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**BROOKLYN COMMUNITY
REPRESENTATIVE GROUP**

BCRG COMMUNITY FORUM 1/2023

MEETING 53

WEDNESDAY

15 March, 2023

6:00 for 6:30pm start til 8:30pm

Walker Close, Millers Rd, Altona North

Chair: Catherine Botta **Notetaker:** Andrea Mason



MEETING PURPOSE

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

1	Welcome, Catherine Botta Acknowledgements Meeting purpose and overview of agenda item Introductions
2	Rolling Actions Update <i>Andrea Mason</i>
3	Community Update <i>Geoff Mitchelmore Bert Boere</i>
4	Industry Update <i>Badi Karger, CSF Proteins</i>
5	Council Update <i>Jake Repacholi, Coordinator Public Health, Hobsons Bay Council</i>
6	Council Update <i>Kristen Gilbert, Brimbank Council</i>
7	Council Update <i>Callan Riley, Maribyrnong Council</i>
8	EPA Victoria Update on dust, noise and odour program <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Compliance activity,• Better Environment plans• Update on Community Engagement and Communications <i>Stephen Lansdell, Regional Manager, Western Metropolitan Region</i> <i>Gary Laidlaw, Senior Engagement Lead</i>
9	Wrap up & Close.

The intent of these meeting notes is to promote open communication between local business, local and state government, community and EPA Victoria (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 public. Meeting participants should advise Andrea Mason or Cath Botta if they would like their name removed from this public document.

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ACTIONS FROM THE MEETING

- Action 1503_1:** BCRG to invite DEECA to BCRG to talk about the Air Quality Strategy including any funding opportunities.
- Action 1503_2:** BCC to provide an update on how long the development will take on the old Powercor Site at 594 Geelong Rd and any actions regarding trucks doing U turns.
- Action 1503_3:** BCC /HBCC to investigate and report to BCRG any known risks from radiation from the cloud building development, the approval process for the development and investigate the planning exemptions for advertising for notification?
- Action 1503_4:** BCRG to investigate inviting Breathe Melbourne to present to BCRG.
- Action 1503_5:** EPA to report on any compliance at 83-103 Doherty's Rd Laverton North.
- Action 1503_6:** BCRG to investigate inviting Nufarm and Professor Melanie Davern to future BCRG meetings to report on any compliance at 83-103 Doherty's Rd Laverton North.

ITEM 1.

WELCOME, (Catherine Botta)

The final notes from the May 2022 meeting are available from the [Brooklynip website](#).

Catherine Botta (Convenor) conducted acknowledgement to country and welcomed everyone to the BCRG forum and those online.

Cath reminded everyone of the purpose of the forum – to foster collaboration between members of the community, industry, EPA Victoria, local and state government. The focus of this forum was air quality.

Everyone was invited to introduce themselves.

ITEM 2.

ROLLING ACTIONS, (Andrea Mason)

Andrea Mason, Executive Officer, BCRG reminded everyone of the Rolling Actions list which records actions from each meeting and updates actions that have been addressed between forums. These are available on the Brooklynip website and are circulated with the enews.

The status of the actions from the previous meetings are:

- 0911_1** Nufarm to confirm if they manufacture glyphosate. **COMPLETE. Email: Nufarm do not manufacture glyphosate, however we do make products which contain glyphosate (which we import to site).**
- 0911_2** Hobson Bay CC to broaden the scope of an air quality forum and come back to BCRG in March with a plan. **COMPLETE. Update provided in March 2023 BCRG forum.**
- 0911_3** EPA to provide an update on procedures for communication with community engagement at the next BCRG **COMPLETE. Update provided in March 2023 BCRG forum.**

ITEM 3.

COMMUNITY UPDATE (Bert Boere Brooklyn Residents Action Group, Geoff Mitchelmore and Carmen Largaiolli)

The full presentation from Geoff and Bert is available in [Attachment 1](#).

The full presentation from Carmen is available in [Attachment 2](#).

Geoff Mitchelmore and Bert Boere gave an update on proposals in discussion for the land in Brooklyn North adjoining Kororoit Creek on Old Geelong Rd which used to be old market gardens and has an environmental overlay. It is planned to enhance the area with plantings along the creek to connect with the Melbourne Water Pond created north of the pipeline - this would create more community parkland.

One area recently concreted beyond the allotment to the creek's edge will need to be removed.

Other projects include the section from the old tip to Geelong Rd for revegetation and between Geelong Rd and Millers Rd.

The Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action (DEECA) have plans for an urban forest adjoining Geelong Rd near Grieve Pde - this site includes remnants from an old school.

Carmen Largaiolli presented the group with images of her car one day after she had washed it and other dust deposits around her home to highlight the ongoing issue of dust for residents in Brooklyn. She noted that although particle deposits may contain PM_{2.5} particles, the visible nuisance dust (>=PM10) continues to be an issue for resident's property and health. Other residents present confirmed this. Carmen called for commencement of air monitoring of >=PM10 particulate in order to scientifically confirm its anecdotal prevalence over many years.

The old SEC site on the north side of Geelong Rd has stockpiles of construction waste and the dust is not prevented by the wall surrounding the site. It is understood that the Brimbank CC health officers witnessed particle emissions by the Sunshine Groupe during a recent site visit to the area and is also investigating this company.

