



**BCRG**

**BROOKLYN COMMUNITY  
REPRESENTATIVE GROUP**

**BCRG COMMUNITY FORUM 1/2024**

# **MEETING 56**

WEDNESDAY

13 March, 2024

6:00pm til 8:30pm

Brooklyn Community Hall, Cypress Ave

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



# MEETING PURPOSE

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

<b>18:00 – 18:30</b>	<b>Arrive for supper</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Welcome</b> Meeting purpose and overview of agenda items Introductions
<b>2</b>	<b>Rolling Actions Update</b> <i>Andrea Mason</i>
<b>3</b>	<b>Community Update</b> <i>Bert Boere, Brooklyn Residents Action Group</i>
<b>4</b>	<b>Council Updates and Community Forum Update</b> <i>Jake Repacholi and Arthur Vatzakis, Hobsons Bay Council;</i> <i>Callan Riley, Maribyrnong Council;</i> <i>Matt O'Mara and Kristen Gilbert, Brimbank Council</i>
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<b>7</b>	<b>Hon Melissa Horne MP</b> Government focus on achieving improvements in air quality for Brooklyn, particularly in the portfolio of Ports, Freight and Roads.
<b>8</b>	<b>EPA Victoria Update on dust, noise and odour program</b> a. compliance activity, b. Strategic initiatives and programs <i>Sam Sparks, Team Leader, Western Metropolitan Region and Gary Laidlaw, Senior Engagement Lead</i>
<b>9</b>	<b>Industry Update</b> TBC
	Questions/discussion
<b>10</b>	<b>Wrap up &amp; Close.</b>

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 1303\_1:** EPA to explore a citizen science project which could measure the dust in the area.
- Action 1303\_2:** BCRG to invite University of Melbourne researcher to report on the results of their study.
- Action 1303\_3:** EPA to present the Publication 2060 at the next BCRG forum.
- Action 1303\_4:** BCRG to invite Department of Transport & Planning (Policy and Strategy/Freight Victoria) to share their monitoring information and outline forward plans for their stations.
- Action 1303\_5:** EPA to share a snapshot on what all the standards for measuring air quality are currently being used.
- Action 1303\_6:** Invite EPA's Chief Environmental Scientist to the next BCRG to discuss EPA's analysis of the Westgate Tunnel Project monitoring data.
- Action 1303\_7:** Invite a representative from EPA's Environmental Public Health Branch to BCRG.

## ITEM 1.

### WELCOME (Catherine Botta)

The final notes from the November 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. Hon Melissa Horne MP was welcomed.

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 0811\_1:** MCC to provide the detailed table of actions in their Air Quality Improvement Plan-Maribyrnong. **The table of actions can be downloaded here:** [Air Quality Improvement Plan - Maribyrnong](#)

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

**Action 0811\_3:** Brooklyn Recycling Group to update BCRG on progress, deliverables, legal implications for the Better Environment Plan (BEP). **13/03/24** draft document from industry with EPA for review including legal checks.

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

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

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

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

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### ITEM 3.

## COMMUNITY UPDATE (Bert Boere, Brooklyn Residents Action Group and Carmen Largaioli)

The full presentation from Carmen is available in [Attachment 1](#).

Bert referenced an article in the Star newspaper article [Dusty Roads lie Ahead](#) where The Inner West Air Quality Network (IWAQN) says there is more to be done by the state government following the announcement of road sealing across three western suburbs. He felt that the roads listed are not those which impact the Brooklyn residents.

Bert raised the issue of Federation Trail from Geelong Rd to Millers Rd which was not prepared properly and needs to have a new base and sealing works done to protect cyclists and other users from large cracks appearing in the track. Delays in these works are affecting the Westgate Tunnel funded infill plantings.

Carmen showed a snapshot of images taken in Brooklyn after only a few days following a high wind day in March illustrating how much dust is affecting resident's assets including their cars and toilet windows inside homes. Carmen also showed the corresponding Data Snapshot from the EPA website. As she could hear a crushing unit all morning near Geelong Rd and the Powercor development area, Carmen attempted to report to EPA ahead of a northerly forecasts and terrible wind but the call wouldn't go through and she didn't get an answer. This dust is more than PM<sub>10</sub> and needs to be measured as well as the other dust levels.

Carmen's message was that industry should take note of the impacts of this dust on local residents as it is affecting their health and that of their families. How much progress have we made since measurements began in 2008. This sentiment was echoed by others in the room.

