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**BROOKLYN COMMUNITY
REPRESENTATIVE GROUP**

BCRG COMMUNITY FORUM 3/2023

MEETING 55

WEDNESDAY

8 November, 2023

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

Brooklyn Community Hall, Cypress Ave, Brooklyn Vic

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



MEETING PURPOSE

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

18:00 – 18:30	Arrive for supper
1	Welcome <i>Cath Botta</i> Meeting purpose and overview of agenda items Introductions
2	Rolling Actions Update <i>Andrea Mason</i>
3	Community Update <i>Geoff Mitchelmore; Bert Boere</i>
4	Council Updates and Community Forum Update <i>Fran O'Brien, Maribyrnong Council;</i> <i>Arthur Vatzakis, Hobsons Bay Council;</i> <i>Kristen Gilbert and Matt O'Mara, Brimbank Council</i>
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7	EPA Victoria Update on dust, noise and odour program a. compliance activity, b. Better Environment Plans c. Process for assessment of industry applications <i>Sam Sparks, Team Leader, Western Metropolitan Region</i> <i>Gary Laidlaw, Senior Engagement Lead</i>
8	Industry Update <i>Australian Tallow Producers, Leighton Black and Jim Demetriou AOCSpecialist</i> <i>Resource Co, Brad Lemmon</i>
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10	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 0811_1:** MCC to provide the detailed table of actions in their Air Quality Improvement Plan-Maribyrnong.
- Action 0811_2:** MCC and EPA to respond to whether the environmental health tracking includes human health
- Action 0811_3:** Brooklyn Recycling Group to update BCRG on progress, deliverables, legal implications for the Better Environment Plan (BEP).
- Action 0811_4:** EPA to update what the monitoring stations upgrades are for.
- Action 0811_5:** EPA to investigate providing hourly monitoring data to BCRG including back to 2009.
- Action 0811_6:** EPA to investigate if data from Brooklyn can be 'live' on the website.
- Action 0811_7:** BCRG to share the ATP Community Noticeboard information to Facebook.

ITEM 1.

WELCOME (Catherine Botta)

The final notes from the June 2023 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.

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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:

- Action 2106_1:** BCRG to invite DEECA back to BCRG for Victorian Air Quality Strategy updates. **Deferred**
 - Action 2106_2:** BCRG to invite Australian Tallow Producers to the November forum. **COMPLETE. Update provided in Nov 2023 BCRG forum.**
 - Action 2106_3:** BCRG to invite EPA to present the video of the drones at work at the next forum. **Adjourned to next BCRG meeting in early 2024.**
 - Action 2106_4:** EPA and Brimbank CC to continue to monitor the ResourceCo site for dust emissions and report to BCRG. **COMPLETE. Update provided in Nov 2023 BCRG forum.**
 - Action 2106_5:** BCRG to investigate returning to the Brooklyn Community Hall for the November meeting. **COMPLETE**
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ITEM 3.

COMMUNITY UPDATE (Bert Boere, Brooklyn Residents Action Group and Geoff Mitchelmore, Friends of Lower Kororoit Creek)

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

Geoff provided detailed plans on the community vision for the entire Zone 9 Pipeline Reserve to be complete by end 2024 if all the agencies worked together.

Projects include:

- Brooklyn Urban Forest
- Pipeline Reserve – Western, Central and Eastern precincts
- Melbourne Water pondage including heritage sewer
- Honourable Melissa Horne MP, \$5,000,000 to clean up dusty roads in the Inner West.
 - o Brimbank is to receive \$1,670,000 to seal Old Geelong Road
- Land transfer from Dept of Transport to Pipeline Reserve along Old Geelong Rd
- WGT proposed offsets tree planting
- Cleanaway to Geelong Rd Concept East – WGT grants.

Bert provided an update on the new Brooklyn Community Hall which BCRG used for the first time at this meeting. It was a result of strong community lobbying. There will be a new hybrid model for the hall management between community and council. He thanked all those involved.

Bert also emphasised the ongoing dust issue for residents based on personal experience including excessive dust and mud on homes creating not just a nuisance but potential hazard. He is hoping measures in the long run will help to improve this issue – the community has been talking about it for 20 years now.

ITEM 4.

COUNCIL UPDATE (Francesca O’Brien, Senior Coordinator, Environmental Sustainability, Maribyrnong City Council)

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

Fran provided an update on Maribyrnong’s commitments and actions for improved air quality. These included:

- Tri-council air quality forum in early 2024 (Brimbank, Hobsons Bay and Maribyrnong)
 - o Include key stakeholders and experts – local government, universities, agencies
 - o Goal to create an agreed short list of actions
- Community education campaign
- Air Quality Improvement Plan
 - o 75% of recommendations actioned or completed
 - o Health Emergency declaration March 2023
 - o Treeplanting, walking paths, transport and vehicle usage
 - o More air quality sensors with RMIT

- Advocacy
 - o Writing to government to highlight the issues
 - o EPA grants for businesses
 - o EPA environmental health tracking program
- University research projects

Action 0811_1: MCC to provide the detailed table of actions in their Air Quality Improvement Plan-Maribyrnong.

After the meeting: The table of actions can be downloaded here:
[**Air Quality Improvement Plan - Maribyrnong**](#)

QUESTION: Does the environmental health tracking include human health?

Action 0811_2: MCC and EPA to respond to whether the environmental health tracking includes human health.

QUESTION: What metrics are you tracking with the air monitors?

Fran: The air monitors are measuring dust particles. There are 7 monitors in Maribyrnong. Other metrics for monitoring is yet to be explored.

COMMENT: *It would be better if BCRG presenters made the correlation between the facts from the data presented and the actions being undertaken to address the issues.*

COMMENT: *Conversations are underway with RMIT to undertake a before and after “Healthy Liveability” study on the work being done with Federation Trail*

ITEM 5.

COUNCIL UPDATE (Arthur Vatsakis, Hobsons Bay Council)

Arthur was an apology and sent through the following information via email which Cath read to everyone.