After the meeting: Carmen reported an extreme weather event which only served to prove the point of her presentation - that particulate emissions are not sufficiently controlled during or out of business hours.

ITEM 4.

INDUSTRY UPDATE (Badi Karger, Operations Manager, CSF Proteins)

The full presentation from Badi is available in [Attachment 3](#).

Badi provided an update on the status of CSF action plans to reduce the risk of odour events in the community.

1. **Raw Material Quality** - quality of raw material is constantly monitored, each delivery is inspected and photographed and suppliers are audited
2. **Biolfilter** - upgrades completed in June as previously reported to the community – performance has been good (refer next slide)
3. **Roofing** - Major roofing upgrades have been completed, and further work to replace large sections of roofing continues
4. **Point source** – A program is in progress to further improve point source odour collection. Recently engaged some experts to assist identify an appropriate future program of continuous improvement works.

5. **Community Communication** – We are committed to communicate any projects that may impact our community to the EPA, the Brimbank and Hobsons Bay City Councils, as well as the Brooklyn Community Group
6. **Odour Monitoring** - Daily odour sampling in place by site personnel in conjunction with CSF Proteins reference group
7. **Biofilter performance** shows Odour Destruction Efficiency at 98.4% (EPA guidelines are for >95%).

For any offensive odour issues experienced by the community, please contact us on 0439 027 573 or via email community@csfproteins.com.au

QUESTION: What is the capacity of the biofilters as there are odours occurring again lately – around 6 – 7.30pm on weekdays?

Badi: The full capacity of the biofilters is 320,000 m³ and at the plant they are running at 220000 m³. The odour may be fugitive odour coming from the point source area where we have plan to upgrade. The upgrades include collection of odours at the source and sending it to the biofilters. The human error plays a big part therefore it is extremely important that we are notified immediately so please contact us using the provided mobile number e.g. if one roller door is left open for more than 30 secs. CSF has plans to upgrade the point source collections through the whole site.

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ITEM 5.

COUNCIL UPDATE (Jake Repacholi, Coordinator Public Health, Hobsons Bay Council)

The full presentation from Jake is available in [Attachment 4](#).

Jake provided an update on Hobsons Bay CC consultations and responses to the Victorian Air Quality Strategy. They have proactively engaged with The Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action (DEECA) providing staff with a tour of Hobsons Bay, Brimbank and Maribyrnong.

Subsequently HBCC is:

- Working to advance business opportunities for DEECA funding to projects which lead to reduced air pollution emissions;
- Following consultation with the BCRG and DEECA, HBCC has developed a scope of works for the delivery of a workshop on air quality open to residents of all three Councils;
- Once the forum is delivered work will commence on the development of an Air Quality Action Plan for Hobsons Bay – this will of course include further input from the BCRG; and
- Council will continue to liaise closely with DEECA and pursue funding, grants and support for local businesses to reduce impacts on local air quality.

QUESTION: What grants other than the business grants will be available from DEECA as part of the strategy? Would there be opportunities for councils to seek funding for publicly owned assets? For example acquire a grant to undertake works on roads such as the Francis St shoulders and footpaths which have been in a state of disrepair for many years? Whilst part of the roadway has recently been resurfaced by Vicroads, local government is responsible for the shoulders and footpaths.

Jake: HBCC acted quickly to facilitate the tour which led DEECA to discuss the business grants where projects such as sealing of sites will offer some easy wins. HBCC itself is not looking to apply for grants directly but is working to facilitate the process for businesses to apply.

QUESTION: Who is managing the implementation of the Air Quality Strategy?

Jake: DEECA is responsible for the strategy which was launched in October 2022 and will be delivered by Sustainability Victoria. Councils will play supporting role in its implementation.

Stephen: EPA's role in the strategy is based more with the science and helping to inform where there are greatest gains possible in the process. EPA does not get involved with funding itself.

COMMENT: *It is good that HBCC have included Brooklyn in this work. I would like to ensure that the works benefit Brooklyn residents.*

Jake: Benefits may take some time to be realised. The top 10 businesses that could make improvements may incur costs between \$1-\$15 million with estimates of these larger projects taking 2 – 5 years to complete.

QUESTION: **How many representatives will be included in the Community Workshop and how will BCRG engage in the process?**

Jake: The Community Workshop is aiming at purposeful community engagement to get a breadth of representation and inclusiveness. BCRG would be invited to have a representative attend the forum. If the BCRG would like to send multiple reps Council would consider this.

Action 1503_1: *BCRG to invite DEECA to BCRG to talk about the Air Quality Strategy including any funding opportunities.*

After the meeting: DEECA has confirmed it will consider attending the next meeting of the BCRG

ITEM 6.

COUNCIL UPDATE (Kristen Gilbert, Manager City Planning, Brimbank City Council)

Kristen provided a short commentary on sites in Brooklyn that Brimbank City Council are actively pursuing with regard to compliance.

Current planning permit applications

- 44 McDonald Road Brooklyn (Sims Metal) – application for construction of an additional structure to an existing materials recycling facility (structure is at rear of the existing building).
- 20-24 McDonald Road Brooklyn – Additional onsite car parking.
- 457A Somerville Road Brooklyn – Application for Use and development of land for Materials Recycling (Industry) with ancillary shipping container storage and vehicle storage facilities.
- 30 Industry Park Drive Brooklyn – Application for Buildings and works associated with a revised site entry including new gatehouse and site reception building and an upgrade to existing car parking.