**Paul Torre, EPA:** This coarse material is between PM<sub>2.5</sub> and PM<sub>10</sub> and will all go into your lungs so the current measurement still reflects the dust levels and proves that you are breathing it in which is an issue for residents.

**COMMENT:** EPA should be enforcing that the industry shouldn't let it leave the property.

Bert raised the issue of the proposal by ResourceCo to begin a soil washings business (presuming under cover) in Geelong Rd and bringing this from the other side of Melbourne. Another issue is that this business will mean more diesel trucks in the area. In NSW they do things differently. They put all the material onto trains and take it out of the urban residential area.

Christian Buxton from Sunshine Groupe commented that the materials mentioned are not demolition materials but virgin quarry material used to make concrete.

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### ITEM 4.

## 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

- **696 Geelong Road, Brooklyn** – Buildings and works for sealing the internal accessways – received on 6 March 2024 in response to compliance action on this site. If approved and constructed, this will effectively close out the compliance issue.

- **166 Jones Road, Brooklyn** - application to change the use from asphalt plant (industry) to reclaimed asphalt plant (materials recycling). Application received on 2 February 2024. Further information has been requested.
- **454-460 Somerville Road, Brooklyn** – New application received on 21 November 2023 for use and development of the land for shipping container storage, office, restricted retail premises and convenience restaurant in a Design And Development Overlay (DDO11), demolition and buildings and works within a Heritage Overlay, erection and display of signage, reduction to the standard car parking requirement, access alterations to a road in a Transport Zone 2 and a variation to the bicycle parking facilities. This is effectively exactly the same as a previous application on this site that was refused last year. Further information has been requested, included an Environmental Audit that confirms that the site is suitable for use.



**166 Jones Road, Brooklyn**

## Decisions made since last BCRG meeting

- **20-24 McDonald Road, Brooklyn** – use of the land for trade supplies – planning permit issued on 24 January 2024.
- **70 Old Geelong Road, Brooklyn** – amendment to the planning permit and endorsed plans to convert one (1) warehouse into two (2) warehouses issued 19 February 2024.
- **598B Geelong Road, Brooklyn** – Stage 2 to the data centre (to be built to the north of the data centre currently under construction). Planning permit issued on 20 February 2024.
- **457A Somerville Road, Brooklyn** – use and development of land for materials recycling (industry) with ancillary shipping container storage and vehicle storage facilities – application refused on 12 March 2024.

## VCAT decision

- No VCAT decisions for sites in Brooklyn since last meeting.

## Current compliance activity

- **Proactive dust monitoring program continuing** – 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. This includes the Bunting Road Precinct including sites at:
  - **69 Bunting Road - MR**
  - **125 Bunting Road - ResourceCo**
  - **159 Bunting Road (and 84-90 Jones Road) – Sunshine Group (Tom Buxton)**
  - **175 Bunting Road (and 166 Jones Road) – Hansons**
- **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: Who is responsible for lighting limits and impacts within any property? The lights at a property on Geelong Rd are blinding at night and dangerous for residents. Should the lighting be facing into the property?**

**Matt:** Lighting falls under the amenity regulations in the planning section and is dependent on the specific permit for each property. Measuring potential breaches requires a LUX meter which Brimbank CC doesn't have so if it exceeds it is difficult to investigate. We have not received reports on this issue before so will investigate further.

**QUESTION: What is your general sense of how industry is operating based on your monitoring on Bunting Rd and Jones Rd?**

**Matt:** There are still some issues - good and bad days in the precinct. Council relies on monitoring the dust then trying to trace it back from the source. We understand there is some dust still from traffic movements. This requires precise monitoring to enable compliance. Even with the wheel wash facilities, the dirty water can still leave some dust. Operational dust is still worse on bad days. Jones Rd is relatively good. There is gypsum recycling at Sunshine Groupe in the old quarry hole. Council staff observed that site from the highest point and believe that there is a natural barrier that prevents dust escaping from that site.

