

# Brooklyn Community Representative Group Information update

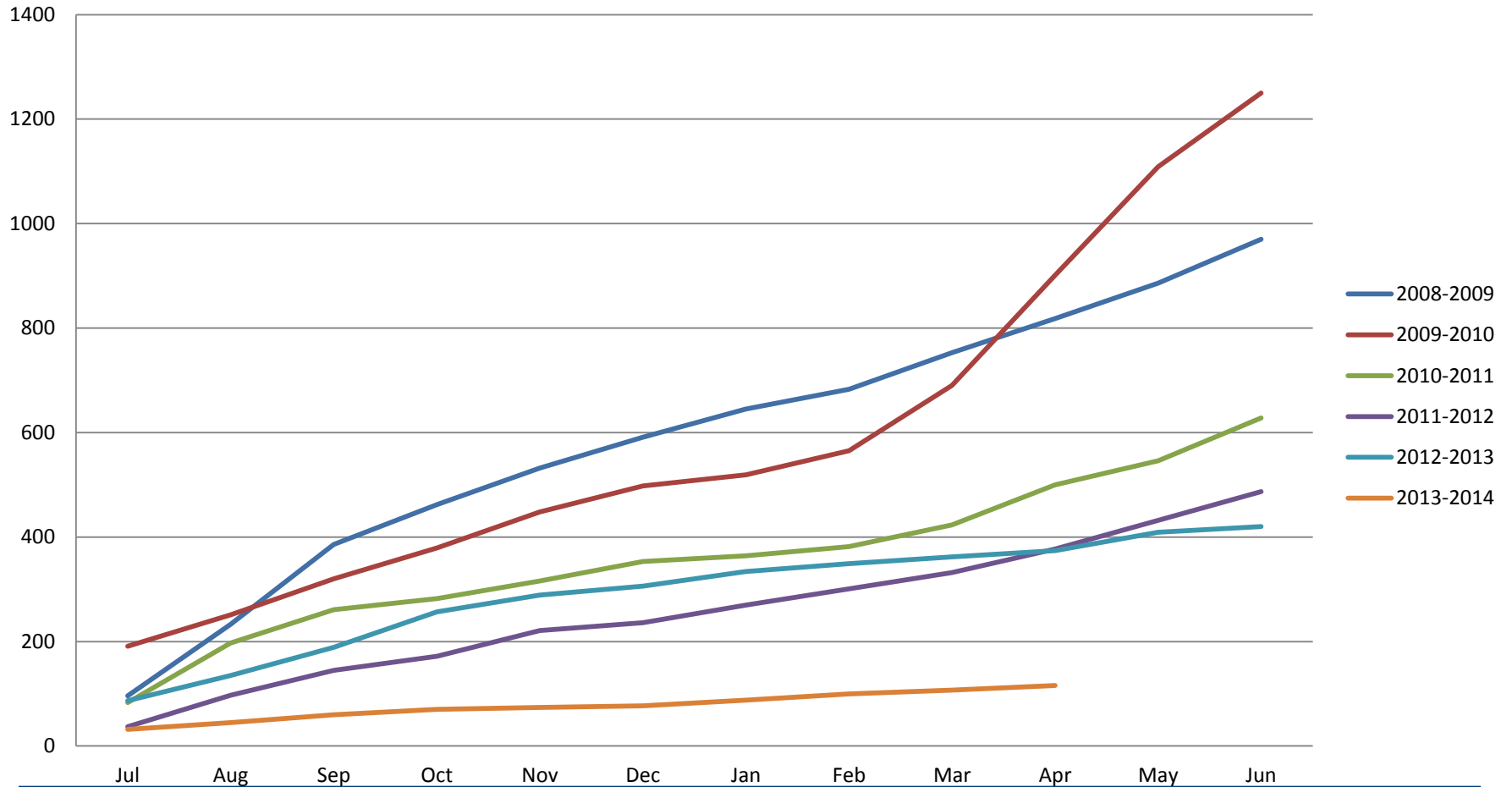