Current compliance activity

- 716 Old Geelong Road Brooklyn – currently unoccupied.
- 720 Old Geelong Road Brooklyn – 8 Planning Infringement Notices (PINs) issued for works without a planning permit, requiring the land to be reinstated to its previous form or a planning application to be lodged.
- 724 Old Geelong Road Brooklyn is now vacant – PINS had been issued for use of the land without a valid permit.
- 696 Geelong Road Brooklyn – use of the land without a permit and buildings and works without a permit – permit application for front fence was refused and they now have until the end of the month to apply for a permit for the use and development or further compliance action will be taken.

- 730 Geelong Road Brooklyn – VCAT hearing held last week against a refusal of an application for use of the land for a transfer station. Unfortunately they have recently brought more fill onto the site and levelling it out (including today), without a planning permit so compliance action is now underway.
- 552 Geelong Road Brooklyn (Cougar Metals) – permit issued by VCAT for materials recycling with conditions requiring certain works by certain dates. Currently waiting for those dates to pass so we can inspect and if non-compliance then commence enforcement action.

QUESTION: What is happening at the old Powercor site 594-598 Geelong Road? There is a lot of dust from the construction sites which is making us ill. How long will this take - community should have been notified of the timeline. Also trucks are doing U-turns.

Kristen: The old Powercor site is now subdivided into 3 sites. One is the new Powercor depot, one is a Data centre and the third does not have any approvals as yet. A new road within the site is being built and significant drainage is being included to McDonald Rd which requires a lot of excavation for drainage pipes. BCC is monitoring the development sites and dust should be reduced with the use of water trucks. Once complete the site should be dust free because it will be all sealed or landscaped.

QUESTION: Are there any radiation risks from a data storage as per telephone towers? How was this approved without the community knowing?

Kristen: The original proposal was to develop the Powercor depot and subdivide the remaining land into smaller lots and sell it off. This changed once buyers come forward seeking larger sites, so instead of smaller lots the land was only subdivided into three sites.

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***Action 1503_3:** BCC /HBCC to investigate and report to BCRG any known risks from radiation from the cloud building development, the approval process for the development and investigate the planning exemptions for advertising for notification??*

ITEM 7.

COUNCIL UPDATE (Callan Riley, Senior Coordinator, Environmental Sustainability, Maribyrnong City Council)

The full presentation from Callan is available in [Attachment 5](#).

Callan provided an update on the work Maribyrnong City Council has been doing in response to the Victorian Air Quality Strategy noting that many of these actions also align with Council's Climate Action Strategy.

Advocacy

- Met with and sent letters to state and federal ministers
- Submission to the National Reconstruction Fund
- Submission to National Electric Vehicle Strategy consultation paper (Western Alliance of Greenhouse Action, WAGA) regarding fuel efficiency standards.

Compliance

- 1 recent complaint regarding a Tottenham site which is unsealed and has received a PIN

Air quality monitoring

- Utilising our Smart Cities data to inform a report for a Geelong Rd childcare centre regarding air quality.

Implementation/projects

- Active Paths Program - mapping of safe walking and cycling paths to school
- Electrification of fleet, buildings and equipment for Council
- Walking Strategy – consultation now open.

QUESTION: What is planned for the property at 35-65 Paramount Rd Tottenham?

After the meeting: Callan provided the link to the Maribyrnong planning application for the site <https://www.maribyrnong.vic.gov.au/Advertised-Planning-Applications/35-65-Paramount-Road-Tottenham>

QUESTION: Should impacts at the Brooklyn childcare in Geelong Rd also be investigated?

Jake: Deakin University's [Breathe Melbourne](#) citizen science study is measuring children's exposure to air pollution on their school commute in 6 schools in the Inner West and should inform planning for buffer zones for schools in the future.

Action 1503_4: BCRG to investigate inviting Breathe Melbourne to present to BCRG.

ITEM 8.

EPA VICTORIA UPDATE ON DUST, NOISE AND ODOUR PROGRAM (Gary Laidlaw, Senior Engagement Advisor and Stephen Lansdell, Regional Manager, Western Metropolitan Region)

The full presentation from EPA is available in [Attachment 6](#).

Gary and Stephen provided an update on the air quality, odour and compliance data including for Footscray and Brooklyn. Better Environment Plans were explained and the EPA's commitment to community engagement was highlighted.

Dust and Odour

- There have been 7 PM₁₀ exceedances this FY,
- Odour reports have been the highest for some time – 40 in the month of February,
 - o 17 of these reports were regarding Australian Tallow who have been undertaking maintenance work on the biofilters – this can take some time to be effective.
- Complaints received from Laverton North show sources include CSF, Nufarm A&J Packaging plus other minor or unknown sources.

COMMENT: Burning plastic odours seem to be coming from A&J packaging and Astron Sustainability.

Action 1503_5: EPA to report on any compliance at 83-103 Doherty's Rd Laverton North.

Compliance

- Compliance data for the whole Western Metro Region since July 1, 2022
 - Inspections – 464 inspections completed at 9/3/2023.
 - Notices - 560 notices issued in total.
 - Sanctions - 8 x Infringement Notices (fines) & 9 x Official Warnings
 - Key programs Western Metro Region.
 - o Incident response
 - o Fire Prevention Program (FPP)
 - o Premises Compliance Assessment (PCA) Program
 - o Inner West Air Quality – Inspections related specifically to air quality
 - o Waterways Inspection Program – Cherry Creek, Kororoit Creek, Steele Creek.

