

**WSN Environmental Solutions
Lucas Heights Waste and Recycling Centre
Community Advisory Committee**

Meeting Notes

Meeting Date: 19 March 2008

6:30 – 8.30pm

Location: Club Menai, Banksia 1 Room - 44 – 60 Allison Cres, Menai

Item	Issue	Action	By When
	<p>Welcome AC (Facilitator)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcomed the group to the meeting. 		
1.0	<p>Minutes Amendments/acceptance of draft December minutes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None raised – December minutes adopted. 		
2.0	<p>Business Arising</p> <p>CAC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suggested that a copy of the previous meeting's notes are attached to meeting agendas for email recipients. <p>JR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Questioned the delay publishing CAC minutes. <p>IW</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apologised about the delay and undertook to publish meeting minutes quicker. 	IW	ONGOING
3.0	<p>Review of CAC Operations SC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facilitated a discussion reviewing the CAC's operation. • Notes from this discussion will be prepared by SC (see attached) 	SC	April 08
4.0	<p>Operations and Environmental Update EB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tabled a copy of the March 2008 CAC Update and provided a verbal overview. <p>DE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suggested, the use of a map would assist the group's understanding of the Lucas Heights sites during general discussions and presentation of the CAC update. <p>AC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agreed with the group and will have a map available at future meetings <p>IK</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noted that WSN were trialling a new tube stock-planting program and questioned if this has been successful. <p>JW</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advised that the program appears to be working 	WSN	June 08
5.0	<p>Community Feedback on odours AC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Questioned the CAC if they had any feedback about odours <p>KD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noted that they experienced a strong odour one day last 		

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	<p>week for a couple of hours in the early morning.</p> <p>IK</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Noted that the odour may be associated with the change of season. <p>DE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advised that the odour was not noticeable in Illawong. <p>JR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Noted that he experienced an odour early in the morning of 9 March <p>JW</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advised that there had been 3-4 complaints received from the Menai / Barden Ridge area early morning though these had dissipated by the time people had got up. Suggested that the odour complaints were possibly due to the warm days and cool nights associated with the change of season. <p>GP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Questioned if this was an admission by WSN that the odours are not going to stop <p>JW</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advised that as the site is revegetated, a reduction of gas emissions should occur and that WSN are focused on gas reduction with gas works targeted for completion by the end of March <p>GP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advised that 3 – 4 years ago WSN commitments to reduce gas emissions were not necessarily reflected in monitoring results the following year. Questioned if WSN should look at increasing gas collection pipes to address the change in climate. Noted that during last years dry spell complaints dropped and during wet weather they increased. <p>DE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supported GP's statement about monitoring complaints and questioned if something different was happening. <p>JW</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Noted that there had been cooler nights due to a change in weather patterns. <p>AC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Questioned the number of complaints that had been received. <p>JW</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advised that this information was included in the operations report <p>EB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Noted that complaints were down from last year. <p>GP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Noted that complaints seem to increase with wet weather and decrease with dry weather. <p>IK</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Questioned the relationship with the vegetation and gas 		

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	<p>retention.</p> <p>JW</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advised that vegetation along with microbes in the top soil helps to control gas emissions <p>IK</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Questioned if the vegetation layer depth been adjusted <p>JW</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advised that vegetation layers depths are as required in the development consent <p>IK</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Questioned if fill layer depths have been adjusted based on experience <p>JW</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advised that the fill layer depths work as specified in the development consent 		
<p>5.1</p>	<p>Gas Infrastructure</p> <p>IK</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Questioned if there was a problem with ponding in the gas lines <p>JW</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advised that ponding is an on-going issue in the gas line infrastructure and that there is an active campaign to monitor and de-silt infrastructure. <p>IK</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Questioned how many people were in involved with these works and if they were carried out by WSN or a contractor and if the works were commercial in confidence. <p>JW</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advised that in part works are commercial in confidence and that 3 people on site permanently and that extra crews are brought in for new works. <p>JR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Questioned how the gas pipe infrastructure was de-silted. <p>JW</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advised that a sucker truck carried out this operation. <p>IK</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Questioned if the silt was contaminated. <p>JW</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advised that silt waste is not contaminated and is disposed of in the tip. 		
<p>5.2</p>	<p>Dust</p> <p>AM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Disagreed with the reference in the operations report that the elevated readings from DG1 is a result of truck movements as a result of dam construction and sporting field construction 		

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	<p>traffic.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Noted that dam works were completed at the end of 07 and that dust generation associated from truck movements supporting the sporting grounds construction should not happen if Cleary Bros correctly maintain the bitumen access roads. Requested that the operations report is amended to reflect this point. <p>SC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Questioned if AM believed that council were being blamed for the elevated dust levels from DG1. <p>EB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Noted council vehicles were still on site last week. Will amend the operations report. <p>DE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Queried if WSN were liaising with the joint Georges River Council nursery about site revegetation. <p>JW</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advised that she will need to check. 	WSN	March 08
6.0	<p>Actions</p> <p>IK</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Questioned location of the dog exercise area. <p>AM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advised that land allocation was completed in Lucas Heights One and that council were looking at placing the dog exercise area in Lucas Heights Two (LH2) subject to Council accepting the LH2 site with the ANSTO exclusion zone. <p>DE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Noted that her understanding is that the dog exercise area is closer to the mini bike area. <p>AM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reconfirmed that this was his understanding and that LH2 has adequate space available for a dog exercise area and further advised that the dog exercise area can be located anywhere in the ANSTO exclusion zone. Subject to council acceptance of the land. <p>DE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Noted that there is a lot of public interest in a dog exercise area at Lucas Heights with owners currently having to go to Como to exercise their dogs. <p>AM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advised that council are unable to address the problem at this point of time. <p>GP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Noted that the concept plan for LH2 only allowed for use by 		

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	<p>organised groups that have contact details and are able to establish an evacuation process.</p> <p>IW</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ON behalf of RG (ANSTO) provided the group with confirmation that ANSTO's requirements for the exclusion zone "continue to be the same as those set out within the Development Application Report date December 1988" 		
7.0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> General Business <p>GP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requested confirmation that the dam was a Sutherland Shire Council project <p>AM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Confirmed that council had built the dam. <p>DE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Noted that the heritage committee of Sutherland Shire Council in 1985 had spent many hours trying to convince council not to dam the King Fern Valley. <p>AM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advised that the dam was not in the King Fern Valley and provided verbal directions to the dam beside the leachate plant. 		

OPEN ACTIONS

Meeting Ref.	Issue	Assigned To	By When
19.3.08 2.0	Timely publication of meeting notes	IW	Ongoing
19.3.08 3.0	Publish review of CAC operation notes	SC	April 08
19.3.08 4.0	Provision of a map for future meetings	WSN	Ongoing
19.3.08 5.2	Amend Operations report	EB	March 08

Next Meeting

6.30 pm Wednesday 18 June 2008
Club Menai, Banksia 1 Room - 44 – 60 Allison Cres, Menai

List of Attachments to Minutes:

Lucas Heights Waste and Recycling Centre Community Advisory Committee Update March 2008
Review of Lucas Heights Activities