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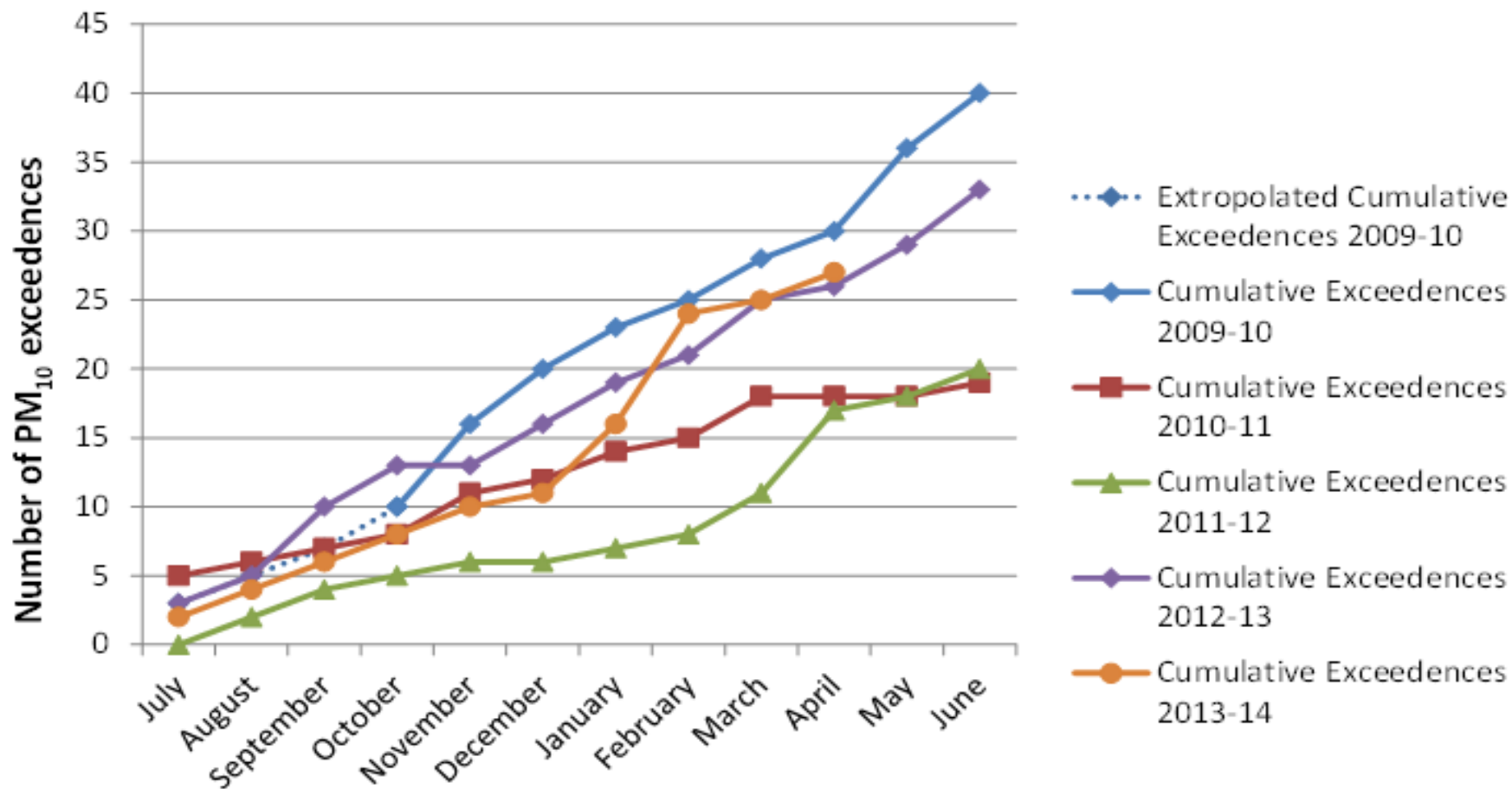