Since new EPA laws were introduced in 2021, the amount of compliance advice issued by EPA officers during inspections has significantly increased. EPA continues to undertake 'high risk day' inspections.

QUESTION: Does EPA check the air monitoring data and compliance for the West Gate Tunnel project?

Gary: WGT data is submitted straight to EPA and checked by senior scientists at the time.

Stephen: EPA holds monthly meetings with the construction industry which are much broader than just WGT.

Compliance data for Brooklyn, Tottenham, Yarraville, Laverton, Sunshine since May 2022

- 3223 – Inspections
- 103 – Notices
 - 50 x Information Gathering Notices;
 - 38 x Improvement Notices;
 - 11 x Environmental Action Notices;
 - 2 x Prohibition Notices;
 - 1 x Notice to Investigate;
 - 1 x Waste Abatement Notice.

Sanctions Year to Date

- 2 x Infringement Notice
- 4 x Official Warnings
- 1 x Prosecution (+ significant charges laid on multiple companies/directors)

'Compliance advice' is being used to engage with businesses to help them make changes before sanctions are issued.

QUESTION: What is the effectiveness of the fines being issued?

Stephen: Infringement notices are issued as fines. It is yet to be determined but, over time the fines should increase or reduce depending on how well industries are learning and responding to the new system.

Better Environment Plans

<https://www.epa.vic.gov.au/about-epa/laws/compliance-and-directions/better-environment-plans>

A better environment plan (BEP) is a statutory-based voluntary agreement between EPA and duty holders. It offers duty holders an opportunity to test innovative solutions to environmental issues or to agree ways.

Examples where a BEP may be appropriate in Brooklyn, subject to meeting the purpose of s180 of the Environment Protection Act 2017 (the Act) include:

- Businesses in an industrial estate working together to manage their collective dust impacts. A plan may help define shared responsibilities and different roles.
- A business cleaning up many contaminated sites.
- Where a duty holder aims to apply an innovative approach and there is potential for major benefit to knowledge across the sector or for that hazard.

Communications

Action 0911_3: EPA to provide an update on procedures for communication and engagement at the next BCRG.

In response to this action, Gary provided an update on how EPA will meet its EPA's commitment to communicating early, often and respectfully with communities. (see slides in [Attachment 6](#)).

QUESTION: Who monitors the removal of asbestos in house demolitions? Do the authorities have to be present?

Jake: Any asbestos removed over 10m2 has to be done by a licenced removalists with requirements from Worksafe, EPA and council, including 24hour notice, to be met. Issues should be referred to Worksafe and the relevant building surveyor.

QUESTION: Any updates on the Cherry Lake and the Stony Creek incidents?

Stephen: Cherry Lake incident will be going to court soon. Charges have been laid against Melbourne Transport and Warehousing and the company directors.

EPA worked with local government and Melbourne Water to investigate orange discoloured water in Stony Creek, Yarraville, on 10 February 2023. The discolouration was no longer observable on Saturday 11 February 2023. Water testing results did not identify the likely causes of the pollution and the source of the discolouration has not been identified.

QUESTION: When industry and EPA are collaborating with the new Better Environment Plans regarding dust – can they collaborate on dust control outside business hours?

Stephen: The BEPS will include working with all stakeholders including community.

ITEM 9.

MEETING CLOSE

Discussion regarding future guest presenters at BCRG included:

- VicRoads to discuss clearways onto Millers Rd? (It was noted that this is not a BCRG issue but might be relevant to the proposed HBCC forum and council)
- Nufarm update
- Prof Melanie Davern on liveability in Brooklyn.

Action 1503_6: BCRG to investigate inviting Nufarm and Professor Melanie Davern to future BCRG meetings to report on any compliance at 83-103 Doherty's Rd Laverton North.

Cath thanked the presenters and everyone for attending.

Meeting closed 8:38 pm

Meeting Attendance Record – March 15, 2023

21 people registered their attendance.

Name	Organisation	Name	Organisation
Aaron Duff	Resident	Heather Humphreys	Resident
Andrea Mason	EO, BCRG	Jake Repacholi	Hobsons Bay CC
Badi Kargar	CSF Proteins	Ken Panken	JBS
Bert Boere	BRAG	Kristen Gilbert	Brimbank City Council
Brian Long	Resident	Laurie Bell	Resident
Callan Riley	Maribyrnong CC	Leighton Black	Australian Tallow
Carmen Largaiolli	Resident	Ruth Cronin-Pagano	Resident
Catherine Botta	BCRG Chair	Cr Sam David	Brimbank City Council
Dona Marian	NuFarm	Shams Razib	CSF Proteins
Gary Laidlaw	EPA Victoria	Stephen Lansdell	EPA Victoria
Geoff Mitchelmore	Resident		

Apologies

Name	Organisation	Name	Organisation
Cr Tony Briffa	Hobsons Bay CC	Arthur Vatzakis	Hobsons Bay CC
Justin Rhodes	NuFarm	Pene Winslade	Hobsons Bay CC
Adam Hall	Melbourne Water	Jozef Tkac	Resident