**QUESTION: Is it possible to track dust emissions by working in reverse i.e. start at Brooklyn hall?**

**Paul Torre, EPA:** It is not that simple to find the dust source especially when the dust is coming from many sites with similar general sources like raised clay, sand, dirt, soil and building waste dust materials. In this situation, it is challenging to pinpoint one site based only on fingerprinting the chemical components because each general source has similar chemical components. The findings from a recent study presented in the 2060 publication outlined that air pollution/dust at PM<sub>2.5</sub> has a chemical 'fingerprint' that is distinctive for general sources such as road dust, diesel and petrol emissions, residential wood heaters, shipping, sea salt etc, across the region. We chose specific areas to sample air where there were high emissions of the source e.g. alongside major roads, Port areas, industry etc., to assist with developing fingerprints to identify sources. It is easier to pinpoint a source if that has a particular chemical fingerprint. However, it can still be hard to find the source of air pollution.

**QUESTION: Is it possible for EPA to take a sample of the dust on our properties as we want to know what is in the dust? As a resident I've done it 5 times and keep being told the sample may be compromised.**

**Stephen:** It would be a great idea for a citizen science project or other options to understand what is in the dust that's in the area.

**Action 1303\_1:** EPA to explore a citizen science project which could measure the dust in the area.

**After the meeting:** EPA responded: Advise Interested community members register and participate in EPA's Citizen Science Garden Safe program by submitting sample through the program. This can be done at <https://www.epa.vic.gov.au/for-community/get-involved/citizen-science-program/gardensafe>. Samples can be sent to EPA for analysis. A chemical analysis for a specific number of trace elements will be undertaken. The type of elements and levels will be compared to levels to other sites in Melbourne and across the state.

## ITEM 5.

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

As Jake was a late apology, Cath read out the notes Jake had sent via email by way of an update from Hobsons Bay City Council.

- Partnered with Monash University to inform Councils response process to wood heater smoke complaints.
- Attended Maribyrnong Air Quality Forum. It was a very positive forum and we are looking forward to the public forum that Maribyrnong will hold later this year.
- Seeing a drop off in smoke related complaints with only four received since November last year which is a positive result.
- Currently in discussions with EPA Air Sciences team (Paul Torre) regarding the delivery a community awareness and education program on wood heater smoke impacts. Paul Torre EPA added that in this stakeholder group – diesel trucks and transport were seen as a bigger issue than the industrial precinct in Brooklyn and wood heaters are still a big issue.

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## ITEM 6.

### COUNCIL UPDATE (Callan Riley, Manager City Sustainability, Maribyrnong City Council)

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

As Callan was a late apology, Cath showed the slide Callan had sent via email by way of an update from Maribyrnong City Council.

#### Air Quality Stakeholder Workshop – February 8

- In partnership with Brimbank and Hobsons Bay City Councils
- Community groups, academics, industry and state government agencies to discuss addressing the barriers to tackling air pollution and identify future joint stakeholder actions.

#### Key opportunities raised:

- Need for local government to have a louder voice to both state and federal government.
- Need to bring Federal Government to the table.
- Development of a website with sharable education and advocacy resources, and all other initiatives.
- Work with local education institutions to raise awareness about vehicle idling in school zones.

#### What's next?

##### Air quality and climate emergency expo on June 2nd

- Will include air quality forum, lectures/workshops, display and education stalls, Electric Vehicle info + test drives.

Cath asked for any feedback regarding the community Air Quality Stakeholder Workshop held in February.

**COMMENTS:**

- *Disappointed with the number of community members that didn't attend. Why?*
- *A lot of industry groups weren't invited.*
- *Many can't attend during the day due to work issues.*
- *The focus was on state government agencies.*
- *Next forum will be more community focussed.*

**ITEM 7.**

**STATE GOVERNMENT UPDATE (Hon Melissa Horne MP)**

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

Hon Melissa Horne MP is the Victorian State Minister for Casino, Gaming and Liquor Regulation, Minister for Local Government, Minister for Ports and Freight, and Minister for Roads and Road Safety. Melissa gave an overview of the Government focus on achieving improvements in air quality for Brooklyn particularly in relation to her portfolios.

Melissa began by acknowledging the long journey in Brooklyn and the advocacy and contributions from many community members in Brooklyn and from BCRG. She acknowledged that there was still much to do despite the progress already made.

Most recently the **Clean air for Inner West project** has provided the catalyst for further change. Actions being undertaken include:

- Net-zero transport e.g. electric fleets
- Cooling and greening e.g. inner urban forests
- Local road works e.g. improve and seal poor roads
- Cleaner air e.g. research project by University of Melbourne on how to implement works due in June
- Clean air for all e.g. research on asthma
- More freight on rail – reduce trucks on roads
- Better container sites e.g. encouraging sites to be sealed
- Ports to deliver lower emissions.

