

BCRG COMMUNITY FORUM 3/2015

11 November, 2015

6:00pm for 6:30 – 8:55 pm

Brooklyn Community Centre, Cypress Avenue, Brooklyn



Meeting Purpose:

- To provide an update on progress towards resolution of dust, noise and odour issues

Chair: Jen Lilburn

Agenda Items and Actions from meeting

Light Refreshments
1. Welcome, Jen Lilburn Apologies, Confirm previous draft meeting notes
2. Community Update regarding major dust issues/initiatives, (Bert Boere and Bruce Light)
3. Update on Jones/Bunting Roads (Ray Martin, Brimbank CC)
4. Update on stockpiles and enforcement action (Simon Vittorio, Brimbank CC)
5. City Circle Demolitions – site upgrade report (Matt Skidmore, Operations Manager) <i>Action 111115_1: Matt Skidmore to provide information to BCRG on how the trigger levels for dust at City Circle relate to the requirements of Worksafe and Health regulations.</i> <i>Action 111115_2: Matt Skidmore to present a further update and photos at the March BCRG meeting.</i>
6. EPA Victoria Update on dust, noise and odour program (Daniel Hunt, Acting Regional Manager Metro, EPA Victoria) <i>Action 111115_3: Daniel to supply the pro forma questions from call centre.</i> <i>Action 111115_4: Daniel to provide the EPA call centre management with feedback from BCRG that the callers require a call back and response to their report.</i> <i>Action 111115_5: Dan to provide an odour update for the November BCRG meeting notes. (See Figure 6)</i> <i>Action 111115_6: Chris Bydder to provide updates on the Australian Tallow Producers/EPA legal case via BCRG email.</i> <i>Action 111115_7: Chris Bydder to provide a report from all odour data showing peak times of the day when complaints are lodged.</i>
7. BCRG Targets (Jen Lilburn) <i>Action 111115_8: Jen Lilburn to contact the Minister for Environment, Climate Change and Water, The Hon. Lisa Neville MP's office to invite her to attend BCRG meetings</i>
1. Panel - Members Malcolm Ramsay (Hobsons Bay CC), Ian Butterworth (Maribyrnong CC), Simon Vittorio (Brimbank CC), Daniel Hunt (EPA), Matt Walsh (VicRoads), Matt Skidmore (City Circle) <i>Action 111115_9: Matt Walsh, VicRoads to investigate the build-up of mud and dust on road verges.</i> <i>Action 111115_10: Daniel Hunt to send the media release and any update material regarding the Veolia chemical reaction for distribution via the enews.</i>

Item 1. Welcome, Jen Lilburn

Jen Lilburn (Convenor) welcomed everyone to the forum especially Councillors Sandra Wilson and Jason Price, Hobsons Bay CC; Matt Walsh, VicRoads; community representatives from Yarraville on the Nose YOTN, Brooklyn Residents Action Group (BRAG), industry representatives and new meeting attendees. General introductions around the room confirmed a mix of residents, industry and agency representation.

The draft notes from the July 2015 meeting were confirmed as accurate. There was agreement that a faster process for confirming the minutes should be adopted. The draft notes will be published and any comments should be provided within two weeks to be incorporated into the final notes.

The three BCRG meeting dates for 2016 have been set for Wednesday 2nd March, 20th July and 16th November.

Official opening of Jones Rd and Bunting Rd. Jen attended the launch which was a celebration of the enormous efforts over the years of the advocacy and cooperation.

Jane Nathan, Administrator for Brimbank CC, applauded the efforts of the community volunteers who have been the champions for change and provided the impetus and direction for all levels of government and agencies. Certificates of recognition were awarded at the opening to Geoff Mitchelmore for Friends of Kororoit Creek, Bert Boere for Brooklyn Residents Action Group and Bruce Light for Yarraville On the Nose.

The expected 30% reduction in dust levels will be a win for residents and workers in local business.

Geoff Mitchelmore commented that John Merritt, CEO VicRoads, passed on his congratulations.

Containerspace site tour. Jane Nathan spoke highly of the container park and congratulated Helen and Mark Paterson on the tremendous facilities which set world standards for other businesses to learn from. The site showcases many new dimensions including logical layout, garden landscaping and statues, offices made from containers with structural infill plus high technical and safety features.

Values statement

Jen noted that there was still some resistance from some industry members to speak at the forum which she hoped could be addressed by BCRG participants remembering the agreed values and conduct statements.

The intent of these meeting notes is to promote open communication between local business, local and state government, community and the EPA. They are not to be used in a manner that compromises this objective.

Notes from this meeting will be posted on the Brooklyn Industrial Precinct website and will be available to the general public. Meeting participants should advise Andrea Mason or Jen Lilburn if they would like their name removed from this public document.

Item 2. Community Update regarding major dust issues/initiatives, (Bert Boere and Bruce Light)

Jen noted that the community groups had advised there were no updates for this meeting.

Item 3. Update on Jones/Bunting Roads (Ray Martin, Infrastructure Development Coordinator, Engineering Services, Brimbank CC)

Ray's presentation can be seen in full in [Attachment 1](#).

Ray also welcomed the completion of the sealing of Jones Rd and Bunting Rd and showed a series of images of these and Old Geelong Rd highlighting the major changes. He also noted the 560 trees which have been planted to enhance the amenity. Groundcover and swale vegetation is planned for 2016 when weather conditions are suitable.

There is still some dirt being tracked onto the new road but it is now easy to detect the source and Brimbank CC will be monitoring this closely. Some adjoining businesses are planning new asphalt entrance and wheel wash facilities.

Old Geelong Rd has 260 new bollards although have some already knocked down. Council surveyors will begin designing the kerbing, channels and landscaping in the new year for submission to Council budgets.

Question: Has there been any study into the business/commercial benefit from customers using these roads in their improved condition?

Response: Ray Martin, BCC There has not been a study but it should be beneficial as it would make these businesses safer and a nicer place to enter.

Question: Is any action being undertaken against businesses parking on the verges?

Response: Ray Martin, BCC Brimbank is addressing this issue.

Item 4. Update on stockpiles and enforcement action (Simon Vittorio, Strategic Coordinator Planning Compliance, Brimbank CC)

Simon's presentation can be seen in full in [Attachment 2](#).

Simon's update highlighted the strong focus of council officers in the past quarter in the Brooklyn precinct to enforce dust mitigation and compliance, working closely with EPA and other agencies. Activities included over 100 inspections and a comprehensive audit of all the major industries, with more audits planned. This has resulted in new planning applications, industry mitigation measures being undertaken or planned and VCAT enforcement orders where necessary.

