

## **EPA update on mud and roads in the Brooklyn Industrial Precinct, July, 2011.**

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1. Francis Street - EPA currently has 2 Pollution Abatement Notices (PANS) on premises in Francis Street between Cemetery Road and Geelong Road. Chalmers - have a PAN that relates to dust and have a large area of concrete on the drive that they regularly sweep which is performing to PAN requirements. Amansteph Transport – was issued a PAN regarding dust and mud earlier this year and they are due for an inspection. In terms of dust, nothing significant is evident from the site. In terms of the mud issues we agree that the site is a high risk. Any enforcement against the notice must be based on clear evidence. Enforcement against mud from the premises when the verge is unsealed and also causing mud is difficult. Once the verge is sealed there will be no grace period for them to bring their site up to standard and EPA will enforce against any significant mud or dust being transported beyond the boundaries of their property. We appreciate the commitment of VicRoads to sealing the verge and previous cleaning they have undertaken.
2. McDonald Road - EPA is currently in final discussions with Sims Metal prior to issuing a PAN on the site. The PAN will cover both mud and dust emissions from the driveway amongst other issues. EPA has visited the site a number of times in the last month and has instructed the environmental manager to have mud and dust removed from the driveway, which in turn was being transported onto McDonald Road. (Previous to these incidents the site was not considered a significant mud or dust risk because of the amount of concrete pavement at the site). Once the notice has been served and compliance date reached EPA will be able to enforce any significant mud or dust transported from the site. Please note there is a significant amount of mud being transported from Bunting Road to McDonald.
3. Bunting Road - We know that some sites are transporting some mud to Bunting Road, but enforcing and proving mud actually comes from the site and not the road itself is difficult. EPA is currently modelling the contribution of Bunting and Jones Road to dust emissions and will continue to maintain pressure to have these roads sealed. Once sealed, EPA will aim to increase compliance and enforcement activities for premises in this area.
4. Jones Road - Although the road requires major works businesses along these roads are complying with their notices. City Circle has installed a wheel wash and is in the process of installing a hard concrete pad from their wheel wash to the start of its driveway.
5. Old Geelong Road - TPI has installed a wheel wash and we understand is regularly sweeping the Road to prevent mud and dust issues. EPA continues to monitor sites in old Geelong Road to ensure compliance with notice and licence conditions. We also have a notice on Onesteel in this area.
6. Somerville Road - Has been a particular concern to EPA. EPA has formally written to Slidecross regarding small amounts of mud being brought onto Somerville Road. We will continue to monitor the situation (There is a PAN on the site). We have also recently issued new notices to Victorian Container Management and Rafnet. These new notices include conditions requiring them to prevent transport of mud onto roads. We have received favourable responses from both businesses who put forward a proposal to install wheel washes. EPA has also been in discussions with Delta Group about its site in Somerville Road and has provided a draft PAN that includes mud conditions. Comments on the PAN have been provided to us and we'll be looking to issue this new notice within 14 days. EPA has issued a notice to identify the occupier of 412 Somerville Road with a view to issuing a PAN to control mud and dust emissions from the site (the site occupier is already put a plan forward for work to control mud and dust emissions). We have consulted the manager of the Huntsman site and they appear to have adequate controls on mud and dust. At this stage EPA sees no reason for further action
7. Cemetery Road - EPA has recently fined Tasman Logistic Services for dust emissions and issued an additional PAN that requires controls to be installed to avoid mud and dust emissions. Noting the significance of the works required in the PAN there is a reasonable lead time to having works completed. EPA has also written to Hobsons Bay City Council regarding the state of this road. They have committed to having it maintained.

8. Sara Grove - We have issued a PAN to 1 premises who has shown good compliance to avoid mud and dust emissions to roads and air. EPA is in the process of issuing another PAN to a business that has been identified as causing mud and dust issues in this area.

9. Paramount Road - Works on road have been occurring for a number of months now. In general, notice holders along this road have shown good compliance. EPA will continue to monitor premises along this site.

We thank all the stakeholders for the support that they are providing to make life more livable for the residents of Brooklyn and surrounds. We will continue to work to ensure industry complies with notice conditions, but we do request the following assistance from VicRoads and Councils:

1. That VicRoads maintain regular cleaning along McDonald Road, Francis Street, Market Road and Somerville Road.

2. That Council continue to ensure regular cleaning of Sara Grove and other secondary roads in the area.

Regular cleaning and maintenance is critical for us to be able to work effectively to target the primary sources.