One key outcome is a \$20 million package to modernise the truck fleet travelling through the area and seal local roads causing dust pollution.

These programs progress recommendations from the report prepared by the [Inner West Air Quality Community Reference Group - Air Pollution in Melbourne's Inner West - taking direct action to reduce our community's exposure](#). It also complements the goals set out in the Victorian Government's [Clean Air for All Victorians – Victoria's Air Quality Strategy](#).

**For more information go to Inner West initiatives** <https://www.vic.gov.au/inner-west-initiatives>

Melissa made a commitment to attend future BCRG meetings.

**Action 1303\_2:** BCRG to invite University of Melbourne researcher to report on the results of their study.



## ITEM 8.

# 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 4](#).

Gary and Sam provided an update on the air quality, odour and compliance data including for Footscray, Laverton North and Brooklyn. Gary also spoke about the EPA pilot program, 'Environment Protection on Country' (EPOC). We are working with Traditional Owners to ensure the opportunities under the Environment Protection Act 2017, achieve outcomes for the prevention of harm and healing of Country. There are now 7 indigenous leaders across EPA regions protecting country whilst learning about EPA.

### Dust and Odour

- There have been 8 PM<sub>10</sub> exceedences in FY2023/24 since November
- Odour – 80 odour reports since November
- CSF Proteins Laverton Nth have completed their roof works and the results reflect this improvement.

### Compliance

Compliance data for the whole Western Metro Region since July 1, 2023 Inspections

- Pollution Reports - approx. 3403 received
- Inspections - 575 inspections completed
- Notices - 274 notices issued in total.

Sam noted that the number of notices per inspections is increasing as we find previous compliance advice is not being followed up.

Key programs Western Metro Region

- Odour – a lot of work on priority industries e.g. meatworks, chemical plants
- Noise – hotspot/priority industries and identified businesses
- Fire – high risk waste sites
- Local initiatives – using drone

Compliance report FY 2022/23 Brooklyn/Tottenham Area

- 27 Notices
  - o 5 x Information Gathering Notices
  - o 14 x Improvement Notices
  - o 6 x Environmental Action Notices
  - o 1 x Notice to Investigate
  - o 1 x Direction
- Sanctions (Year to date)
  - o 5 x Infringement Notice
  - o 11 active prosecutions in the Courts at present

## Air pollution sources in inner west Melbourne Publication 2060

Understanding the sources of air pollution is key to improving air quality and protecting human health. EPA have completed a study to identify sources of air pollution in Melbourne's inner west focused on sources of airborne particles smaller than 2.5 micrometers in diameter (PM<sub>2.5</sub>). The findings from this study are presented in this report, [2060 publication](#)

**Action 1303\_3:** EPA to present the Publication 2060 at the next BCRG forum.

EPA took part in a science outreach project with 75 grade 6 students on Air quality.

The presentation closed with video footage from the EPA drones, demonstrating the advantage of using these as a better compliance and enforcement tool.

**QUESTION: Is the data shown for the air quality PM<sub>10</sub> exceedences correct and do they truly represent what the community has been experiencing?**

**Paul:** I acknowledged that the air quality dust exceedence report is not fully representative from October 2023 to January 31 2024 as the Brooklyn monitoring station had been damaged

**QUESTION: Wouldn't it be wise to put a monitor between the industry site and the residents?**

**Paul:** You need to put the monitors where the people are. The Brooklyn air monitoring station is the only one in Brooklyn but is deemed as representative of the area. Finding other sites for a monitor is not a simple process. The air monitoring site has special electricity needs and needs to be secure.

**QUESTION: Is EPA utilising the data from the VicRoads monitoring station at the end of Federation Trail near Geelong Rd?**

**Paul:** The VicRoads monitor measures PM<sub>2.5</sub> but not PM<sub>10</sub>. EPA does not have access to the data. This monitoring program is part of a research project. Ideally, they will continue monitoring so we can review the levels measured before and after the Westgate Tunnel is operating.

**Stephen Lansdell, EPA:** The existing monitoring in Brooklyn still indicates that there are issues with dust and air quality in the area.

**Action 1303\_4:** BCRG to invite Department of Transport & Planning (Policy and Strategy/Freight Victoria) to share their monitoring information and outline forward plans for their stations.

**QUESTION: Once the Westgate Tunnel opens Millers Rd will be full of trucks – how is that pollution to be addressed?**

**Paul:** That's why the Westgate Tunnel monitoring stations in Millers Road and Primula Avenue Brooklyn stations are so important to capture these changes and inform future initiatives.