By way of update, here is what I was intending on providing to BCRG:

- *Following the Air Quality Forum, Council is finalising the Draft HBCC Air Quality Action and Advocacy Plan. We intend on presenting this to the Councillors at an upcoming Council meeting – likely in the new year.*
- *As part of the review of the Industrial Land Management Strategy and Guidelines, we are intending to incorporate air quality objectives and guidelines for future land uses and development. In these documents.*

ITEM 6.

COUNCIL UPDATE (Kristen Gilbert Manager City Planning, and Matt O'Mara, Coordinator Planning Compliance, Brimbank City Council)

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

Current planning permit applications

No new planning applications received since the last BCRG.

Current applications that haven't been determined are:

- 20-24 McDonald Road Brooklyn – use of the land for trade supplies – application received in April 2023
- 457A Somerville Road Brooklyn – use and development of land for materials recycling (industry) with ancillary shipping container storage and vehicle storage facilities – still waiting on additional information from applicant.

Decisions made since last meeting

- 554 Geelong Road Brooklyn – internal works to existing gym and addition of signage – amended permit issued in July 2023
- 174 Old Geelong Road, Brooklyn – use of part of the land for materials recycling – refused in June 2023

VCAT decision

- 696 Geelong Road Brooklyn – an application for construction of a front fence was refused by Council on the basis that we believed that they should be also seeking a permit for the other works that had been undertaken without a permit. VCAT disagreed and issued a planning permit in July 2023.

We then lodged an Enforcement Order application at VCAT for use of the land without a planning permit. A practice day and compulsory conference have been held but the final hearing is not until the end of January 2024.

Current compliance activity

- Proactive dust monitoring program – several of the operators within the Brooklyn area are being monitored for dust control measures where it was required as part of their approvals. To be conducted in higher temp and higher wind days.
- Western end of Old Geelong Road – looks like some trailers are again being stored within the road reserve. We will be working to have these removed
- 720 Old Geelong Road Brooklyn – still working with the owners to have the site cleaned up and brought into compliance with the Planning Scheme
- A number of properties within Brooklyn - investigating unpermitted uses and non-compliance with planning permits. Nothing specific to report at this stage.

QUESTION: Can you provide an update on the 730 Old Geelong Rd where the tankers were being stored?

Kristin: Council is waiting for a permit application from that site – they are currently operating without a permit.

Sarah Connolly MP: Thanks to community advocacy, I invited Brimbank CEO Fiona Blair to view this site to show her the issues. I urge community members to reach out to your representatives to advocate any issues they face.

QUESTION: Was an application for a second concrete crushing unit ever approved?

Kristin: Question was taken on notice.

After the meeting: After a review of applications over the last 2 years it was found that no applications have been made or approvals issued for additional concrete crushing units.

ITEM 7.

EPA VICTORIA UPDATE ON DUST, NOISE AND ODOUR PROGRAM (Gary Laidlaw, Senior Engagement Lead and Sam Sparks, Team Leader, Western Metropolitan Region)

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

Gary and Sam provided an update on the air quality, odour and compliance data including for Footscray, Laverton North and Brooklyn.

Dust and Odour

- There have been no PM10 dust exceedances this FY,
- Odour reports have begun to flatten off and were down to 13 for October,
 - o Communications continue with Australian Tallow Producers (ATP) and Cedar Meats,
 - o Increase in reports related to JBS Australia from Yarraville residents,
- There were very few complaints received from Laverton North averaging 5 per month.

Resource Co Update

- On 15 September 2023 EPA received a development licence application from ResourceCo for their proposed soil washing facility at 125 Bunting Road, Brooklyn.
- As the application was not complete, EPA requested further information.
- When EPA receives the information requested from ResourceCo (likely in November), the application information will be reviewed for its completeness. If the application is found to be complete, then EPA can accept the application for assessment.
- Once accepted, the application will be made available for public comment via the online engagement platform <https://engage.vic.gov.au/EPA>
- Traffic level considerations are out of the scope of the EPA assessment.

Compliance

- Compliance data for the whole Western Metro Region since July 1, 2023 Inspections
- Pollution Reports - 1737 received
- Inspections - 310 inspections completed
- Notices - 140 notices issued in total.

- Key programs Western Metro Region
 - o Odour
 - o Noise
 - o Wastewater Treatment Plants
 - o Waste Crime
 - o Fire Prevention Program
 - o Permission Compliance
- Compliance report FY 2022/23 Brooklyn/Tottenham Area
 - o 323 Inspections
 - o 18 Notices
 - 3 x Information Gathering Notices
 - 10 x Improvement Notices
 - 3 x Environmental Action Notices
 - 1 x Notice to Investigate
 - 1 x Direction
 - o Sanctions (Year to date)
 - 2 x Infringement Notice
 - 10 active prosecutions in the Courts at present
 - 2 prosecutions completed

Other Activities

- **Better Environment Plan (BEP)** - EPA received the BEP scope from the Brooklyn Recycling Group (Sunshine Groupe, City Circle Recycling, ResourceCo and Delta Recycling) on 1 September.
- Christian Buxton, Sunshine Groupe, added that the BEP provides a group of industry members to meet and develop a plan to address particular environment outcomes – in this case, a focus on air quality. They have spent 2 years working with EPA to agree to practices and outcomes for this plan and those businesses will make a public commitment to deliver those practices and outcomes.
- Brad Lemmons, ResourceCo added that the BEP is an important collaboration and innovation which aims to raise the bar for industry to improve as a group and provide leadership.
- **EPA marks International Day of Climate Action, 24 October, 2023.**
- **Next community conversation drop in – December 5.**

COMMENT: *The particulate PM10 information shown in the Air Quality graph are an average figure over a 24-hour period and do not show the spikes in particulate pollution levels of PM10 during business hours which are often over 100 µg/m3. Also particles over PM10 should be measured as these have a serious impact on our health and amenity. Air monitors placement is important to capture these.*

QUESTION: **How does EPA assess licence applications and how do other prescribed agencies get involved?**

Sam: EPA has an Environment Public Health Unit which engages with the relevant experts e.g. odour, dust and public human health to assess the applications. When necessary EPA refers to the application to the relevant agency.

QUESTION: What has the Brooklyn Recycling Group achieved to date with the Better Environment Plan (BEP)? At what point will we know the plan and the measurable outcomes to report?