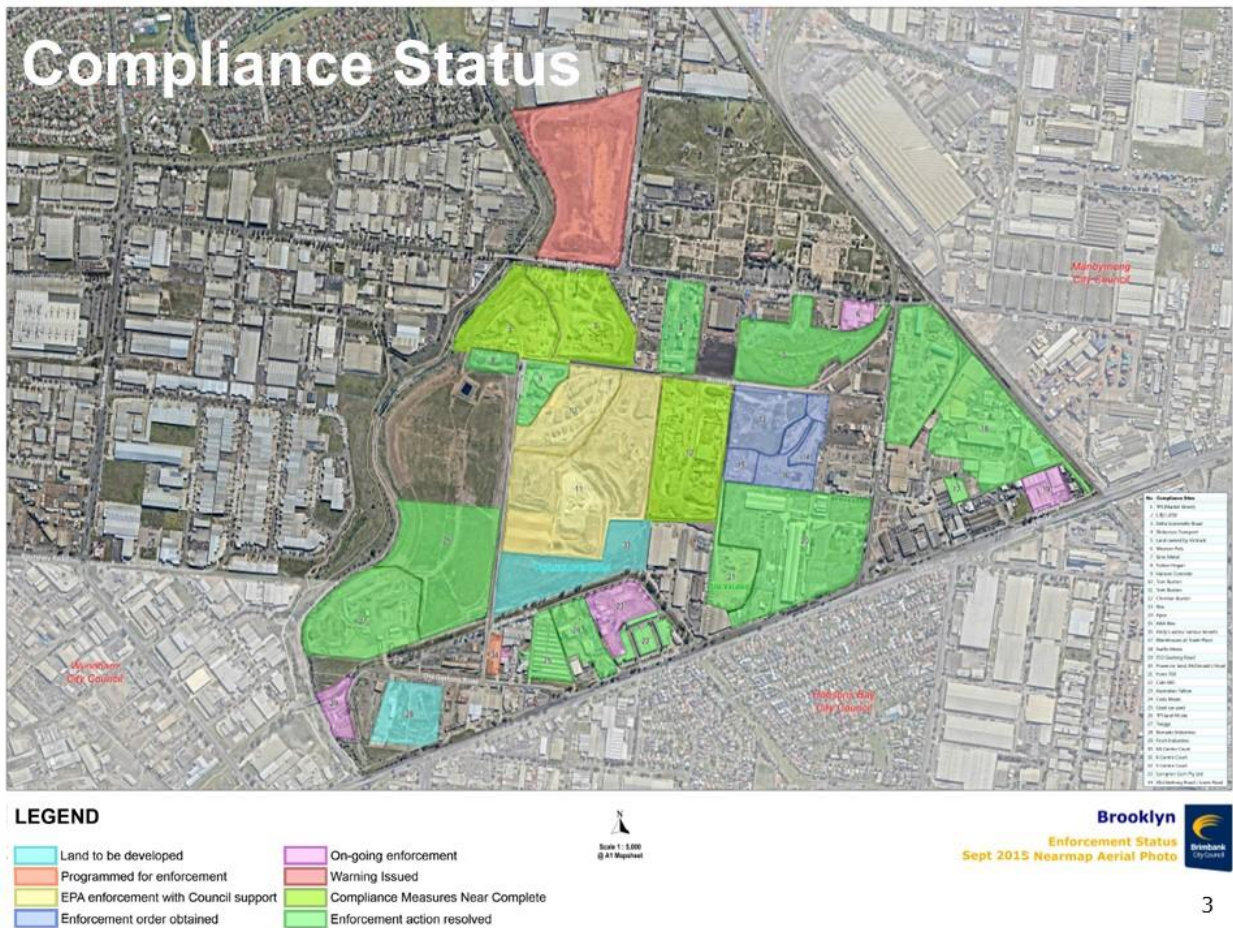


Figure 1. Brimbank CC compliance status for Brooklyn

Simon clarified the location of the various stockpiles and their permit status (see Figure 2). Fulton Hogan has recycled asphalt with a planning permit but with no conditions attached. The Sunshine Groupe site is one which is often referred to by the community. BCC, EPA and the site owners are working together. Sunshine Groupe has offered to present an update at the next BCRG meeting on current changes and plans designed to mitigate dust from their site.

BCC is closely monitoring and auditing the stockpile heights and where possible working with operators to make change. There are some operators who have applied to increase their stockpile heights as part of their overall management plans. Council has not agreed to any of these yet.

New dust mitigation measures include:

- Tighter permit conditions
- Significant perimeter landscaping (3 sites)
- Installation of truck wheel-washes (2 sites)
- Sealing of car park and entry/exit areas (2 sites)
- Improved on-site drainage and on-site water re-use (3 sites)
- Short-term use of suction street sweepers
- Part-enclosure of recycling operation (1 site)

Stockpile locations



Figure 2. Brooklyn recycled materials stockpiles

Other significant change has included:

- Site improvements at 69 Bunting Rd following the successful VCAT enforcement order.
- Surveillance program on Bunting and Jones Rd to prevent mud onto the newly sealed roads and the use of litter abatement notices for infringements.

Question: Are the businesses undertaking measures to stop/reduce the dust from the stockpiles now?

Response: Simon Vittorio, BCC Council believes there is not significant dust coming from the stockpiles. The businesses are undertaking some measures to reduce dust such as installation of wheel washers, sealing of site entrances, street sweeping and improving onsite drainage. BCC is working with the operators to find further options to reduce dust from the sites including tighter planning conditions and the use of bund walls. Vegetation on the bund walls is an essential element to dust control. One company is considering enclosing part of their operation.

Several community members commented that there are still some days where significant dust is coming from the stockpiles resulting in poor visibility and other issues related to dust. This is still a major issue for residents.

Question: It is disappointing to hear that some stockpiles might be higher if permits granted. Is Council able to hold off on any decisions until the EPA has undertaken surveys with the Mobile Particle Monitor?

Response: Simon Vittorio, BCC Council continues to work with EPA. We are hoping to develop strategic measures that together will reduce the dust even if higher stockpiles are permitted. There has been no decision made on the permits to increase stockpile heights at this stage.

Question: The bitumen stockpile affects the amenity for the community along Kororoit Creek. Can anything be done about the height of those stockpiles?