**QUESTION: The WGT monitors e.g. at Millers Rd are still measuring to the wrong guidelines and not the World Health Organisation guidelines. Their data is set to too high e.g. for PM<sub>10</sub> the 24 hour average is 60 and not 50ug/m3. Why?**

**Paul:** The consulting company undertaking and reporting the air monitoring data for the WGT project is reporting outdated objectives related to the State Environmental Protection Policy [SEPP Ambient Air Quality SEPP (AAQ) and [SEPP Air Quality Management SEPP (AQM) that no longer apply. The report compares 2 sites to the SEPP (AAQ) objectives and four sites near roads to the SEPP (AQM) 'intervention level' which is set as 20% (60ug/m3 for

PM<sub>10</sub> and 32ug/m<sup>3</sup> for PM<sub>2.5</sub> ug/m<sup>3</sup>) above the ambient standard or SEPP(AAQ), (50ug/m<sup>3</sup> for PM<sub>10</sub> and 25ug/m<sup>3</sup> for PM<sub>2.5</sub>). See the Westgate tunnel project air quality monitoring reports for more details <https://bigbuild.vic.gov.au/library/west-gate-tunnel-project/air-quality-monitoring-reports>.

Under the current EPA Act Environment Reference Standard (ERS) applies for more details see <https://www.epa.vic.gov.au/about-epa/laws/compliance-and-directions/environment-reference-standard/applying-the-standard>.

The reports need to be updated to reflect the current Act and ERS.

For assessing other air pollutants refer to [EPA Publication 1961](#)

**Action 1303\_5:** EPA to share a snapshot on what all the standards for measuring air quality are currently being used.

**After the meeting:** Refer to links above for air quality standards.

**Action 1303\_6:** Invite EPA's Chief Environmental Scientist to the next BCRG to discuss EPA's analysis of the Westgate Tunnel Project monitoring data.

**After the meeting:** For more details on the analysis see report at: <https://www.epa.vic.gov.au/about-epa/publications/2058-west-gate-tunnel-project-air-monitoring-data-analysis>

#### **QUESTION: How is the Human Health tracking being undertaken?**

**Paul:** Need to get human health officers along to explain the system. A representative from EPA's Environmental Public Health Branch will attend to talk about the development of the environmental health tracking network.

**Action 1303\_7:** Invite a representative from EPA's Environmental Public Health Branch to BCRG.

## **ITEM 10.**

### **MEETING CLOSE**

#### **Industry updates.**

**Christian Buxton, Sunshine Groupe** provided an update on the Better Environment Plan (BEP). They are committed to improving air quality management on site. They are currently waiting on EPA to endorse the draft plan. Stephen Lansdell added that the draft scoping plan will be available soon. The BEP is where industry comes together voluntarily to propose changes.

Next meeting dates

- Wednesday 19th June
- Wednesday 13th November

Cath thanked the presenters and everyone for attending.

Meeting closed 8:35 pm

## Meeting Attendance Record – March 13, 2024

23 people registered their attendance.

Name	Organisation	Name	Organisation
Andrea Mason	EO, BCRG	Kristen Gilbert	Brimbank City Council
Bert Boere	BRAG	Leon Calder	Resident
Brian O'Neil	PRX	Lisa Palmer	Australian Tallow
Brian Long	Resident	Marlo	Resident
Carmen Largaiolli	Resident	Martin Brownlee	Industry
Catherine Botta	BCRG Chair	Matt O'Mara	Brimbank City Council
Christian Buxton	Sunshine Groupe	Melissa Horne MP	Member for Williamstown
Donna Gray	CSF Proteins	Paul Torre	EPA Victoria
Gary Laidlaw	EPA Victoria	Ruth Cronin	Resident
Heather Humphreys	Resident	Sam Sparks	EPA Victoria
Jodie Miles	Resident	Stephen Lansdell	EPA Victoria
		Steph Holland	ResourceCo

### Apologies

Name	Organisation	Name	Organisation
Callan Riley	Maribyrnong CC	Geoff Mitchelmore	Resident
Jake Repacholi	Hobsons Bay CC	Arthur Vatsakis	Hobsons Bay CC
Fran O'Brien	Maribyrnong CC		