Christian Buston: Each business runs their own dust improvement plans and have been in ongoing discussions with EPA on what needs to be addressed. The BEP provides an opportunity for innovation and working together to find solutions. The BEP is a new vehicle and is still being developed with consideration to legal implications – it is a time-consuming process. Hopefully the draft will be available in the new year – dependent on EPA. Sunshine Groupe is committed to present the actions we are doing.

***Action 0811_3:** Brooklyn Recycling Group to update BCRG on progress, deliverables, legal implications for the Better Environment Plan (BEP).*

QUESTION: Are there works being undertaken on the Brooklyn monitoring site?

Bert Boere: Upgrade works are going on with Brooklyn station but no detail of what.

***Action 0811_4:** EPA to update what the monitoring stations upgrades are for.*

QUESTION: Is EPA able to provide the raw hourly data from the monitoring stations?

Sam: EPA can provide the raw data on request however its relevance depends on what the equipment is measuring. EPA's response to dust emissions from industry sites still requires the businesses to reduce any dust emissions - despite the data shown here in BCRG.

Sarah Connolly MP: The hourly data would be important information for government to utilise.

COMMENT: *We still have the same problem with dust that we have had since 2009.*

***Action 0811_5:** EPA to investigate providing hourly monitoring data to BCRG including back to 2009.*

QUESTION: Where is the EPA's mobile monitoring unit and can it be used to monitor Brooklyn sites?

Jim: The unit was designed to monitor fire and smoke emissions. It was trialled in Brooklyn but not used for that purpose.

***Action 0811_6:** EPA to investigate if data from Brooklyn can be 'live' on the website.*

ITEM 8.

INDUSTRY UPDATE (Jim Demetriou AOC Specialist and Leighton Black, Site Manager for Australian Tallow Producers)

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

Jim, an independent air and odour compliance specialist and Leighton from ATP gave an update on the operations at the ATP Brooklyn site and improvements to minimise the impact to the community.

These included new asphalt across the site to reduce dust and the biofilter rebuild to process and reduce odour emissions.

Jim outlined the process by which he independently audits the site for odour including unannounced site visits. The site audits identify effective odour management systems and areas for continual improvement. Assessments are made daily by ATP and monthly by Jim.

Areas for improvement identified:

- Building sealing
- Performance reviews of biofilters and balancing processes
- Audits assess day-to-day performance and with a focus on continuous improvement actions
- Goal is to minimise odour emissions and protect the community.

Community Noticeboard

ATP has developed a new website portal for reporting and to keep the public up to date on progress and any necessary operational changes or maintenance programs that could have an unintended impact.

The Community Noticeboard can be found at <https://austal.com.au/community-notice-board/>

There have been no reports to the noticeboard to date and Jim hasn't picked up any odour himself off site in recent months showing improvements. There have been some reports to EPA alleging odour from ATP. Unfortunately, the reports from EPA come through to ATP up to 2 months after the event.

COMMENT: *There needs to be more done to promote the noticeboard to the community e.g. the Brooklyn community Facebook page.*

Sam Sparks, EPA: As part of the new Act, EPA is encouraging businesses to create reporting on their websites to help mitigate the delay in response from the EPA reporting system. It is hoped that this will result in a faster response time for the businesses to address any issues.

QUESTION: What is Jim's role as a consultant in identifying odours and their source in Brooklyn?

Jim: I am contracted to ATP to assess and make recommendations to improve the odour emissions from their business. I am not compelled to trace other odours in Brooklyn not coming from ATP. I am happy to share my information with EPA on request.

COMMENT: *The community is tired of reporting and the ATP site is just an extra level of reporting for us when we are already reporting to the EPA site. If there is odour during the night I am not able to directly contact the company at that hour to report the odour.*

Action 0811_7: BCRG to share the ATP Community Noticeboard information to Facebook.

After the meeting: The ATP community noticeboard page has been posted on the Facebook pages as requested by a resident at the meeting.
@brooklyncommunityrepresentativegroup and @brooklyncommunitygroup.

ITEM 9.

INDUSTRY UPDATE (Brad Lemmon, CEO, ResourceCo)

Brad Lemmon was joined by Ryan Craig – Site General Manager, Steve Harrison – CEO – Soil Re-use and Recycling, Steph Holland – Strategy Delivery Manager from ResourceCo.

Brad introduced ResourceCo, the business and the current operations at the Brooklyn site since taking over from Sunshine Groupe in December 2022, and the process for community engagement in relation to their proposed soil washing plant and permit application.

He began by acknowledging the community concerns regarding the new proposal for a soil washing plant and that the community engagement through the letter to residents had raised some interest. He stressed that ResourceCo’s approach involves having positive and clear engagement with the whole community.

About ResourceCo

ResourceCo is a private business established in 1992 as a crushing and demolition business but have since evolved into an integrated resource recovery business operating across Australia and parts of Asia. It has a clear purpose to take waste materials from building, construction and other sources such as tyres and to convert them into high grade product for reuse, fuel and energy sources. They have a strong ethos on landfill diversion and carbon abatement and have diverted more than 60 million tonnes of waste from landfill since their inception in 1992.

Brad recognised that their operations strive to have no impact on the community and that there is a strong emphasis across all their operations to achieve this outcome.

Brad: ResourceCo acquired the business in Brooklyn approximately 12 months ago. It provides a fantastic opportunity to plan to improve the facility to address community impact. The soil washing plant requires a significant capital investment and will include many improvements that will improve amenity impacts. Dust mitigation is important and will be addressed by continuing to implement dust monitoring and improvements at the site.

Community Engagement and Actions

Brad outlined the approach to community engagement for the soil washing permit application.

- ResourceCo plans to take as much time as necessary to address community concerns.
- Acknowledges that there was a false start to community engagement through the letter to residents.
- They intend to work closely with EPA and council to confidently demonstrate commitment to compliance and community concerns.
- The aim is for improving and reducing any impacts on community and potentially creating positive impacts in the future.
- ResourceCo will start providing updates on any site improvements.
- ResourceCo has joined in with neighbouring businesses to deliver the first Brooklyn Better Environment Plan – seeing this as a great initiative and opportunity to develop innovative solutions.