Response: Simon Vittorio, BCC The permit for that site has no conditions attached to it. BCC is in discussions with the site owner but has no enforcement options.

Question: The Sunshine Groupe site is opposite my home and there is dust every day. Is this site going to have higher stockpiles in future?

Response: Simon Vittorio, BCC That site has no permit or conditions and so is not controlled by Council. There are no plans for those stockpiles to become higher.

Response: Chris Bydder, EPA EPA is in discussions with the operator to develop the rehabilitation plan for the site. There will always be hills up to 7m high as part of the contour plan to assist the control of leachate from the site.

Response: Kieran Carroll, Sunshine Groupe Sunshine Groupe has begun to take down the stockpile. With the recent sealing of the roads, we are now improving the site entrance. We have spent \$720K on the entrance, have hired a street sweeper to clean Bunting Rd daily and will be installing wheel washer.

Question: As a large industry with the largest stockpile, what plans and suppression activities does the Sunshine Groupe have to reduce the dust and are there timelines/milestones for this?

Response: Kieran Carroll, Sunshine Groupe Sunshine Groupe is committed to making improvements to the site and there have been huge improvements in the past 12 months. Most of the dust suppression involves the use of water sprinklers and water trucks. Further changes will take more time. Christian Buxton will provide more updates at the next BCRG meeting in March 2016.

Item 5. City Circle Demolitions – site upgrade report (Matt Skidmore, Operations Manager)

Matt's presentation can be seen in full in [Attachment 3](#).

Matt gave an overview of the family-owned business that moved to Jones Rd Brooklyn ten years ago. The main business is the recycling and crushing of construction and demolition waste for reuse in civil engineering projects such as roads and footpaths as a replacement for natural quarry products.

Trucks bring the material to the site where it is wet down and then tipped into piles until it is crushed. The final product is then trucked to jobs. It is a requirement that the material has at least a 12% moisture content at all times.

The City Circle site operates within the scope and conditions of a formal **Site Environmental Management Plan (SEMP)**

- The **SEMP** is designed to protect health and wellbeing of workforce, public and amenity of surrounding neighbourhood.
- The **SEMP** promotes efficient operation of all site based activities and ensures effective environmental management is implemented, maintained and enforced to ensure:
 - Effective dust and noise suppression procedures are in place and implemented at each stage of the recycling process.
 - Proper environmental maintenance of internal and external roads, stockpiles and hardstands.
 - Mud and surface debris is not tracked onto public access roads in the vicinity of the site.

In an attempt to minimise City Circle's impact on the Brooklyn Community the following Site works have been undertaken to reduce the sites footprint:

- Sealing of Entrance Road
- Upgrade of Wheel Washing system including sealing the road either side
- Additional Wheel Wash added
- Reconstruction of bund wall so that it can be revegetated
- Environmental Manager – new position to monitor dust and mud management

Matt was keen to convey the genuine intention of City Circle to work with BCC and EPA to continue to learn and that they are trying to reverse past practices and hope to change the community's perception of their operation.

Question: Thank you for the informative presentation. Do you have a dust monitor on site?

Response: Matt Skidmore, CC Yes, there is a monitor at the driveway of the site exit monitoring air constantly. If there is a reading above 60mg/m³ it sends an alert to the site manager and Matt. The trend is for decreasing numbers of these exceedence alerts and with the adjoining roads now sealed we would expect even fewer alerts.

Question: When you get the alert and there is dust in the air, is there a set of actions undertaken?

Response: Matt Skidmore, CC Generally, it is the role of the site manager to determine what is causing the issue and undertake relevant measures to prevent it. Most issues are caused by trucks, particularly if the water trucks haven't been through and kept the site damp enough. It is expected that the new environmental manager will take on this role in future.

Question: When the trucks arrive, how do the operators know what is in them?

Response: Matt Skidmore, CC As trucks enter the site, a camera records what is in the back of the load. At the tip site there is a traffic manager who sits at the height of the load and can see the contents and any problems are followed up by the site manager. It is very important for the safety of our operators and the quality of the final product to check for foreign materials in the loads.

Question: How many days do you operate and how is the moisture content managed on the weekends when you are not there?

Response: Matt Skidmore, CC The site operates 5 days per week. There are timed sprinkler systems in place to manage moisture and the bund walls are in place to reduce the wind.

Question: If the bunds are 2m above the stockpiles, how can that be enough to stop the dust? What can you do to stop the wind coming over the bund walls into the large open space?

Response: Matt Skidmore, CC The bund walls are constructed according to the Council recommendations and should reduce the wind movements. We are working toward vegetating the bunds to reduce dust and the sprinklers also help.

Response: Simon Vittorio, BCC The bund walls need to be vegetated to be fully effective.

Response: Chris Bydder, EPA The bund heights are not controlled by the EPA. Each site is different and it is recommended that a consultant is used to assess the needs at each site.

Question: How does the concentration of dust that triggers your alert system compare to the health regulations and Worksafe recommendations for dust?

Response: Bert Boere, BRAG The PM₁₀ levels for dust are measured over a 24-hour period while other guidelines are measured over a shorter period – depending on the industry and site.

Action 111115_1: Matt Skidmore to provide information to BCRG on how the trigger levels for dust at City Circle relate to the requirements of Worksafe and Health regulations.

Question: Are the changes being made to the City Circle site at a minimum standard or are they aspiring to meet best practice? What is the role of the new Environment Manager?

Response: Matt Skidmore, CC It is difficult to say what best practice is as the SEMP recommendations are specific to our site. It has been developed by CC in consultation with BCC. The Environmental Manager will be required to follow the SEMP and manage and monitor the site accordingly.

Question: How many trucks a day are going to City Circle?

Response: Matt Skidmore, CC I don't have the truck numbers but there are approximately 25000 tonnes of material coming in per month and up to 2000 tonnes a day.

Action 111115_2: Matt Skidmore to present a further update and photos at the March BCRG meeting.

Item 6. Update on dust, noise and odour program (Daniel Hunt, Acting Regional Manager Metro, EPA Victoria)

Daniel's presentation can be seen in full in [Attachment 4](#).

Daniel is currently acting in the role of Richard Marks until early next year and gave a brief update on the number of dust exceedences in Brooklyn and the EPA's compliance and enforcement program.