# ATTACHMENT 1.

## POWERPOINT PRESENTATION

### STATUS QUO BROOKLYN - 9 MARCH 2024

STATUS QUO BROOKLYN 9 March 2024



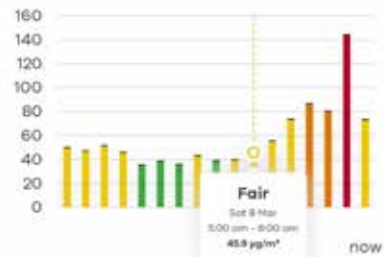
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#### at Brooklyn

The graph shows pollutant concentrations over the last 48 hours, calculated at one-hour averages. Using the labels above the graph, it shows each pollutant measured at this station. Find out more about our [air quality categories](#).

PM<sub>2.5</sub> **PM<sub>10</sub>** Visibility

Coarse particles (<10 micrometres in diameter)



# **ATTACHMENT 2.**

## **POWERPOINT PRESENTATION**

### **AIR QUALITY STAKEHOLDER WORKSHOP – FEBRUARY 8**

#### **MARIBYRNONG CITY COUNCIL**

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# ATTACHMENT 3.

## POWERPOINT PRESENTATION

### CLEAN AIR FOR THE INNER WEST UPDATE | MARCH 2024

#### VIC STATE GOVERNMENT - DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT AND PLANNING

## Clean air for the Inner West

– March 2024



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## WHAT WE'RE DOING - Clean air for the Inner West



### Net-zero transport

- Net-zero transport emissions
- Zero-emission bus trials
- Cleaner vehicles



### Cooling and greening

- Green infrastructure for liveable, climate adapted communities
- More trees for a greener west
- Greening Brooklyn
- Supporting urban forest strategies



### Local road works

- New pedestrian fences installed near schools
- Improving busy intersections
- Better heavy vehicle signage
- New and improved pop-up bike routes



### Cleaner air

- Uni Melb green infrastructure project
- Targeting childhood asthma
- Industrial precinct strategy to consider greening as they develop

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## WHAT WE'RE DOING - Clean air for the Inner West



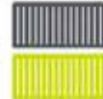
### Clean air for all

- Victoria's Air Quality Strategy
- Air quality Improvement Precincts
- New air monitoring



### More freight on rail

- More freight on rail
- New interstate rail freight terminal in Truganina



### Better container sites

- Better sites for empty container parks



### Ports to deliver lower emissions

- Support ports to drive supply chains to lower emissions
- Direct rail link to the port
- Port Transformation Rail Project

## WHAT WE'RE DOING - Clean air for the Inner West

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### **Our Commitment**

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### **Inner West initiatives**

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**ATTACHMENT 4.**  
POWERPOINT PRESENTATION  
**EPA VICTORIA | BROOKLYN CRG**  
**SAM SPARKS & GARY LAIDLAW - MARCH 2024**



Environment Protection Authority Victoria

Sam Sparks & Gary Laidlaw – March 2024

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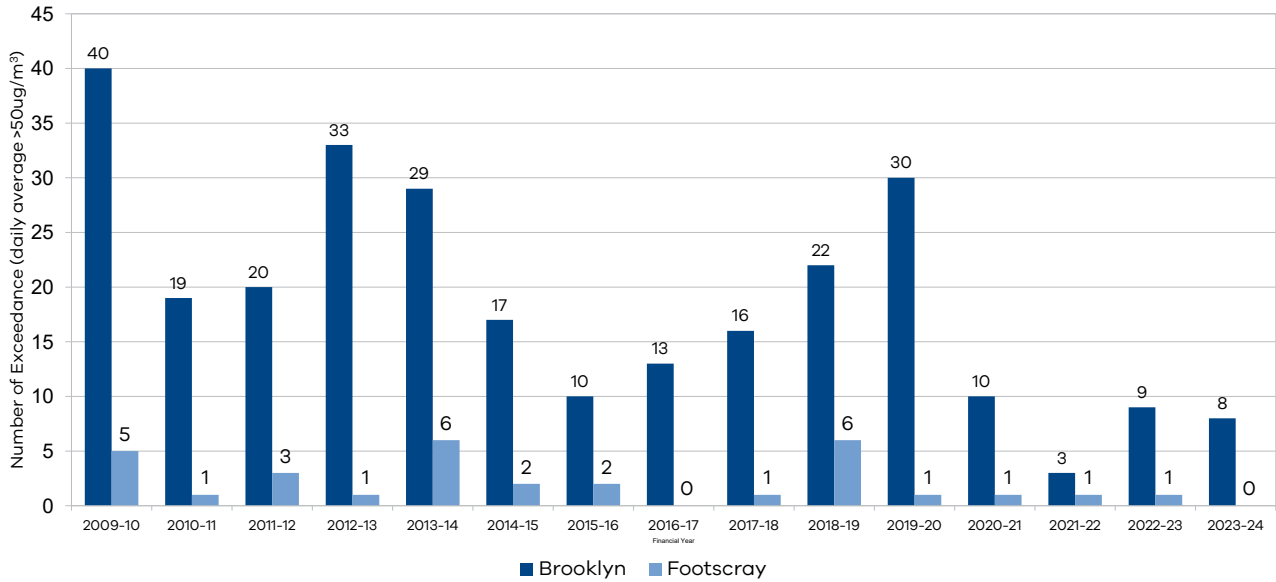