- Plans are in place for enhanced dust monitoring, education and training for personnel onsite to manage any potential impacts to community.
- The EPA Development Licence Application for the soil washing plant is not expected to be advertised on Engage Vic until early 2024.
- ResourceCo will be establishing a community engagement process to gain a deeper understanding of the community concerns regarding the soil washing plant and other issues. They hope that this will provide an opportunity to listen and address or mitigate these concerns. Expression of Interest forms for community members to a CRG were available.

QUESTION: Why would you set up in the location within 7 kms of Melbourne’s CBD and not outside the metro area? There has been no real change in Brooklyn for 30 years with regard to dust.

Brad: The materials to be processed are being generated close to Brooklyn and will already be transported throughout the community. The community concerns regarding dust are legitimate. ResourceCo will be investing in the best practice European equipment to be installed which will enable a wet process for the soil washing with no dust generation. Receiving and tipping of materials will be into a closed shed facility and enter an enclosed conveyor to be washed and graded. The remaining approximately 10 – 20 % of soil will compose of contaminants that will be sent off site for appropriate disposal.

COMMENT: *The community has a high level of mistrust around companies promising to comply with licence conditions or regulatory conditions. We don’t accept you won’t emit dust and the operation doesn’t seem to be complying now. You act as though you will get the licence.*

Brad: This is not just about compliance – our intent for the whole operation is to operate at the best level we can and show leadership. Your concerns are important and we acknowledge those concerns.

QUESTION: You say you are trying to work with public which is great. What checks are there for the mechanism and feedback loop for monitoring dust emissions and will you have to log it with EPA and council?

Brad: Resource Co will maintain a Community Complaints Register and ensure there are time limited responses to those complaints in the register. There is also a need to protect the health and well-being of the staff on the sites which should also protect the community.

Sam Sparks, EPA: There is a legal requirement that businesses report any licence breaches to EPA as soon as practicable - at which point the issue should already have been rectified.

QUESTION: What will be in the soil you washed?

Steve: Any contaminants are washed into the final silt product which is collected and sent to be appropriately disposed of in landfill. They are generally low-level contaminants from the Melbourne Inner West region.

COMMENTS: *The community is concerned about the growing amount of traffic from West Gate Tunnel – over 11000 trucks per day plus your trucks coming into Brooklyn. In NSW this is not done in city areas – so why in Melbourne? With over 2400 tonnes to be process per day – PM2.5 emissions from truck traffic to and from the site is also an issue.*

COMMENT: *The closest residential building is 400m from ResourceCo. The Altona soil plant has a buffer level at greater than 950m set by VCAT and the State regulation is set at 500m.*

Brad: The Altona soils plant is a different type of processing plant where the soil received have higher contaminant levels with a thermal destruction treatment process with some emissions which has a different set of criteria. The Brooklyn plant will have no emissions of odour, particulates, dust or gas. All the processing will be in a contained process resulting in clean soil for re use. Hoping to address these in future.

QUESTION: How will information regarding the mitigation processes be communicated to the residents? How will potential pollutants and appropriate monitoring be identified for the process?

Brad: Under current licence required to undertake dust monitoring. Under the BEP process we are exploring enhanced monitoring. No dust to leave the site.

ITEM 10.

MEETING CLOSE

Next meeting dates to be circulated for 2024.

- Wednesday March 13,
- Wednesday 19th June
- Wednesday 13th November

Cath thanked the presenters and everyone for attending.

Meeting closed 8:40 pm

Meeting Attendance Record – November 08, 2023

31 people registered their attendance.

Name	Organisation	Name	Organisation
Andrea Mason	EO, BCRG	Jeremy Scoon	Resident
Bert Boere	BRAG	Jim Demetriou	Consultant
Brian O'Neil	PRX	Jo Stevens	ResourceCo
Brad Lemmon	ResourceCo	Justin Rhodes	NuFarm
Brian Long	Resident	Kristen Gilbert	Brimbank City Council
Carmen Largaiolli	Resident	Leighton Black	Australian Tallow
Catherine Botta	BCRG Chair	Lisa Palmer	Australian Tallow
Christian Buxton	Sunshine Groupe	Llewellyn Rees	Resident
Colin Green	Resident	Matt O'Mara	Brimbank City Council
Craig Eyes	Recovered Energy Australia	Melissa Horne MP	Member for Williamstown
Fran O'Brien	Maribyrnong CC	Ryan Craig	ResourceCo
Gary Laidlaw	EPA Victoria	Sam Sparks	EPA Victoria
Geoff Mitchelmore	Resident	Sarah Connolly MP	Member for Laverton
Hayden Vowell	Resident	Steph Holland	ResourceCo
Heather Humphreys	Resident	Steve Harrison	ResourceCo
Jian Tan	NuFarm	Tim Mayfield	Premier Strategy

Apologies

Name	Organisation	Name	Organisation
Callan Riley	Maribyrnong CC	Simon Muir	EPA Victoria
Jake Repacholi	Hobsons Bay CC	Arthur Vatsakis	Hobsons Bay CC
Jill Galvin	Resident	Stephen Lansdell	EPA Victoria

ATTACHMENT 1.