Key Updates

- Two exceedences recorded this financial year
- Twelve exceedences since 11th of November 2014 (rolling annual)
- EPA submission to Planning Panels Victoria regarding C177
- Jones and Bunting Roads sealed
- EPA conducting targeted compliance and enforcement activities in Brooklyn focusing on mud and dust track out on to public roadways which identified 14 sites that require compliance and enforcement action.

Daniel commented that one of the October exceedences was on the very hot and windy day when there were also exceedences recorded in Geelong and Footscray.

He commended the Brimbank CC on their work on the C177 planning amendment which will enshrine dust control standards in the planning scheme for Brooklyn in the future.

Monthly PM₁₀ exceedences in Brooklyn

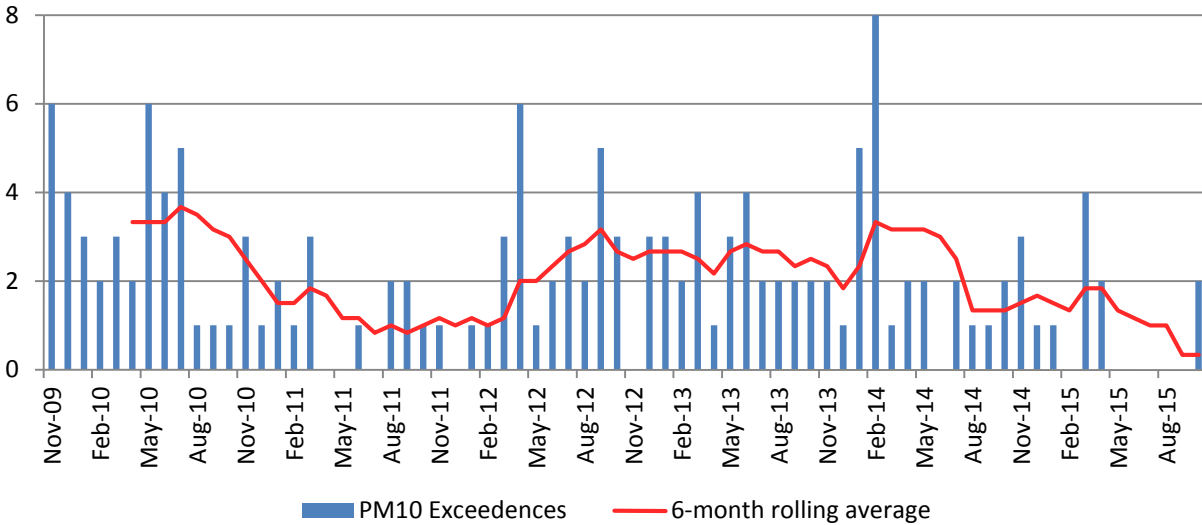
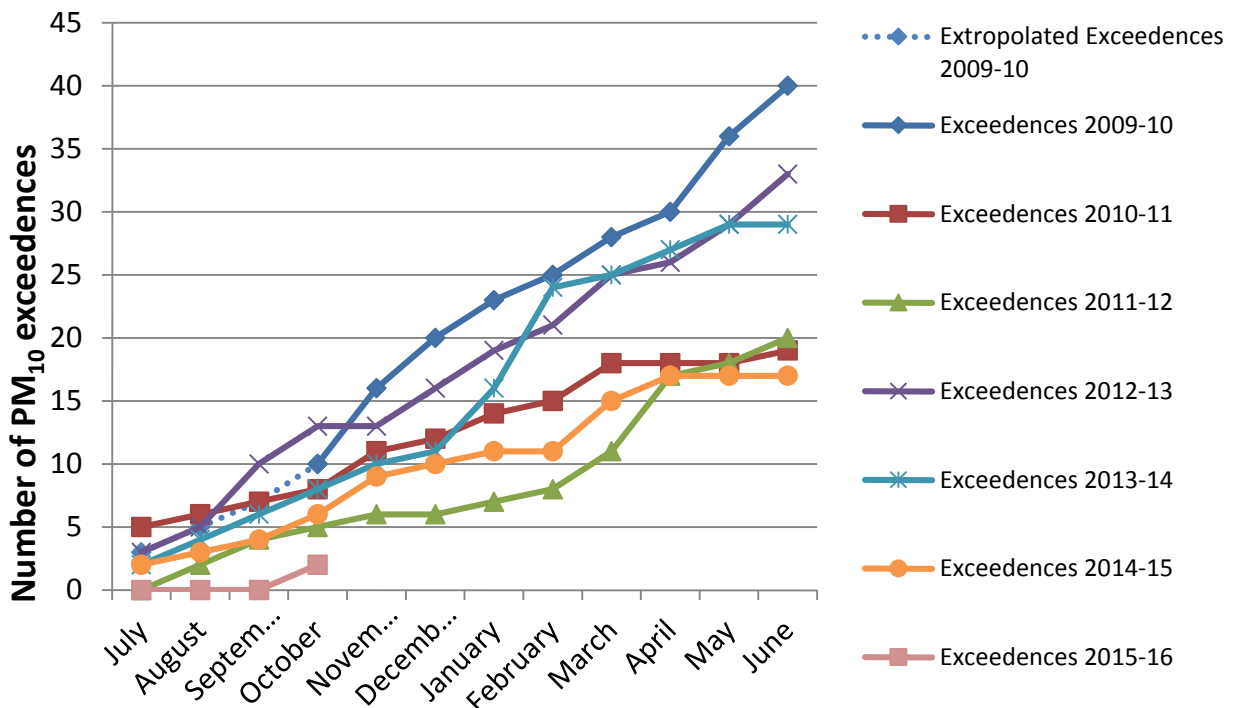


Figure 3. Dust Exceedences in Brooklyn

Poor Air Quality Days 2009 - 2015



*Note air quality objective is no more than five PM₁₀ exceedences per year

Figure 4. Poor Air Quality days in Brooklyn since 2009

Overall the results for dust exceedences have been good this financial year especially considering the El Nino and dry conditions.

Jones and Bunting Roads

The road sealing is a great outcome but there is still a lot more work to do and Brooklyn is still a strong focus for the EPA.



Figure 5. Jones and Bunting Rd – before and after sealing in November 2015

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Question: Do you have an odour update? There have been many odour reports recorded and some very bad days.

Response: Daniel Hunt, EPA An odour update would be useful. EPA is looking at doing more about odour again. Our monitoring has shown a spike in reports recently so we will be sending the officers out to try to pin point sources. Other actions will include ensuring there is licence compliance and maintenance for odour control. Overall the incident reports are down from 1200 per year in 2012 to 150 per year now.