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# Air Quality

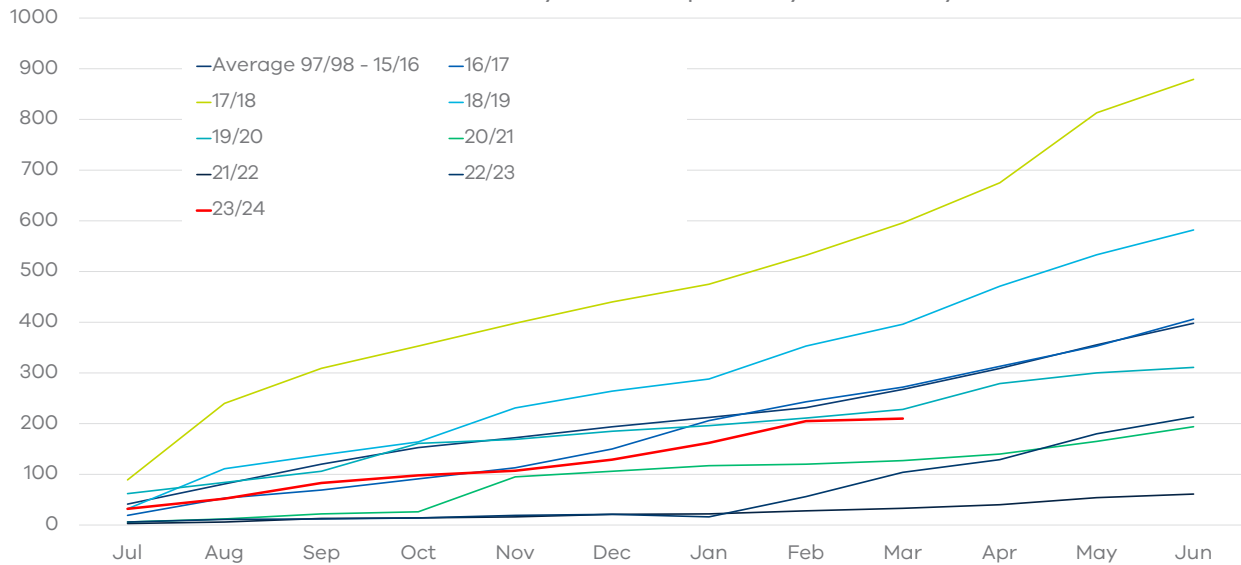
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# Brooklyn odour reports