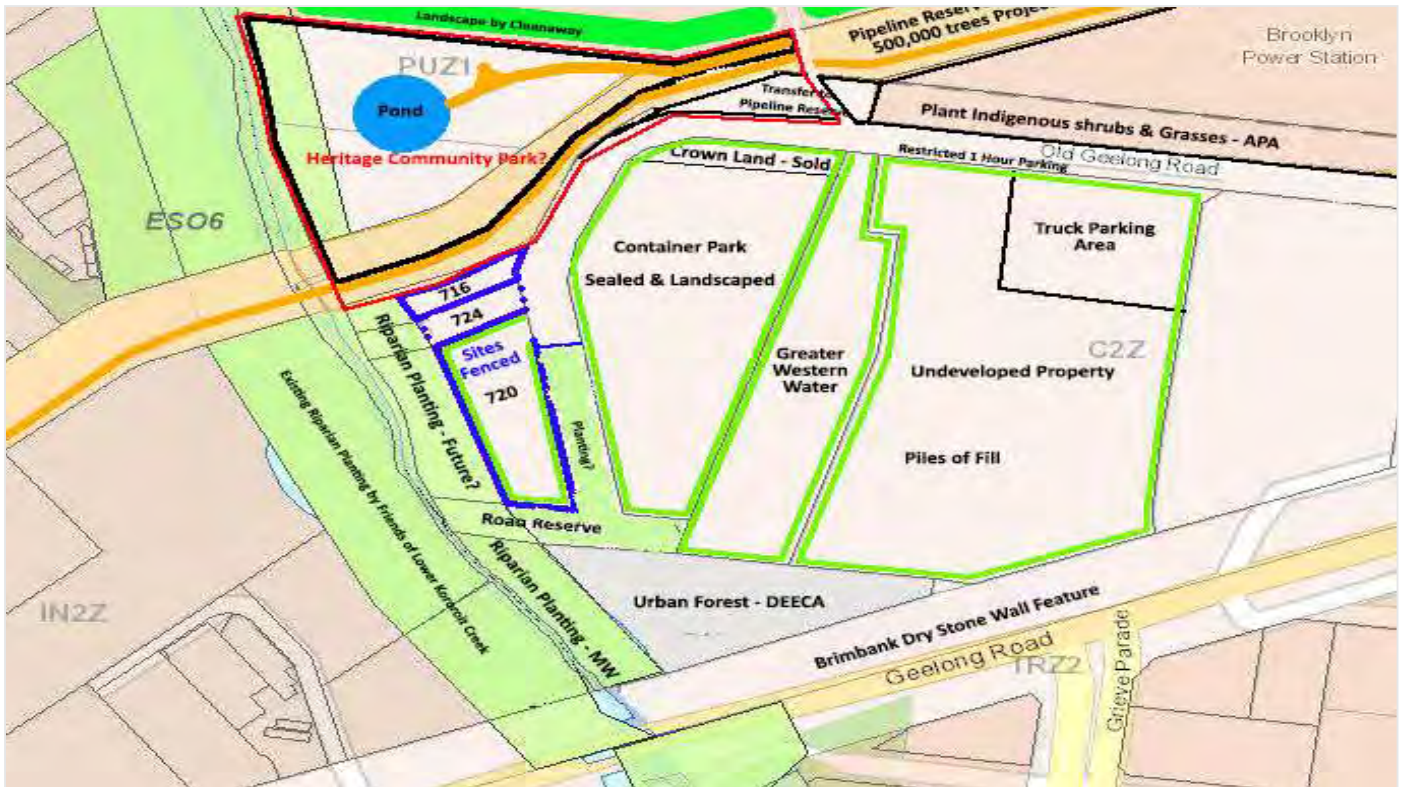
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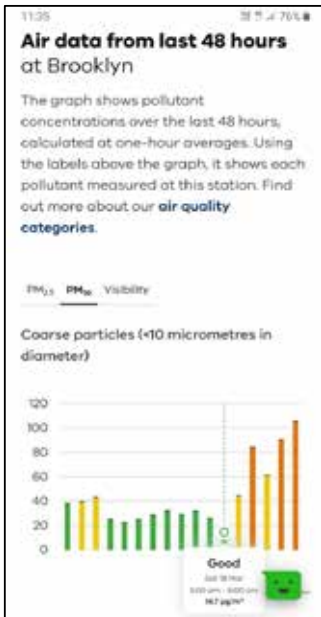
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POWERPOINT PRESENTATION

BCRG BROOKLYN EMISSIONS MARCH 2023

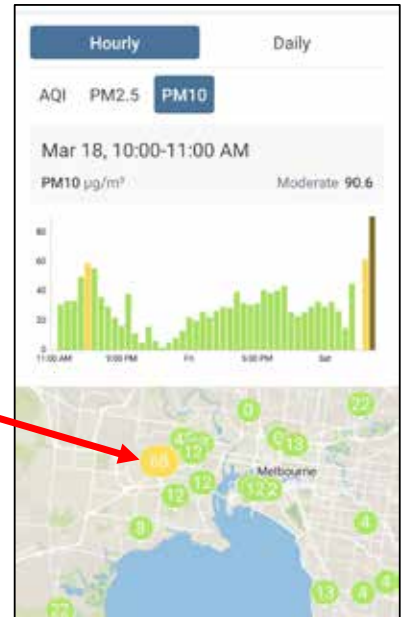
NB: This slide was added after the meeting by Carmen Largaiolli.