POWERPOINT PRESENTATION

**BROOKLYN RESIDENTS ACTION GROUP (BRAG)
& FRIENDS OF LOWER KOROROIT CREEK (FOLK)**

BCRG PRESENTATION NOVEMBER 2023 | PIPELINE RESERVE

Pipeline Reserve

Zone 9





Melbourne Water

Pipeline Reserve Master Plan 2020

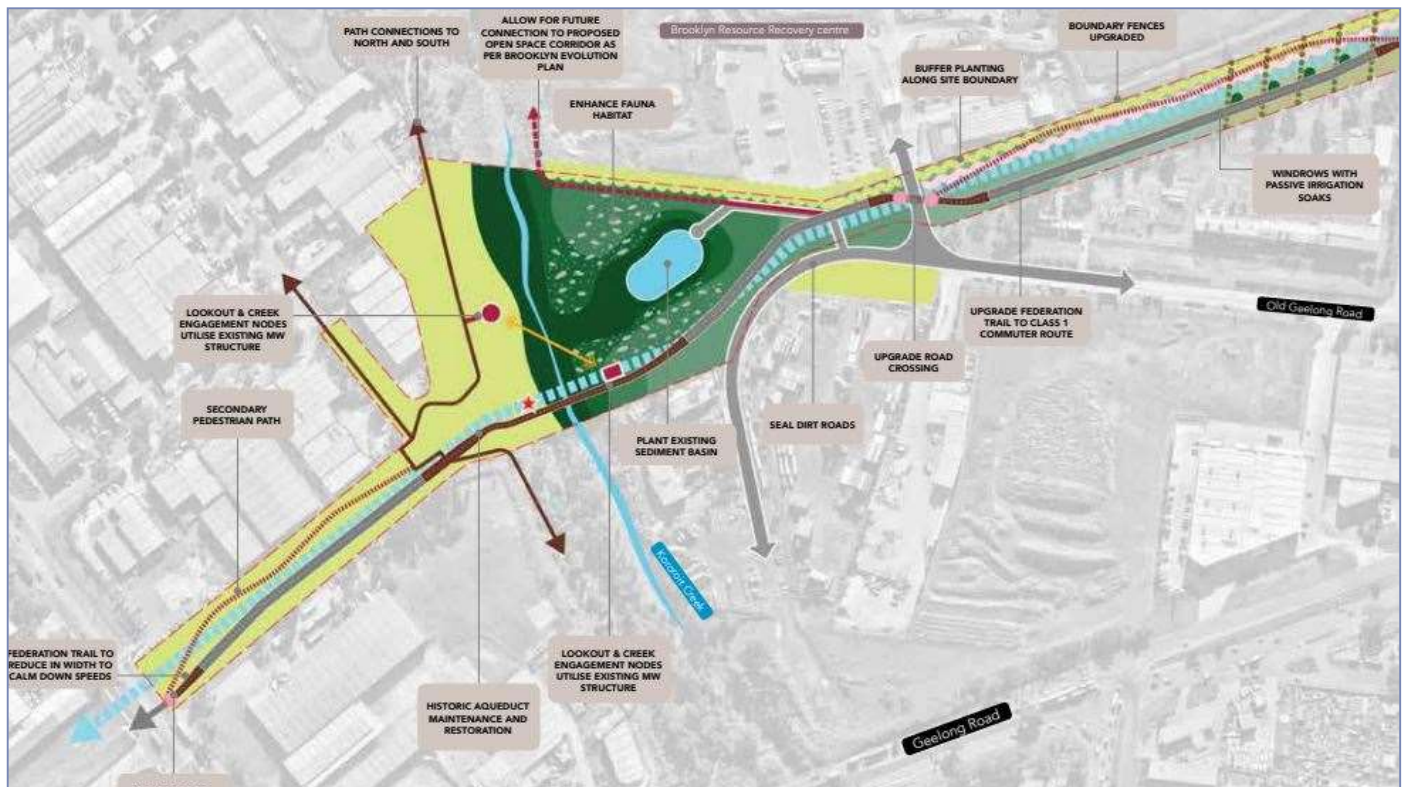
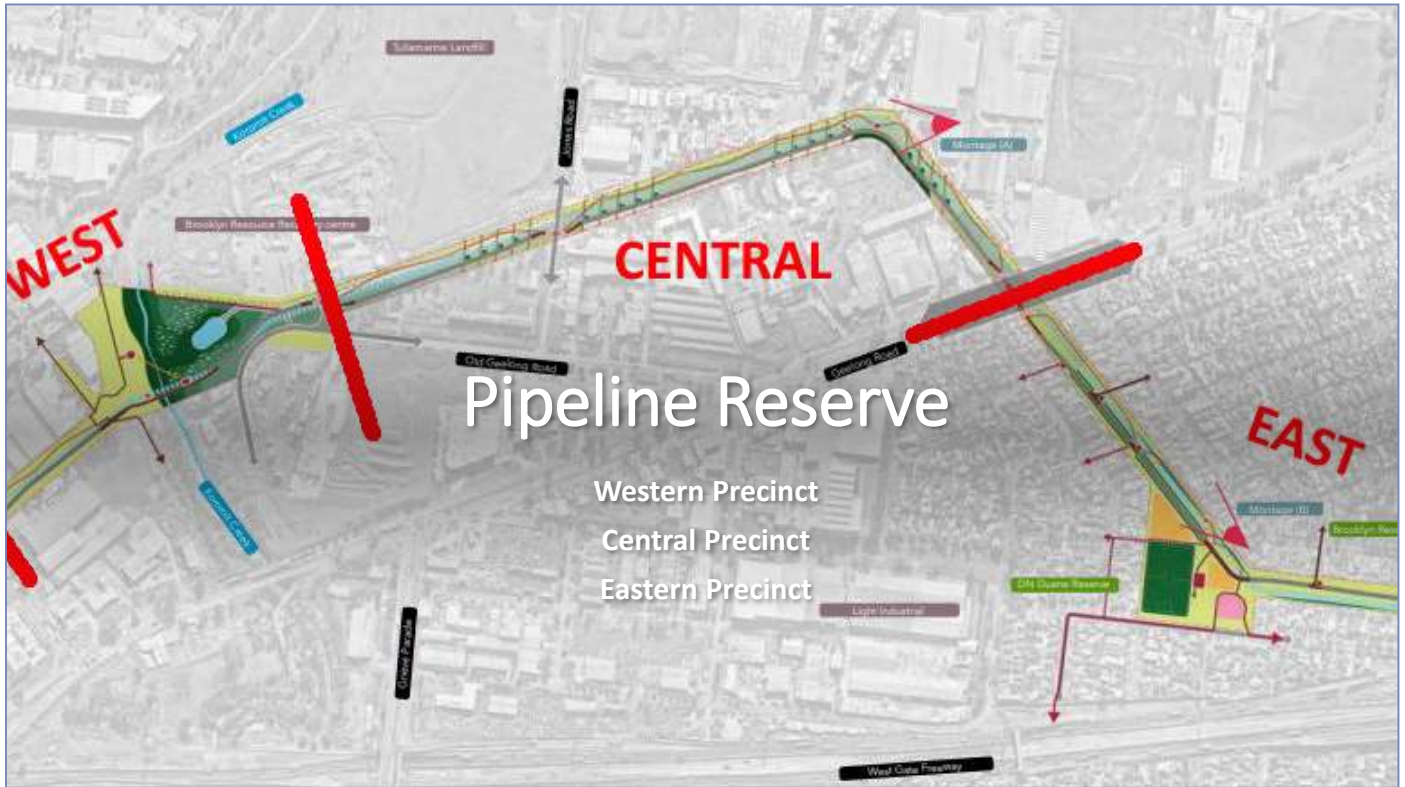