Response: Chris Bydder, EPA The number of reports has hit a baseline but we do have some ongoing investigations with the principal odour expert in Brooklyn looking at certain sites.

Question: When someone reports an odour is that report recorded against Brooklyn? Also the call centre team does not seem very helpful when you call. Many of the residents are not ringing the hotline as they are tired of not getting any call backs with a response.

Response: Chris Bydder, EPA The EPA officers definitely track where the calls are coming from as it is essential to tracing the odour source. The response protocol is currently under review. The best method to report odour is to phone it in immediately as the response can be faster and helps our enforcement action. The email system is a lot slower and more suited to general information. It is important to continue to report odour incidents as the EPA system relies on a volume of callers to trigger action and prosecution relies on witnesses to be successful.

Question: Does the call centre have a pro forma for the questions asked by the operators and can we see these questions so we know what to expect?

Response: Daniel Hunt, EPA Yes, there is a set of questions and they can be made available. I would also urge you to continue to phone in any odour issues.

Action 111115_3: Daniel to supply the pro forma questions from call centre. (See [Appendix A](#))

Question: Who employs/manages the call centre?

Response: Daniel Hunt, EPA The call centre is outsourced. I am aware that there are issues with the call centre and that people need to get a call back. I will be raising this issue with management.

Comment BRAG included the issues regarding the call centre in its submission to the EPA review.

Action 111115_4: Daniel to provide the EPA call centre management with feedback from BCRG that the callers require a call back and response to their report.

Action 111115_5: Dan to provide an odour update for the November BCRG meeting notes. (See Figure 6)

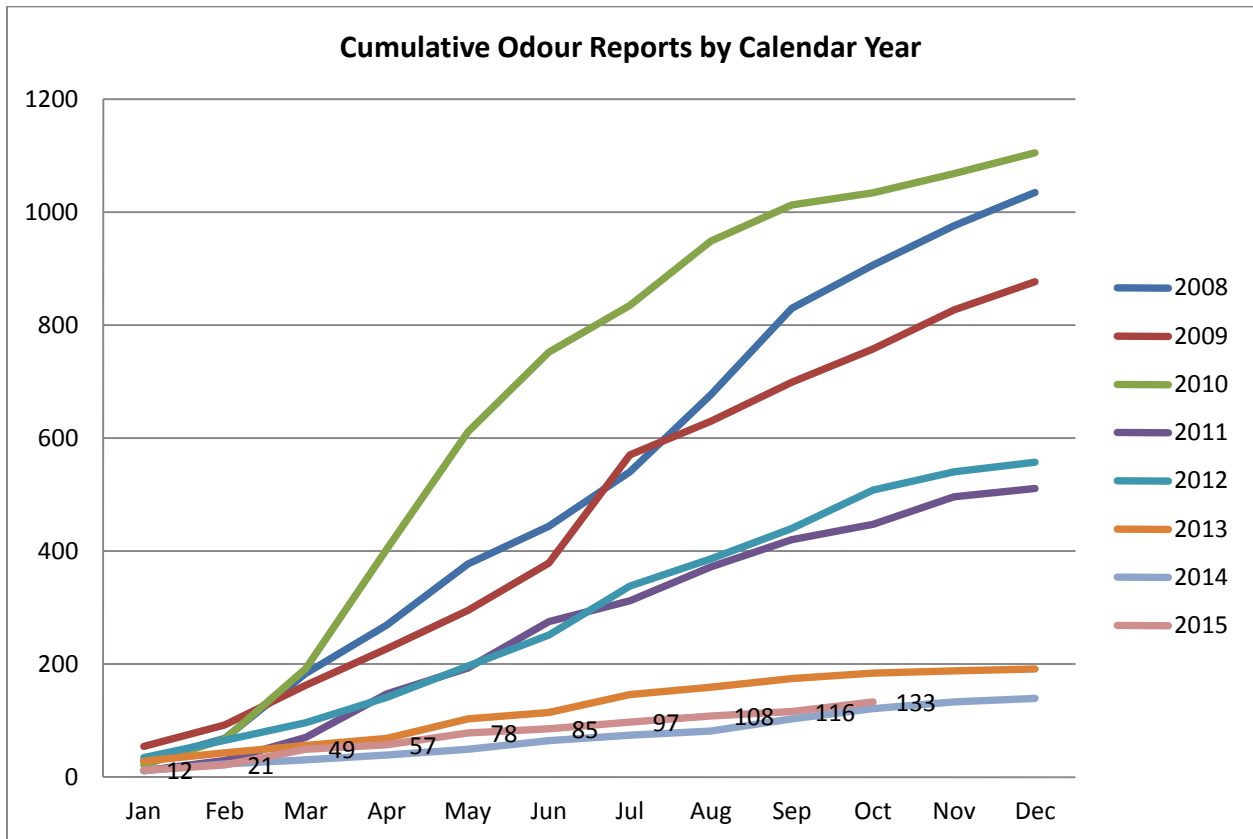


Figure 6. Cumulative Odour Reports provided after the meeting

Question: Can you give us an update on the progress of the current legal case between EPA and Australian Tallow Producers?

Response: Chris Bydder, EPA The case is still being heard by the Magistrate and has taken 31 days over the past year. There have been hearings in March and August 2015. Final submissions have been prepared by both parties and the final decision is expected to be made on 23rd November, 2016. Any actions will be decided after the final decision.

Action 111115_6: Chris Bydder to provide updates on the Australian Tallow Producers/EPA legal case via BCRG email.

Question: Is it possible to see any correlation between the reduction of odour incidents and the EPA enforcement actions?

Response: Daniel Hunt, EPA The change would be the result of a combination of activities including enforcement, education and actively ensuring change to controls and then a cultural change in the industries themselves.

Question: Has the data been analysed according to the hourly breakdown of reports from the community to see peaks in incident times such as early in the morning or late at night?

Response: Daniel Hunt, EPA There has been analysis of the data but it is difficult to draw conclusions as not everyone makes the report immediately. For greater success in tracking an odour the EPA needs the reports to be called in as soon as possible and even then a lot of time is lost between the time of the call and when officers can get on site to investigate – by which time the odour may have stopped.

Action 111115_7: Chris Bydder to provide a report from all odour data showing peak times of the day when complaints are lodged.

