blowing off the back of empty trucks onto Toodyay Road. EMRC was encouraged to put a system in place to remind drivers to make sure their trays are fully empty before leaving site. It was suggested that a sign could be erected or fliers handed out to all truck drivers notifying them of the issue. SF replied that the site does contact customers who are reported to have an untarped load. TB and LB agreed to start giving verbal reminders to truck drivers tomorrow and a flier will also be designed and handed out.

JG informed community members that the next Toodyay Rd clean up event would be held on 29 April, and BL added that the northern Toodyay cleanup event would also be happening shortly. Fliers for both events will be distributed. JG is also looking for areas to place EMRC's two sets of litter letters, which will be filled with litter collected during the event. She will consider putting the smaller set outside the Red Hill facility to remind truck drivers not to litter.

## **Odour**

TB reported that the site had recently received odour complaints from residents along Persoonia Close and Toodyay Rd. The odour reported from Persoonia Close was likely due to general operations at the tip face. SF added that some odour may also be attributed to gas capture as gas is not currently being captured effectively within the Farm landfill cells. This will be discussed in the upcoming meeting with EDL, with EMRC aiming to get further gas extraction wells installed as soon as possible.

LB reported that EMRC are currently researching the use of tarps which could be placed over the waste at the end of each day to reduce odour. The system is currently in use at the Tamala Park landfill.

## **Groundwater**

RL informed community members that EMRC's contaminated sites auditor visited the site in late November, with the final report yet to be received. EMRC's environmental officers completed the latest water monitoring round in January and are currently writing the internal report.

## **Fauna Management**

RL reported that EMRC's pest fauna consultants recently undertook a spotlight assessment at Red Hill

and detected 25 foxes and a number of rabbits across the site. The next control program is scheduled for April.

RL also reported that a consultant recently undertook a survey of ibis movements before and after daily landfill operations were undertaken, and came up with a hierarchy of controls. These were workshopped with the operations team and it was decided to trial a number of deterrents to reduce the ibis and pelican numbers on site. LB added that EMRC was close to commencing a pilot program, which may involve noise such as horns and gas cannons. The program will occur over the next four weeks, with controls implemented for 2-3 hours at a time. Possible control measures were discussed with the community, and may involve noise and the use of a drone. The intended outcome of the program is to disrupt the feeding habits of the ibis and pelicans so they leave site.

## **Revegetation**

RL informed community members that this year's rehabilitation program will focus on the offsets areas. EMRC is currently planning to infill plant 7,000 tubestock into Lots 82 and 501 to meet its offsets commitments.

## **Resource Recovery Facility**

SF reported that the tender submission period closed in January. Overall five submissions were received from Biogas Renewables, Cleanaway, Hitachi Zosen Inova, Phoenix Energy and Suez. The submissions are currently being evaluated by EMRC staff and Member Council officers as well as by Mindarie Regional Council as it was a joint tender process.

## **Offset Program**

Discussed under Revegetation above.

## **Future Site Development Issues**

LB informed community members that the site is currently preparing for winter. The main focus is on completing drainage works around the current landfill site and enlarging stormwater ponds. There are plans to construct new leachate ponds on site at the end of winter. These ponds will be placed as far away from neighboring properties as possible.

LB also reported that her team were currently working on a development plan for the site for the next 30 years. This plan will be sent to the Department of Environment Regulation for approval within the next six months.

A new wheel wash facility was fully commissioned at the site two weeks ago. The facility is used by all trucks leaving the site and uses a spray system. All waste water goes back into the leachate system.

GK asked after the latest alignment of Hill Spine Road. SF reported that a draft report was received from Main Roads, who have proposed that the road could border the western and southern boundaries of the site. This would provide access to the Red Hill Amphitheatre, however it would be located very

close to a major fibre optic cable and past landfill cells.

## **Other Business**

JR stated that she is currently having a problem with meat ants coming from the EMRC property and asked if EMRC can spray. TB stated that they last sprayed in that area a few years ago, but will arrange for a pest control company to visit site. She will call JR to let her know when the control will take place.

Jl asked for an update on the 50 Hz noise and asked if she could have a copy of the report. LB replied that she has a meeting with EDL on Thursday and will re-request that the report be made available to community members involved in the study. She also provided a summary of what Olivier Mallie from Lloyd George Acoustics presented at the November meeting.

LB asked if the meeting time of 6:00pm suits everyone or if it should be earlier? It was decided that the time will be kept at 6:00pm. The community also expressed interest in having a tour of the site during a future meeting.

## **Actions**

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- TB to contact Hanson's quarry to further discuss noise issues in the area.
- SF to contact Energy Developments Limited to find out if RS and Jl can have a copy of the noise report.
- TB and LB to arrange for verbal reminders to be given to truck drivers to ensure their trailers are fully empty before leaving site. TB to also arrange for a flier to be designed and handed out at the weighbridge.
- TB to arrange for a pest control company to attend site to control meat ants along part of the eastern boundary.

## **Next Meeting**

The next Red Hill Community Liaison Meeting will be held on Tuesday 16 May 2017 at 6:00pm in the Red Hill Waste Management Facility meeting room.