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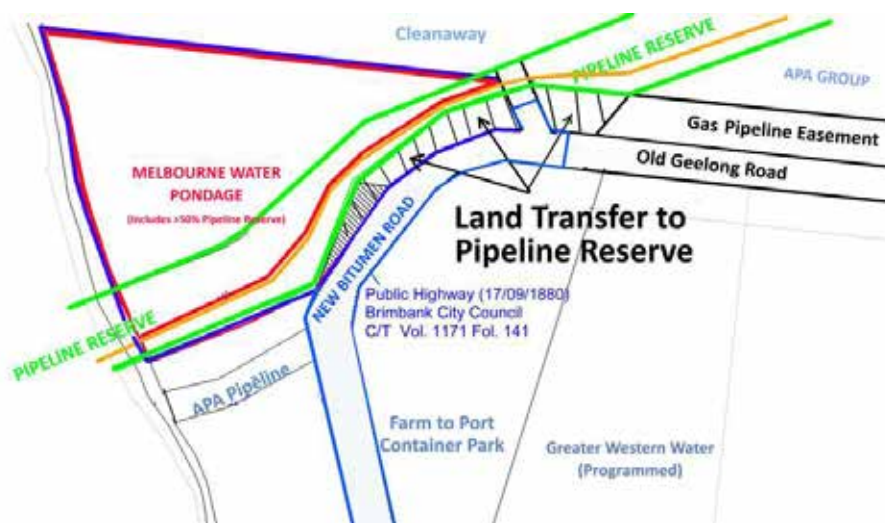




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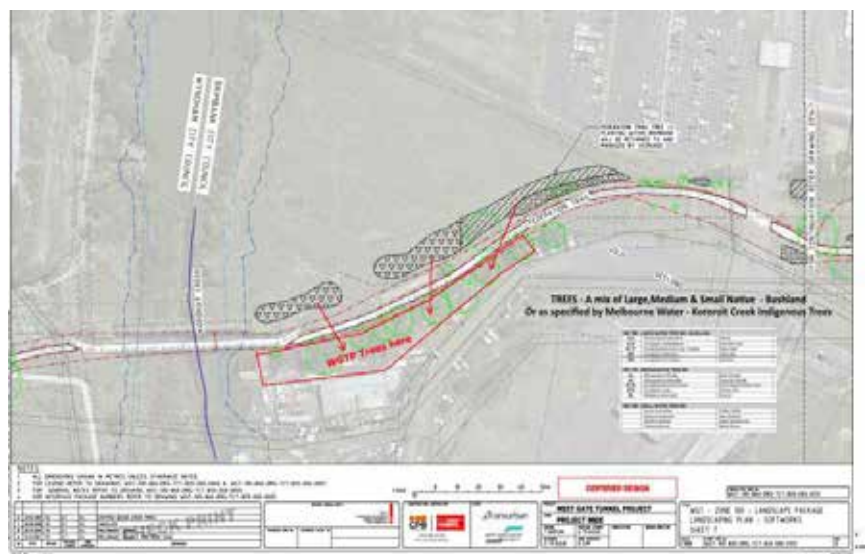




West Gate Tunnel Project

PROPOSED OFFSET TREE PLANTING AREAS

Western
Precinct
WGTP Plan



Western Precinct trees

WGTP – 200 trees
DEECA – 300 trees
800 shrubs
MW – 10 trees



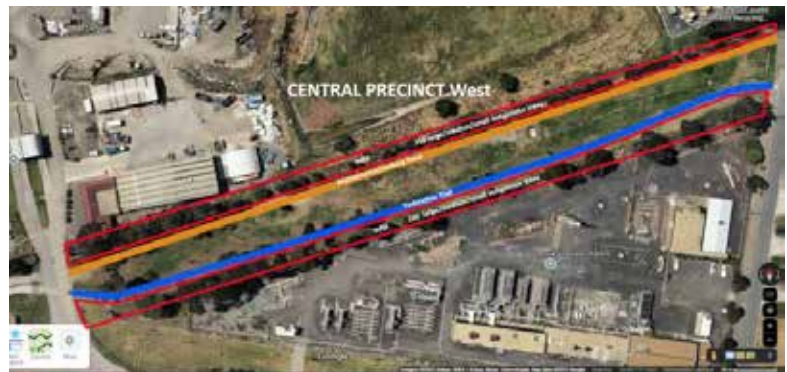
Cleanaway to Geelong Road

**ACTION – Brimbank City Council
DEECA & West Gate Tunnel Project**



Central Precinct West Proposed

WGTP – 550 trees
DEECA – 600 Trees
1000 shrubs



Central Precinct East Proposed

WGTP – 1200 trees
DEECA – 1400 trees
2200 shrubs



Eastern Precinct West Proposed

WGTP – 550 trees
DEECA – 100 trees
750 shrubs



Eastern Precinct East Proposed

WGTP – 250 trees
DEECA – 200? Trees
650 shrubs



ATTACHMENT 2.
POWERPOINT PRESENTATION
MARIBYRNONG CITY COUNCIL UPDATE
8 NOVEMBER

Maribyrnong City Council update

- Air Quality stakeholder and community forums
- Implementation of Air Quality Improvement Plan
- Advocacy actions
- Engagement with universities


ATTACHMENT 3.
POWERPOINT PRESENTATION
ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION AUTHORITY VICTORIA (EPA VIC)
BROOKLYN CRG | NOVEMBER 2023