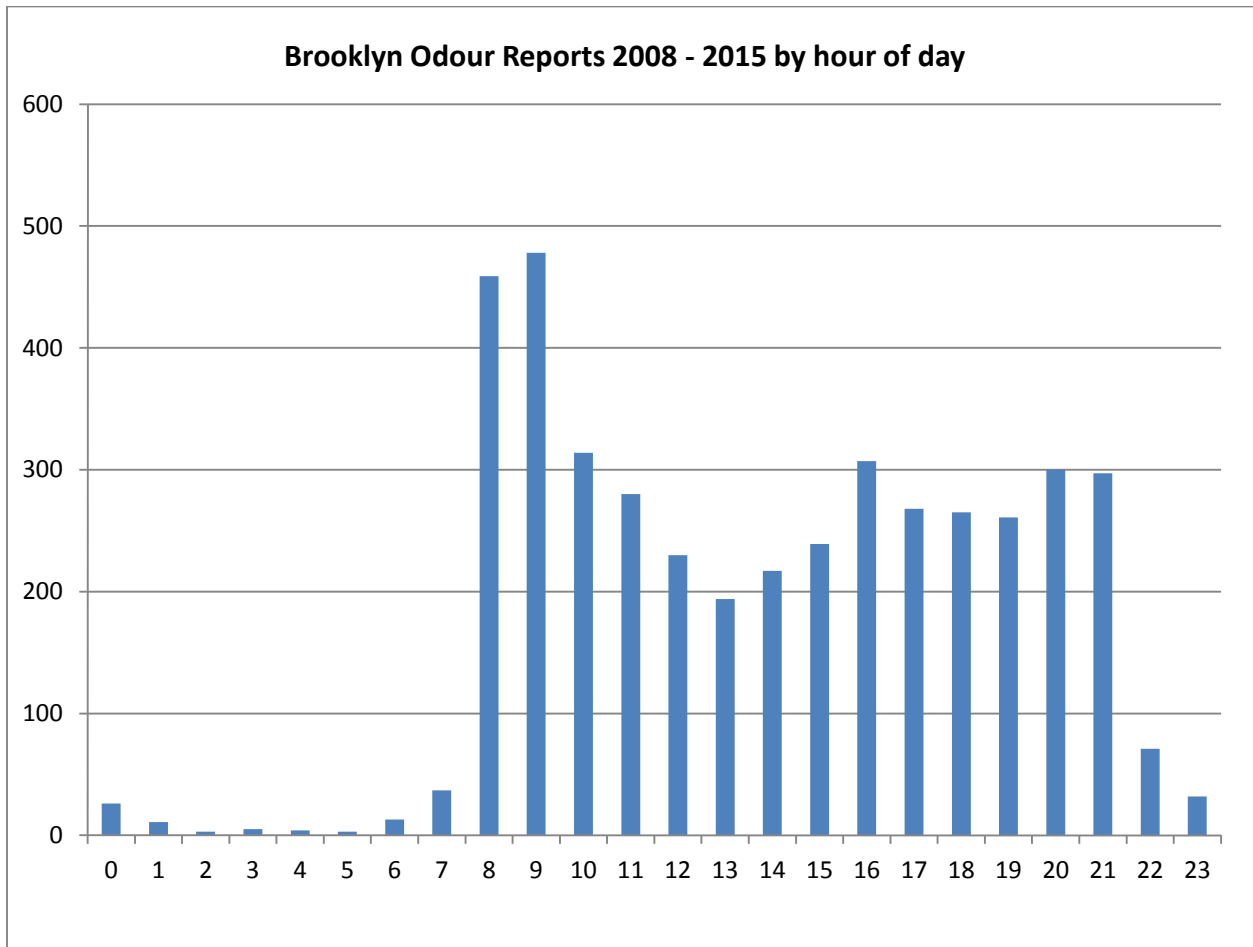


Figure 7. Brooklyn Odour Reports provided after the meeting

Comment: There is a perception that the reporting system is like an emergency service and that officers will rush out immediately. However many of the reports are often at night and officers can't always get out there in the right time as the current structure in the EPA doesn't allow for this. Another option would be to have a system similar to Worksafe laws where offenders are required to stop operating until the problem is fixed.

Comment: In the submission to the EPA inquiry it was suggested that EPA officers should also be able to report the odour offence and this should be admissible in any legal action. There is a need for change in the reporting regulations.

Question: Recently an odour incident was so terrible it caused dizziness and nausea to staff members at our business. What are the regulations, OHS and Worksafe laws that protect workers from these events?

Response: Daniel Hunt, EPA The EPA has no role in this. The rules are not the same for businesses impacting on other businesses as those of businesses impacting on residents. Also it can be very difficult to monitor as only individuals can report to the EPA – not businesses.

Question: Have EPA staff had an opportunity to make submissions to the EPA inquiry?

Response: Daniel Hunt, EPA I had a short opportunity to present to the inquiry committee and the issue of understaffing was raised. Staff are challenged to respond to many requests plus undertake their regulatory role.

Question: Is there any restriction on how much of the material that caught fire recently that Sims metal can have on their site?

Response: Daniel Hunt, EPA The Sims Metal fire was an emergency management issue. That site is not licensed and operates under the existing use rights therefore EPA has no control regarding the storage of materials on site.

Response: Chris Bydder, EPA The EPA team is meeting with BCC on matters of compliance and enforcement and will discuss this site.

Response: Lindsay Wilson-Roberts Ongoing negligence is a police matter. It is an EPA matter if it can be proven that the fire is deliberately lit and burning waste.

Item 7. BCRG Targets (Jen Lilburn)

Jen's presentation can be seen in [Attachment 5](#) and is explained in detail in [Table 1](#).

At the BCRG forum in November 2013, a number of targets were established for actions that BCRG could help influence and could be reported against. The results shown are for the six meetings between 2014 and July 2015 meetings. Jen's presentation gave a quick rating on action against each of these targets. Jen thanked the community groups, Councils, VicRoads and EPA for their feedback in relation to these.

It was pleasing that many of the targets had been substantially met. The high level of commitment from senior management of the three councils and EPA Victoria continues to support a mandate for change. Representation at the BCRG meetings is still important to the residents.

Action 111115_8: *Jen Lilburn to contact the Minister for Environment, Climate Change and Water, The Hon. Lisa Neville MP's office to invite her to attend BCRG meetings.*

Although the targets set for dust and odour exceedences reports had been met, it was acknowledged that there is still a lot of work that needs to be done in Brooklyn. Ongoing enforcement and the stockpiles are still important issues.

