
Meeting Notes

Meeting Date: 20 June 2007

7pm

Location: Club Menai

Item	Issue	Action	By
	Welcome AC (IF) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Welcomed members and advised that John and Patricia Fraser have resigned from the group.		
1	Minutes Amendments/acceptance of draft March minutes. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Accepted without change.		
2	Business Arising <ul style="list-style-type: none">• There was no business arising.		
3	Environmental Update RM (WSN): <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tabled the <i>Lucas Heights WRC Operations Update June 2007</i> and provided a verbal report. See report attached.		

<p>3.1 Site Rehabilitation</p> <p>JR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Questioned how the site area was calculated in the Site Rehabilitation section of the Update. <p>RM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explained how calculations were made. <p>AM (SSC)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advised that Council, before accepting area for passive recreation use, has written to ANSTO seeking clarification on land uses permissible within ANSTO's exclusion zone. <p>RM (WSN)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Questioned what are the acceptable recreation uses of the site. <p>AM (WSN)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advised that recreational use of the site is dependant on definition of passive recreation. <p>RM (WSN)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noted that the site could be left as native vegetation. <p>RG (ANSTO)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advised that he would review the issue with his colleagues and advise the CAC. <p>AM (WSN)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noted that because of the new reactor, clarification would be needed of the existing and the new conditions. <p>3.2 Odours</p> <p>RM (WSN)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noted that the increased number of odour complaints were a result of wet weather impacting on infrastructure works on site. The gas leaks were a result of rain sealing the site and concentrating gases which then leaked when the site dried out. Convection of winds that occur in winter further exacerbated the problem. • Noted that future infrastructure works are planned for earlier in the year. <p>AM (WSN)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noted that, despite the increased number of complaints, not many were received from CAC members. 	<p>RG</p>	<p>Sept 07</p>
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<p>3.3 Leachate JR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Questioned how the site held up during the recent rain. <p>RM (WSN)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Advised that the site held up well in part due to a large sandstone base and also due to the new dam infrastructure.• Advised that the site experienced less overflow due to increased dam capacity. <p>3.4 Dust JR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Questioned who set dust compliance levels? <p>RM (WSN)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Advised that dust goals, while not set by DECC, are established by WSN as part of 'best practice' management of the site. <p>3.5 Environmental Update AM (WSN)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Brought up the technical nature of the Environmental Updates and the possibility of simplifying the content. <p>AM (SCC)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Advised that he found the charts and tables useful and had no problem with simplifying the update. <p>RM (WSN)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Noted that Council and ANSTO receive additional quarterly updates. <p>JR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Advised that he was not aware of the chart parameters and found the information meaningless.• Suggested that we trial a new format for the Environmental Update at the next meeting. <p>AM (WSN)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Questioned how information contained in the Odour monitoring diagram could be disseminated.		
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<p>RM (WSN)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advised that they could provide a written commentary about extra ordinary results. Noted that most community members were concerned about the cause of the odour. <p>3.6 Complaints Line.</p> <p>AM (WSN)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Noted that during business hours, calls are answered by WSN and after hours by a call centre. Will investigate the inconsistency in call response. 	<p>AM(WSN)</p>	<p>Sept 07</p>
<p>4 Community Feedback on Odours</p> <p>JR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advised that he was away for a <i>couple of weeks</i> and it was a shock coming back to odours that occur at various times of the day. Noted that the odours seemed to hover. Concerned that the trend may go up and up. <p>AM (WSN)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advised that WSN had learned from the mistake of scheduling works too close to winter and will no longer schedule them at this time of the year. <p>RM (WSN)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Noted that the weather has been a contributing factor for the increase in odours. 		
<p>5 Actions</p> <p>AC (IF)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tabled an action from MMcL who was to check if wash out facilities are provided for trucks on site. <p>RM (WSN)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Noted that while wash out facilities are available on site for Council trucks, it is not possible to force Council vehicles to use these facilities. <p>AM (SSC)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advised that he will check Council about the procedure in relation to their trucks. <p>JR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advised that liquid seepage from waste trucks was an issue on Alfords Point Road. 		

AM (SSC)

- Noted it would be useful to establish the identity of those trucks that are leaking.

Next Meeting

Date: Saturday 22nd September 2007
Time: 9.00am – 11.00am
Location: Lucas Heights 2 Site Tour and Meeting Room

Open Actions

Meeting Ref.	Issue	Assigned To	By When
20/6/07 3.1	Follow up recreational use exclusion definition	RG (ANSTO)	Sept 07
20/6/07 3.6	Follow up complaints line procedures	AM (WSN)	Sept 07

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