Environment Protection Authority Victoria

Sam Sparks & Gary Laidlaw - November 2023

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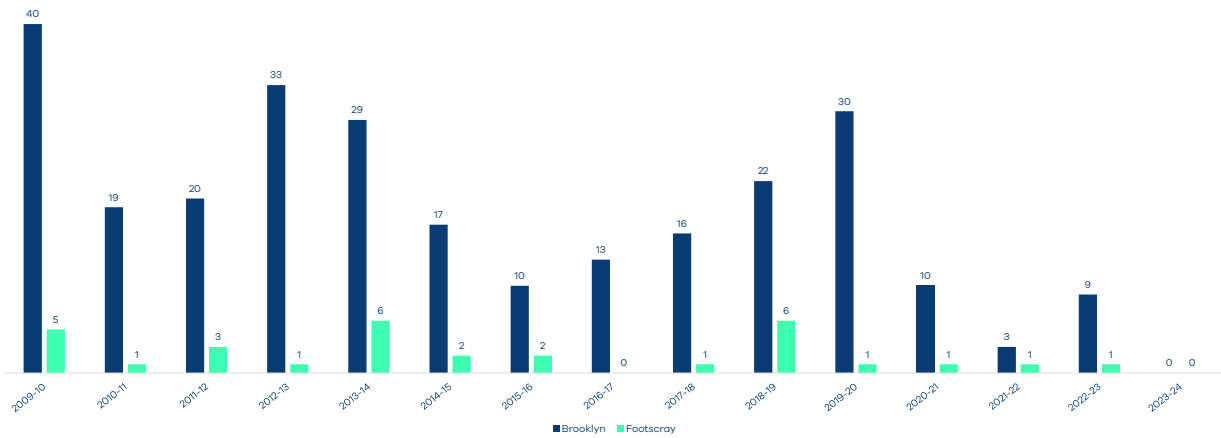
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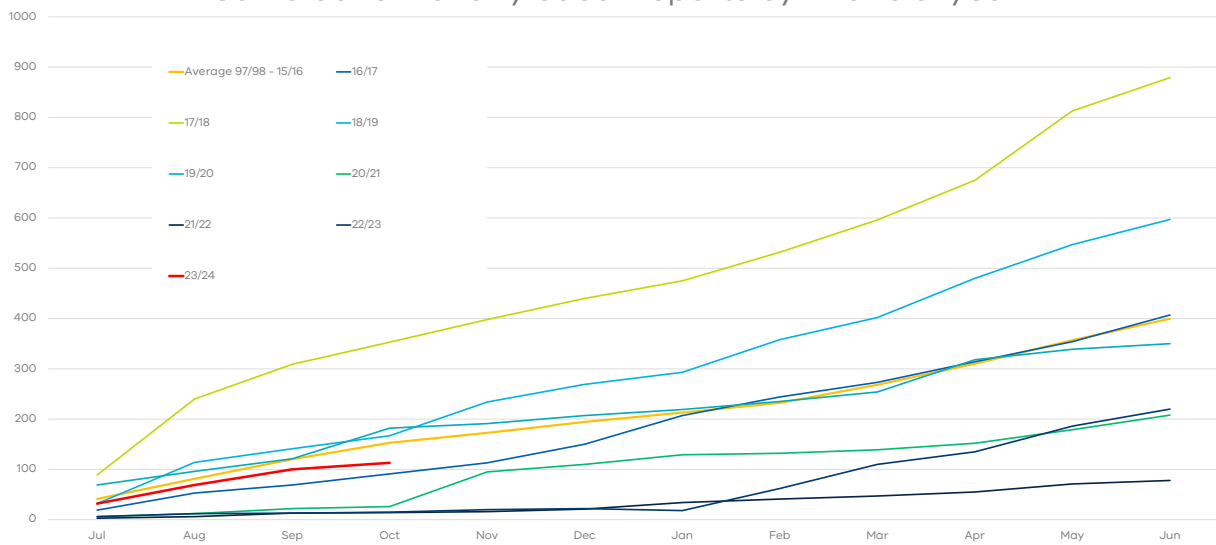
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Air Quality

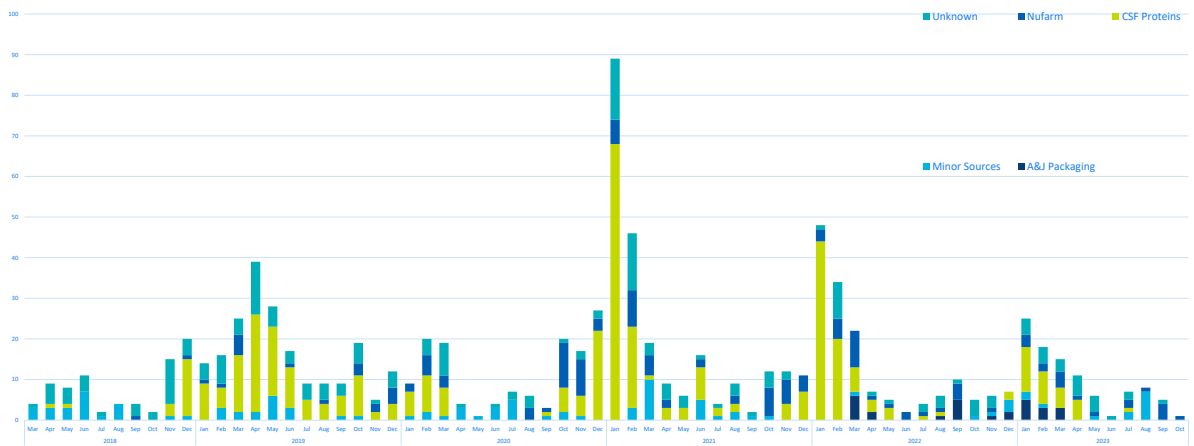
Number of days exceeding the PM10 daily standard each year



Cumulative monthly odour reports by financial year



Laverton North odour reports



ResourceCo Development Licence Application (APP025507)

On 15 September 2023, EPA received a development licence application from ResourceCo, for their soil washing facility at 125 Bunting Road, Brooklyn.

As the application was not complete with all the necessary information, EPA requested further information from ResourceCo on 19 October 2023.

When EPA receives the information requested from ResourceCo (likely in November), the application information will be reviewed for its completeness.

If the application is found to be complete, then EPA can accept the application for assessment.

ResourceCo Development Licence Application (APP025507) Once accepted...