# Odour update

## Cumulative Reports by Financial Year



# Days that exceeded air quality objectives



# Why is it still a problem

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- 14 exceedences during Q3 2013/14
- 13 between Jan and Feb
  - 5 due to other factors – bushfires in Feb, dust storms in January
- Likely contributors:
  - Dry conditions (7<sup>th</sup> driest Jan-Mar period since 1941)
  - Long term engineered controls yet to be implemented
  - Dust produced from main unsealed roads (planned to be sealed – assistance through \$900,000 from State government)

# Progress (roads)

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- Engineering works on roads:
  - Verges on Somerville Road and McDonald Road,
  - Fixes on Francis St
    - works to be completed by July 2014
- Planned:
  - Alick/Frederick Road
  - Jones Road and Bunting Road (long term)

# Progress (industrial sites)

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- 15 inspections during Q3
  - 6 new Pollution Abatement Notices
  - 5 revoked due to being complied with
    - Delta Recycling Pty Ltd
    - Onesteel
    - Simsmetal
    - N Santalucia and Sons P/L
    - FBT Transwest
- 3 sites being investigated (likely enforcement action)
- Tracking of approx. 30 current Pollution Abatement Notices through ongoing inspections

# EPA Combined Site Map Brooklyn Dust Compliance activity



**Risk Roads**

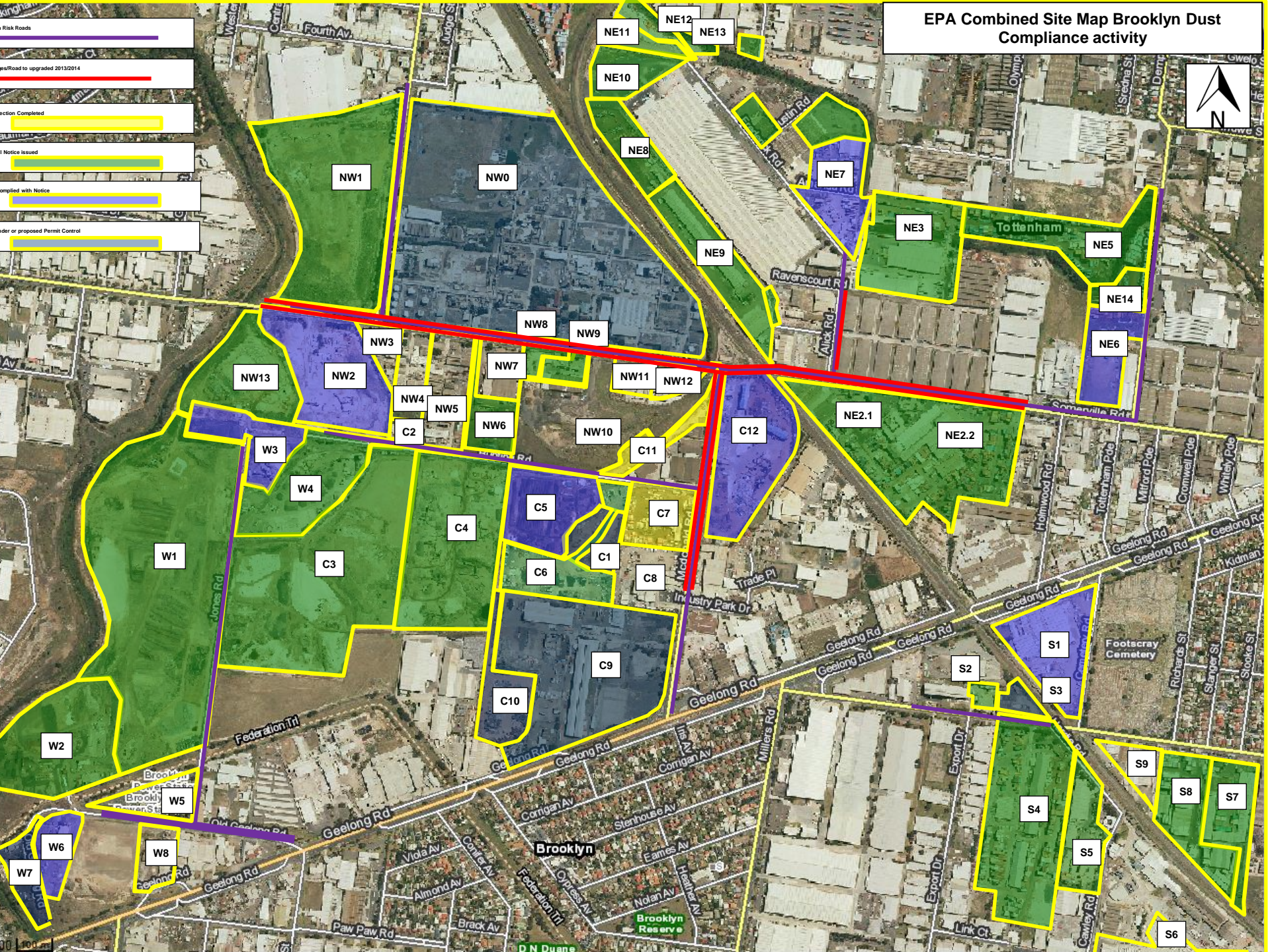
— Road to be upgraded 2013/2014

— Section Completed

— Notice Issued

— Complied with Notice

— Under or proposed Permit Control



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# Feedback – Social Research

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Key findings include:

- 40% of Brooklyn residents living less than 500 metres from a known pollution source felt that the odour in their area had improved over the last 12 months
- At least half of all reporters and residents in Brooklyn felt that each of EPA activities they were aware of had helped improve the local environment
- Reporters mainly agreed that directing funds from prosecuted companies toward local environmental projects had helped improve the local environment

Discussion point:

- Reporters mainly disagreed that the action plan to address dust had helped improve the local environment, and that EPA issuing 25 new pollution abatement notices would help improve the community in the future.