CALL FOR GENERAL REVIEW OF PARTICULATE MITIGATION CONTROLS AT BROOKLYN INDUSTRIAL PRECINCT.
Brooklyn air quality Saturday March 18 2023
Operators still do not adequately control dust emissions during business hours as well as outside business hours.

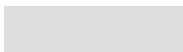


As per comments at BCRG 15/3/23 citing lack of operator coordination and collaboration regarding 24/7 dust control: A few days after BCRG meeting the temperature reached 37.6C with predominant northerly winds reaching around 70kms, progressing from NNE to NNW between 9am and 3pm. Apart from continual high particulate readings during business hours these two images clearly display lack of dust mitigation in the Brooklyn industrial precinct outside of business hours. Note high particulate concentrated only at Brooklyn whilst other areas not affected despite adverse weather conditions.

Carmen Largaiolli



Note: this and all subsequent images were taken prior to Saturday 18 March weather event, and depict current ongoing conditions faced by Brooklyn residents.





My internal fan quickly turns black after short-term use.



What I wipe from my internal skirting boards and window ledge.



A view from Lilac Ave Brooklyn looking North towards the old SEC site. This construction site has been polluting residents (noise, dust and odour) since before Covid.

ATTACHMENT 3.

POWERPOINT PRESENTATION

CSF BROOKLYN COMMUNITY MEETING 15 MARCH 2023

Purpose

To update the community on the status of our action plans to reduce the risk of odour events

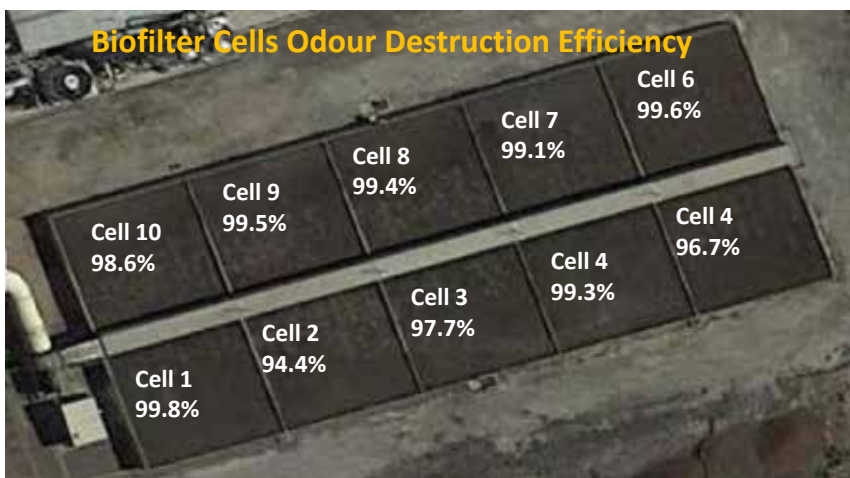
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6. **Odour Monitoring** - Daily odour sampling in place by site personnel in conjunction with CSF Proteins reference group

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- * No calls received by the community hotline
- * EPA reported 3 odour events in the area for December, 10 for January, and 10 for February
- * Some of the EPA reported odour events occurred outside the site working hours
- * Continuing to work with the EPA and the community regarding odour complaints

Biofilter performance shows Odour Destruction Efficiency at 98.4% (EPA guidelines are for >95%)



CSF Proteins located in Laverton North industrial area alongside many other businesses that could be a source of odour



ATTACHMENT 4.
POWERPOINT PRESENTATION
HOBSONS BAY CITY COUNCIL - AIR QUALITY UPDATE

Hobsons Bay City Council

Air Quality Update



Since Nov 2022



1. Following input from the BCRG meeting we confirmed that a community forum on air quality would be led by Council and open to residents of Brimbank, Maribyrnong and Hobsons
2. The Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action (DEECA – formerly DEWLP) launched the Victorian Air Quality Strategy. We have reached out to and partnered with DEECA in the delivery of this strategy
3. Following its launch, Council invited and provided DEECA staff a day long tour of the Hobsons Bay (inc Brooklyn) , Brimbank, Maribyrnong and new industrial areas of Laverton to provide an appreciation of local air quality issues

Since Nov 2022

4. The tour provided DEECA staff with an in depth appreciation of local pressures on air quality, particularly the difference between older industrial areas and developments in newer industrial precincts
5. Following the tour, DEECA is planning to make funding available to businesses in Hobsons Bay, Brimbank and Maribyrnong to complete projects which lead to reduced air pollution emissions
6. Council has partnered with DEECA and is developing a catalogue of local businesses who may benefit from any funding and inform design of the grant program

Since Nov 2022

7. Following consultation with the BCRG and DEECA, we have developed a scope of works for the delivery of a workshop on air quality open to residents of all three Councils
8. Planning to date is that the forum would run for three hours, include a panel consisting of community, business and government, be filmed and made available to those unable to attend in person
9. Once finalised, the scope of works would see the forum delivered by the end of June, along with the development of an Air Quality Advocacy Plan for Hobsons Bay. We expect to be able to make further announcements about the forum in the coming month

Next steps

1. Once the scope of works has been finalised, work will commence to support the delivery of the forum
2. The establishment of a panel for the forum would occur where we would be seeking a number of reps, including from the BCRG and Brimbank/Maribyrnong Councils
3. Once the forum is delivered work will commence on the development of an Air Quality Action Plan for Hobsons Bay – this will of course include further input from the BCRG
4. Council will continue to liaise closely with DEECA and pursue funding, grants and support for local businesses to reduce impacts on local air quality

ATTACHMENT 5.