Comment The verges along Geelong Rd, Millers Rd and McDonalds Rd all have a significant build-up of dust and mud that requires action.

Action 111115_9: *Matt Walsh, VicRoads to investigate the build-up of mud and dust on road verges.*

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BCRG Meetings						
Representati on	Relevant govt reps including Minister for Environment			Jen/Andrea. EPA to assist	Jen/Andrea	Minister Neville will be invited to the 2016 meetings Wade Noonan or Lindsay Wilson- Roberts attended 4/6 meetings during 2014 and 2015
	Senior representation by HBCC (Cr Sandra Wilson; Director tbc)	Continuing	each meeting	Jen/Andrea/ Malcolm Ramsay	Jen/Andrea	Cr Wilson and Cr Price have attended 4/6 meetings each. Both have attended the last 3 meetings.
	Senior representation by BCC (Jane Nathan, Stuart Menzies, Simon Vittorio, Sue Fitton)	Continuing	each meeting	Susan Fitton	Jen/Andrea	Between them Jane Nathan and John Watson attended 4/6 meetings. Senior staff attendance at each meeting
	Senior representation by MCC (Ian Butterworth)	Continuing	each meeting	Jen/Andrea/ Foti Beratis	Jen/Andrea	Ian Butterworth attended 5/6 meetings
Exceedences	50% reduction in number of exceedences compared with 2013	28 exceedences occurred in 2012 & 2013. Measures taken to end October each year.	Nov 2013 - Oct 2014	Industries	EPA Victoria	October 2014-2015: 13
	Less than 5 exceedences per annum		By end 2016	Industries	EPA Victoria	

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	All offending industries should achieve 100% compliance when issued with a PAN		Within timeframe of PAN	Industries	EPA Victoria	Some have, those that haven't have been subject to enforcement action including PINs and official warnings. Unchanged we have around 10 enforcement actions pending
Stockpiles	All exposed stockpiles achieve a height below bunds		By end 2014	Brimbank CC	Brimbank CC	Reduction in heights achieved over several sites. Amendment to permits received to formalise landscaping, heights and reference points for future monitoring. Council has been working with the 3 industries that have planning permits with conditions restricting the height of stockpiles on the land. To date, all 3 industry operators have made an application with Council to amend their permits, which includes modifying stockpile and bund wall heights, undertaking significant perimeter landscaping and implementing other dust mitigation measures.
	Encourage existing businesses to enclose stockpiles		Ongoing	Brimbank CC	Brimbank CC	Council officers have been in discussion with all major industries to encourage best practice. One industry operator is proposing to partly enclose some of its recycling operations and 3 others will be installing truck wheel washes, sealing their entry/exits and improving on-

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						site drainage to endeavour to mitigate dust.
Roads						
	Somerville & McDonald Roads verges scraped to kerb level and seeded		Scraping by Feb 2014 Seeding by May 2014	Vic Roads	Vic Roads	Works complete. Verge heights will be continued to be monitored in conjunction with the regular inspection of these roads.
	Fortnightly monitoring re dust and drainage issues on arterial roads in Brooklyn. Cleaning within one month of identified issues.		as indicated	Vic Roads	Vic Roads	<p>*Sweeping: Somerville and McDonalds Roads continue to be swept on a routine 4 weekly cycle. Additional sweeping is also undertaken when inspection or external reports indicate poor conditions.</p> <p>* Drainage cleaning: The above roads continue to be inspected on a fortnightly basis to identify sediment build up or other defects or hazards at the pits. Any items are then programmed for treatment.</p>
	Bunting and Jones Roads sealed		2015	Brimbank CC	Brimbank CC	Roads completed October 2015
	Francis Street between Cemetery Rd and Millers Rd	Unsealed shoulder section along Francis	By end of March 2015	Vic Roads	Vic Roads	No additional works have been undertaken. The shoulders will be inspected again and any necessary

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		Street heading east is programmed for shoulder sealing to rectify failed sections.				treatments expected to be completed by mid December 2015.
Implementation						
	Complete Living Brooklyn project in consultation with BCRG		By end 2015	Brimbank CC	Brimbank CC	Project completed June 2015
Metal Crushing						
	All industries comply with SEPP N1 (Industry and Commerce)			Industries	EPA Victoria	No SEPPN1 breaches identified, Brooklyn noise levels are typical for suburban inner Melbourne
	All industries comply with permits/licences and not emit offensive odour into residential areas			Industries	EPA Victoria	No enforceable breaches identified, some residual odour present, notice on 1 site at the moment with compliance due later this year
	50% reduction in reported incidents compared with 2013 levels		To end 2014	Industries	EPA Victoria	133 reports so far this year. Reports have flat lined at 1996 levels. No reportable incidents. Gains have been maintained.

Table 1 BCRG Performance against November 2013 Targets

Item 8. Panel - Malcolm Ramsay (Hobsons Bay CC), Ian Butterworth (Maribyrnong CC), Simon Vittorio (Brimbank CC), Ray Martin (Brimbank CC), Daniel Hunt (EPA), Matt Walsh (VicRoads), Matt Skidmore (City Circle)

Question 1 for EPA: Does the EPA have any information regarding the recent chemical reaction and site evacuation at Veolia – did they exceed limits, breach any Worksafe regulations and was the public at risk?

Response: Daniel Hunt, EPA The EPA had a limited role in that incident under the Environment Protection Act. The EPA has requested an incident report and air monitoring data but is confident there were no breaches.

Question 2 for EPA: What is the timeframe for report to EPA regarding the Veolia incident?

Response: Daniel Hunt, EPA It should be ready soon and then the EPA has to assess the results.

Action 111115_10: Daniel Hunt to send the media release and any update material regarding the Veolia chemical reaction for distribution via the enews.

Question 3 for EPA: There is a terrible burning/toxic smell at night, often after 10pm, gives me a headache and I have to move the kids. I can't track the smell but I am always reporting it and am frustrated that I don't get a call back. Is it the landfill or something burning?

Comments: It may be rubber burning. It sounds like the old smell of sheep heads and skins – perhaps the recent upgrades at Australian Tallow aren't working?

Response: Daniel Hunt, EPA The EPA understands the difficulties and distress these events cause. At this stage we don't know what the cause is but will continue to investigate. It doesn't seem to be a landfill fire as that has a distinct odour.

Response: Chris Bydder, EPA The best thing to do is to report these incidents with very specific details of what time they occur and a good description of the odour. While we may not be able to get an officer out there we can look at the reports and do reverse trajectory analysis to determine probable sources.