Once accepted, the application will be made available for public comment via the online engagement platform: <https://engage.vic.gov.au/>

EPA must decide on a complete development licence application within four months of receiving it. However, this timeframe can change if EPA needs additional information to make a decision.

In assessing the application, the EPA will take into account potential impact on human health and the environment and submissions from prescribed agencies and other interested parties.

Traffic level considerations are out of the scope of the EPA assessment.

Compliance Report Q1 2023/24

What's been happening in the Western Metro Region so far this Financial Year

Pollution Reports – 1737 received

Inspections – 310 inspections completed

Notices – 140 notices issued in total.

Key programs Western Metro Region 23-24.

- Odour
- Noise
- Wastewater Treatment Plants
- Waste Crime
- Fire Prevention Program
- Permission Compliance
- Local initiatives



Compliance Report Q1 2023/24 Brooklyn Area

Brooklyn and Tottenham.

18 Notices so far this year

- 3 x Information Gathering Notices ;
- 10 x Improvement Notices;
- 3 x Environmental Action Notices;
- 1 x Notice to Investigate;
- 1 x Direction

- 2 x Infringement Notices:

- Total Construction Pty Ltd

- Dawsons Fumigation and Logistics Pty Ltd



Enforcement Action – Brooklyn Area

Sanctions Q1

- 10 active prosecutions in the Courts at present within the West Metro region.
- 2 prosecutions for Brooklyn/Tottenham companies completed.

Manhari fined

28 June 2023

Tottenham metal recycler Manhari International Pty Ltd has been fined \$20,000 and ordered to pay Environment Protection Authority Victoria's (EPA) \$4,000 costs at Sunshine Magistrates' Court.

EPA laid the charges after the company failed to comply with the conditions of a Pollution Abatement Facility, which is a legally enforceable instrument.

Director Pooja Chaudhary and business development manager Madhur Gupta pled guilty to three charges of non-compliance.

Cleanaway pleads guilty on EPA charges

10 August 2023

Cleanaway Pty Ltd has been convicted and fined at the Broomeville Magistrates' Court over mixed plastics and poorly managed waste stockpiles at their Brooklyn facility.

EPA's ongoing investigation began after officers responded to two small fires at the Old Deering Road Waste and Recovery Centre in July 2022.

EPA officers found stockpiles of wood chips, string timber and mixed waste that were in breach of safety policies. Stockpiles were too high and too close together. The company had also failed to meet EPA imposed deadlines for fire risk and management plans.

Her Honour Magistrate Hissaid convicted Cleanaway Pty Ltd and imposed a \$5,000 fine for the offending EPA, with remedial costs in the amount of \$134k.

Better Environment Plan (BEP) update

- EPA received BEP scope from the Brooklyn Recycling Group on 1 September.
- Brooklyn Recycling Group (BRG) is made up of:
 - Gypsum & Fertilizer (Sunshine Groupe)
 - City Circle Recycling
 - ResourceCo
 - Delta Recycling

BEP Advisory Panel met last week. Feedback to BRG shortly.



EPA marks International Day of Climate Action

Like all aspects of the environment, climate action is a shared responsibility between government, industry, business and the community.

EPA takes a preventative regulatory approach by building climate action into different aspects of its work:

- Informing the community, businesses and other duty holders of their responsibilities to reduce environmental and human health risks
- Setting human health and environmental standards including through our permissions scheme that address risks from the causes and consequences of climate change
- Advising and guiding duty holders of their obligations
- Monitoring compliance and taking enforcement action where necessary

Learn about how EPA regulates climate change.

[Our role in managing climate change risks | Environment Protection Authority Victoria \(epa.vic.gov.au\)](https://www.epa.vic.gov.au/our-role-in-managing-climate-change-risks)



Next community conversation drop in

Our last event was on World Environment Day 5 June at EPA's Sunshine office.

Next event Tuesday 5 December where we hope to focus on matters important to attendees.

Also expand on EPA's upcoming odour and noise programs.

Contact EPA's Gary Laidlaw for further details.



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ATTACHMENT 4.
POWERPOINT PRESENTATION
AUSTRALIAN TALLOW PRODUCERS (ATP)
BCRG PRESENTATION | 8 NOV 2023

BCRG
presentation
8 Nov 2023





What we do

- ATP recycles raw material generated through edible meat processing.
- ATP converts this into ingredients for stockfeed and renewable bio-diesel.
- We never have any live animals on our site.
- We process fresh material daily.
- We do not process on Sunday.

Our goal: *to build social license to operate our Brooklyn facility*



We aim to ensure our community is not impacted by our manufacturing processes.



To build social license, we are...

Continually investing to improving our plant and equipment to minimise the impact. Recent works undertaken include:

- Biofilter rebuild in that treat process odour
- Asphalt hard-stand area to reduce dust

Independent Offsite Odour Assessment and Site Audit



- Monthly unannounced audits conducted by AOC Specialist
- Audits strategically timed for worst-case conditions
- Odours detected offsite from various sources in most surveys
- Site audit identifies effective odor management systems and areas for continual improvement
- Minimal fugitive odours identified
- Areas for improvement identified:
 - Building sealing
 - Performance reviews of biofilters and balancing processes
 - Audits assess day-to-day performance and with a focus on continuous improvement actions
 - Goal is to minimise odour emissions and protect the community



To build social license, we are...

Continually improving our communication processes, e.g. the new Community Noticeboard at <https://austal.com.au/community-notice-board/> to keep you up to date on

- our progress
- any necessary operational changes or maintenance programs that could have an unintended impact



To build social license, we are..

Asking for your help to identify problems so we can act on them quickly

<https://austal.com.au/community-notice-board/>

Reporting Form

Name (Optional)

Email (Optional - Only if you wish to be contacted)

Phone (Optional)

When did you notice the odour? - Date/Time - Be as specific as possible (Required)

Where did you notice the odour? Be as specific as possible (Required)

Approximately how long did the odour remain? Including frequency if applicable(Required)

Describe the odour (Required). Please use the [EPA odour descriptors](#)

Please include prevailing wind direction, including visual observations and any health effects experienced and whether the odour is ongoing or has ceased

Thank you!



Any questions?