POWERPOINT PRESENTATION

MARIBYRNONG CITY COUNCIL PRESENTATION FOR BCRG

Advocacy

- met with and sent letters to state and federal ministers
- submission to the National Reconstruction Fund
- Submission to National Electric Vehicle Strategy consultation paper (WAGA)

Compliance

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Air quality monitoring

- Utilising our Smart Cities data to inform a report for a childcare centre

Implementation/projects

- Active Paths Program
- Electrification of fleet, buildings and equipment
- Walking Strategy

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EPA VICTORIA - BROOKLYN CRG - MARCH 2023



Steve Lansdell & Gary Laidlaw | March 2023

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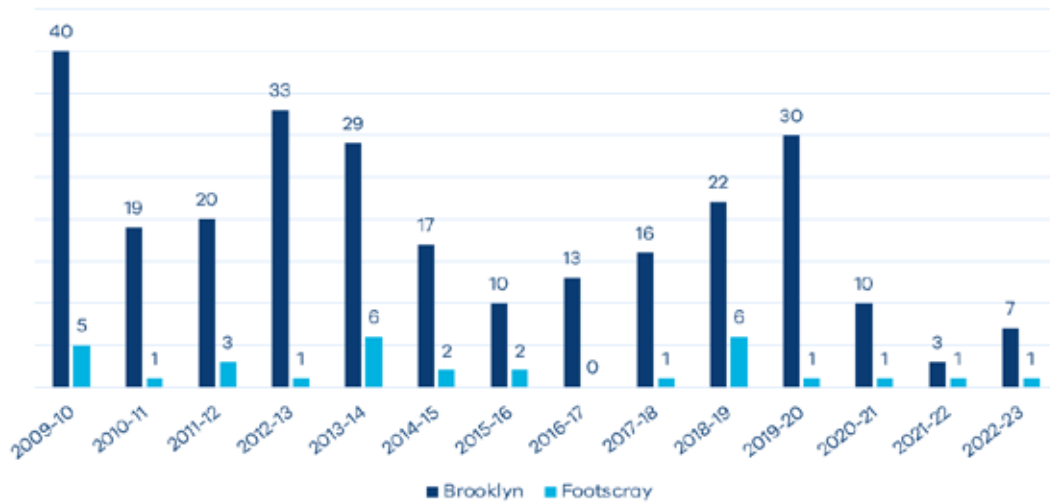
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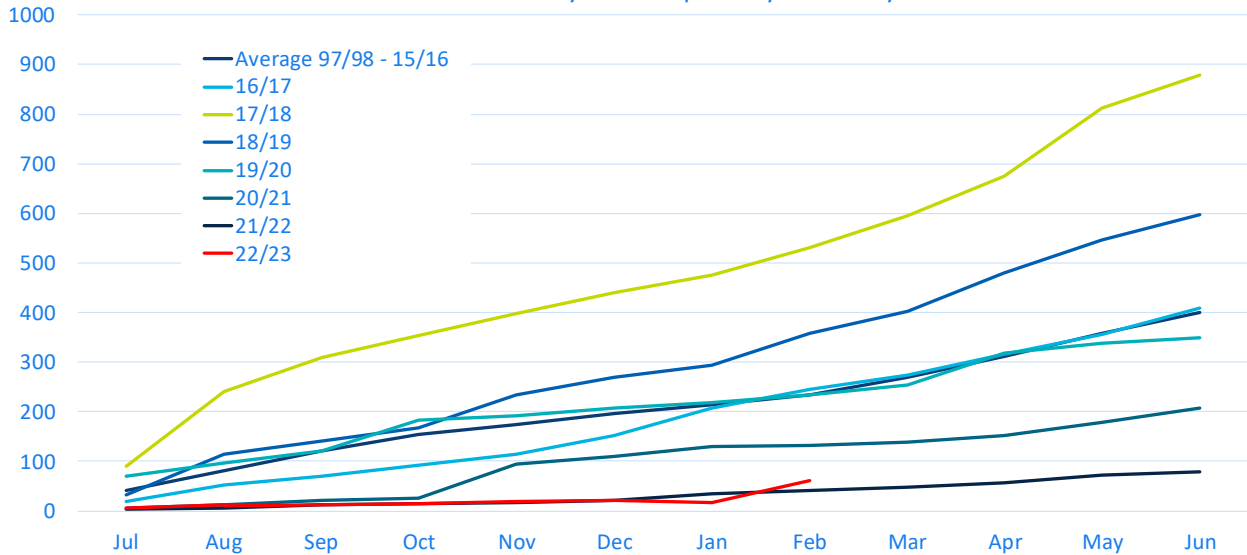
Air quality