Question 4 for EPA: Can the EPA check the source at the time of the event, start at the reporter's house and then follow the trail?

Response: Daniel Hunt, EPA That is the usual approach EPA officers take however it is hard to resource these investigations when the reports/events are at night. We will need to think about a more strategic action to follow this to its source including what resources are required.

Response: Chris Bydder, EPA When the report is from south of the freeway it is harder to trace back as there are so many obstacles in the way. The last time there was a report from this area the odour was coming out at height and dropping down which is very difficult to trace.

Comment: Jen Lilburn The important message is that the EPA should be providing feedback to the community after they have investigated a report.

Question 5 for EPA: What other means is there to contact the EPA for reporting odour or dust other than the call centre?

Response: Daniel Hunt, EPA You can use email but it is preferable that the report goes to the call centre for odour as it is faster and triggers a response. Also, odour is transient and the officers need to get on site as quickly as possible.

Comment In order to report online you must first be registered as an individual not a business.

Question 6 for City Circle: What are the key incentives which are driving CC to undertake the environmental management on site and are those over those required by the 'policing measures'?

Response: Matt Skidmore, CC The EPA enforcement is strong driver for change however the visual amenity of the site reflects on the perception of the business operation as a whole and our product as well. A nice clean site helps our image. We have a small road frontage on Jones Rd which we have recently upgraded.

Comment: Jane Nathan, BCC: As was demonstrated at Containerspace, a well presented business property reflects well on both the business and the Council - it looks like they care and promotes an element of trust in the business.

Question 7 for Councils: What happens to the municipal waste from this area and are you happy to take ownership for the greenhouse gases and energy required to transport it?

Response: Simon, Ray and Ian The waste from this area is taken to the Wyndham landfill. The local councils have a partnership agreement with Wyndham CC to take this waste.

Response: Jen Lilburn The Statewide Waste and Resource Recovery Infrastructure Plan (SWRRIP) covers this for the metro region. The Western Alliance on Greenhouse Action is also looking at waste issues.

Response: Daniel Hunt, EPA A lot of money and resources is invested in all landfills including the old ones that require ongoing management.

Jen thanked everyone for attending the meeting. She thanked Lindsay Wilson-Roberts for his support and contributions to BCRG as he is changing jobs and won't be attending the meetings in future.

Meeting closed at 8.55pm

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1 The presentation from Ray Martin, BCC can be seen on the [Brooklynip website](#)

Attachment 2 The presentation from Simon Vittorio, BCC can be seen on the [Brooklynip website](#)

Attachment 3 The presentation from Matt Skidmore, City Circle Demolitions can be seen on the [Brooklynip website](#)

Attachment 4 The presentation from Daniel Hunt, EPA Victoria can be seen on the [Brooklynip website](#)

Attachment 5 The presentation from Jen Lilburn on BCRG Targets can be seen on the [Brooklynip website](#)

Meeting Attendance Record – 11 November, 2015

36 people registered their attendance.

Name	Organisation	Name	Organisation
Alison Medhurst	EPA Victoria	Joe Coleiro	Cargill
Andrea Mason	Executive Officer, BCRG	Jen Lilburn	BCRG Chair
Bert Boere	BRAG	Jemma Crawford	EPA Victoria
Bill Cole	Resident	Kieran Carroll	Sunshine Groupe
Bruce Light	On The Nose	Kieren McDermott	Cleanaway
Chris Bydder	EPA Victoria	Le Ha Le	Brooklyn Strategy Committee
Craig Eyes	Renewable industry	Leighton Black	Australian Tallow Producers
Daniel Hunt	EPA Victoria	Lindsay Wilson-Roberts	Electorate Officer to Wade Noonan MP
Geoff Mitchelmore	Resident Altona North	Malcolm Ramsay	Hobsons Bay City Council
George Smetona	Resident	Matt Skidmore	City Circle Demolitions
Greg Murray	Cargill	Matt Walsh	VicRoads
Heather Humphreys	BRAG	Olga Ghiri	Cleanaway
Helen Paterson	Containerspace	Ray Martin	Brimbank City Council
Ian Butterworth	Maribyrnong City Council	Sandra Wilson Cr	Hobsons Bay City Council
Jan Cole	Resident	Simon Vittorio	Brimbank City Council
Jane Nathan	Brimbank City Council	Steven Fox	JBS Australia
Jason Price Cr	Hobsons Bay City Council	Stuart Menzies	Brimbank City Council
Joanne Callus	Resident	Susan Fitton	Brimbank City Council

Apologies			
Emma Roper	EPA Victoria	Christian Buxton	Sunshine Groupe
Martin Hermans	Resident		

APPENDIX A EPA Victoria Call Centre - Specific questions for dust, odour, noise water waste

Dust

- How is the dust impacting you?
- How is the dust affecting the use of your home?
- Have you had to close windows, bring in the washing?
- How often is the dust affecting you and other people in your home?
- What are the weather conditions? e.g. Is it dry? Is there any wind?

Noise

- What does it sound like? e.g. banging, whining, humming
- Is the noise low or high pitched?
- What is the strength of noise? (asking about intrusiveness in home)
- Where in your house or property can you hear the noise? (ask about rooms/areas, outdoors)
- How is the noise impacting you? (use following questions as required)
- How is the noise affecting the use of your home? Others in the home? (note information given e.g. sleep, recreation, having to close windows, use earplugs, change habits)
- How often is the noise occurring? How often are people affected?

Odour

- What type of smell is it?
- Can you describe the smell by comparing it to an everyday item?
- How strong is the smell? Can you rate how intense the smell is out of 10? (where 10 is the worst you've smelt of anything)
- What effect is the odour having on you?
- How is the smell impacting you and the use of your home? (note information given e.g. have to close windows)
- What are the weather conditions?
- Is there any wind - if so, what is the direction and speed? e.g. a moderate south-westerly wind.

Water

- Do you know where the pollution is coming from?
- What is the nearest cross street or nearby landmark?
- Is there a drain number ID on an EPA/Council sign?
- What do you think the pollution is?
- What does it look/smell like?
- What is the amount/volume/size?
- What distance/area does it cover?

Waste

- What is the pollution?
- What does it look/smell like?
- What is the amount/volume/size?
- What distance/area does it cover?
- Do you know where the pollution came from? e.g. was it dumped there by a truck? do you have any vehicle details?
- Can you give a nearest cross street or nearby landmark?