Number of days exceeding the PM₁₀ daily standard each year

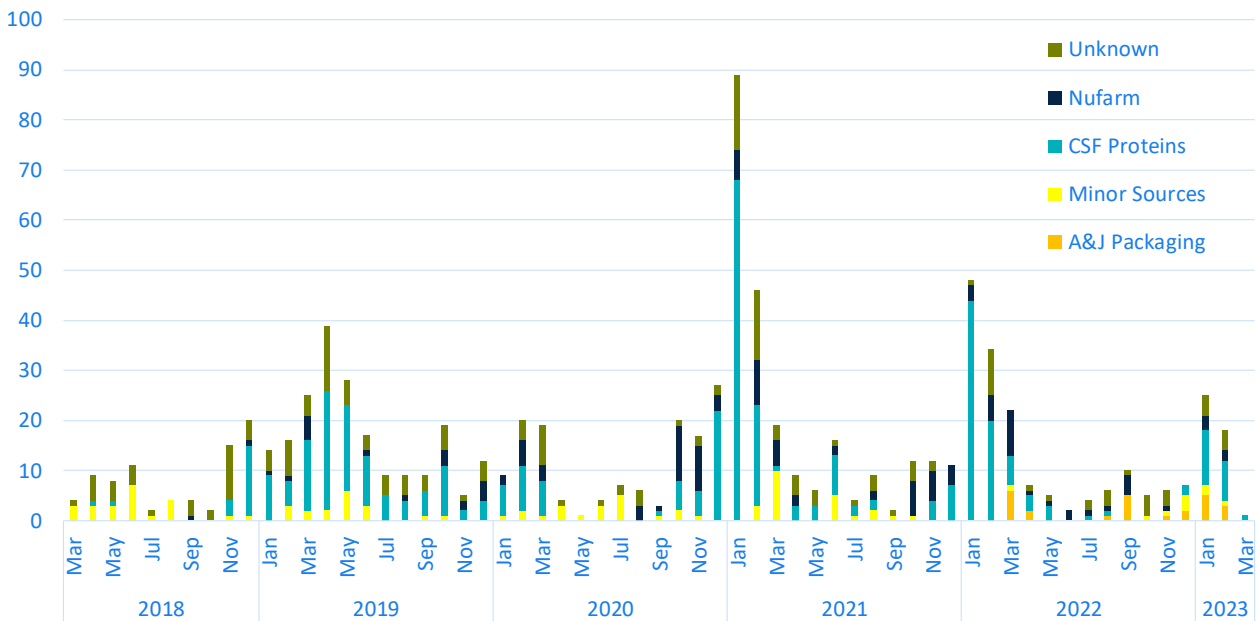


Brooklyn odour reports

Cumulative monthly odour reports by financial year



Laverton North



Compliance report FY 2022/23

What's been happening in the Western Metro Region since 1st July 2022

Inspections – 464 inspections completed (9/3/2023)

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Key programs Western Metro Region.

- Incident response
- Fire Prevention Program (FPP)
- Permission Compliance Assessment (PCA) Program
- Inner West Air Quality – Inspections related specifically to air quality
- Waterways Harm Prevention Program
 - Cherry Creek (completed Q1 22/23 FY).
 - Kororoit Creek (completed Q2 22/23 FY).
 - Steele Creek (completed Q2 22/23 FY).
 - * Werribee River (planned for Q4 22/23 FY).



Compliance report FY 2022/23- Brooklyn Area

Brooklyn, Tottenham, Yarraville, Laverton, Sunshine

- **323 – Inspections**
- **103 – Notices**
 - 50 x Information Gathering Notices ;
 - 38 x Improvement Notices;
 - 11 x Environmental Action Notices;
 - 2 X Prohibition Notices;
 - 1 x Notice to Investigate;
 - 1 x Waste Abatement Notice.

Sanctions YTD

- 2 x Infringement Notice
- 4 x Official Warnings
- 1 x Prosecution (+ significant charges laid on multiple companies/directors)



EPA Better Environment Plans



A better environment plan (BEP) is a statutory-based voluntary agreement between EPA and duty holders.

It offers duty holders an opportunity to test innovative solutions to environmental issues or to agree ways in which they can exceed their environmental obligations.

BEPs offer a way to think differently about how to tackle an environmental problem and encourage collaboration between duty holders and interested parties to find solutions to complex environmental issues.

Before considering whether a BEP is suitable, a business must understand and manage their risks. They should look at standards, guidance and their own management plans before seeking to prepare a BEP.

Better environment plans



Better Environment Plan for Brooklyn?



Examples where a BEP may be appropriate in Brooklyn, subject to meeting the purpose of s180 of the *Environment Protection Act 2017* (the Act) include:

- Businesses in an industrial estate working together to manage their collective dust impacts. A plan may help define shared responsibilities and different roles.
- A business cleaning up many contaminated sites.
- Where a duty holder aims to apply an innovative approach and there is potential for major benefit to knowledge across the sector or for that hazard.

Better environment plans



EPA's commitment to communicating early, often and respectfully with communities

We are working with local government and key community groups to:

- Put information on social media (Twitter and Facebook) and the EPA website keeping that information current over the duration of the incident.
- Using direct email and where possible call local community groups, local government councils and local leaders to help spread information across their networks.
- Hold community information sessions (in-person or online) for prolonged incidents and issues of importance to our communities.
- Include access and consideration for the diversity and richness of local communities including Traditional Owners, culture, language, age, demographics and all-abilities.
- Consider quarterly EPA newsletter and regional community reference group (approach tbc)

Questions?



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