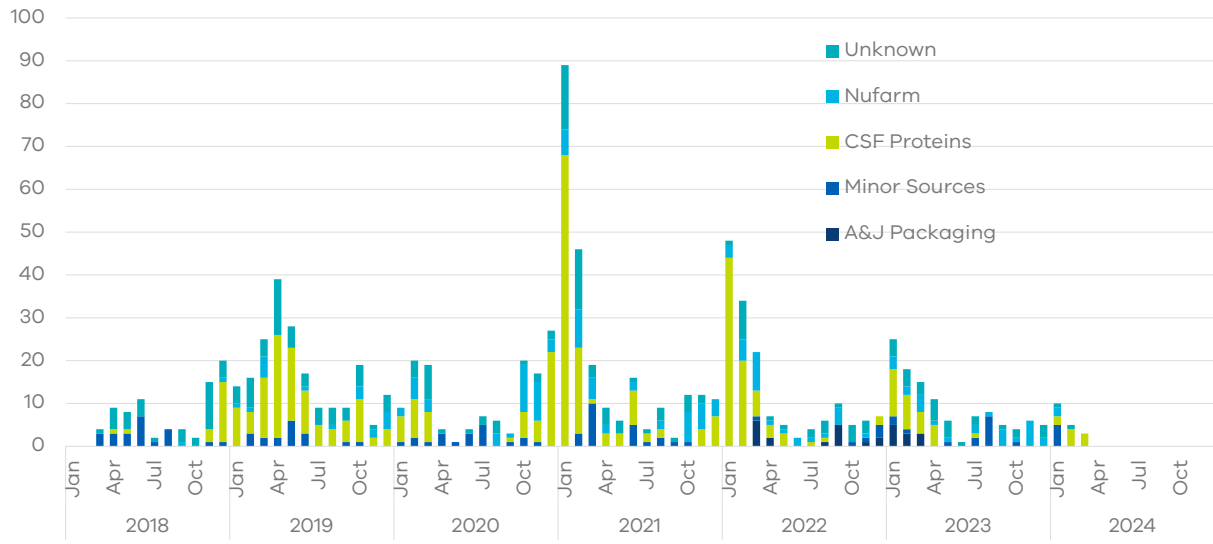
## Cumulative monthly odour reports by financial year



EPA VIC | BCRG - 13 March 2024



## Laverton North odour reports



EPA VIC | BCRG - 13 March 2024

## Compliance Report Q3 2023/24

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

Pollution Reports – approx. 3403 received  
Inspections – 575 inspections completed  
Notices - 274 notices issued in total.

### Key programs updates

- Odour
- Noise
- Fire Prevention Program
- Local initiatives



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## Compliance Report Q3 2023/24 Brooklyn Area

### Brooklyn and Tottenham

#### 27 Notices so far this year

- 5 x Information Gathering Notices;
- 14 x Improvement Notices;
- 6 x Environmental Action Notices;
- 1 x Notice to Investigate;
- 1 x Direction



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### Inner West Air Quality – Drone Usage

- Frequent use of drone to assess and monitor compliance
- Excessive stockpiling of waste, fire risks, dust and dust management controls.
- Have recently started using for odour issues and monitor compliance with Prohibition Notices.
- 8-10 flights per half day.
- Leads to C&E actions or input into strategic programs.



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## Enforcement Action

### Sanctions Q2

- 11 active prosecutions in the Courts at present within the West Metro region.
- 15 Infringements issued this Financial Year.

#### Fine for Laverton concrete company

4 December 2023

Laverton-based concrete company, Laverton Holdings (Vic) Pty Ltd, has been fined \$400 by EPA Victoria.

The fine comes after the office's Environmental Compliance Inspectors discovered the company was not using a dust suppression system during the construction of a new residential development in Laverton.

"Construction sites are a major source of dust and noise, and it's our duty to ensure that the amount of dust, silt and noise generated is kept to a minimum," said EPA Victoria's Regional Manager, Michael Smith.

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More news and information is available on EPA Victoria's website.

#### Street sweeper dust up

6 February 2024

A street sweeper employee to remove dust from the street outside of 311-313 Frank Street, Melbourne has moved to tribunal to fight a fine amount of \$1000.

EPA Victoria has issued a \$1000 fine against All Industries Solutions Pty Ltd after a dust emission breach and of their street sweeping machine causing pollution rather than cleaning it in December last year.

Standard procedure is for the vehicle operator to wet the road surface before breaking up the dirt for collection, but video clearly shows the dust being collected by the street sweeper machine and then simply being blown out the back of the container leaving a cloud of dust to settle back in the street.

EPA has consistently warned the construction industry that in summer in particular this must be avoided. The fine is a warning to other businesses in the region that we will not tolerate any illegal activity. It's our duty to ensure that the amount of dust, silt and noise generated is kept to a minimum."

#### Demolition company starts the new year with a fine

6 February 2024

The fine was not put off to a good start for demolition and excavator company City Break Recycling Pty Ltd which has been fined \$200 by EPA Victoria.

Following reports of pollution, the office's compliance officers took the site in January, January and 2 January 2024 and found that emissions from excavator was being discharged into the surrounding air.

"Construction equipment can be a major source of air pollution. The only thing that can be done to reduce the amount of dust is to use dust suppression systems on the equipment," said EPA Victoria's Regional Manager, Michael Smith.

"City Break is a professional organisation and should have a duty to protect the environment. Businesses must make sure their sites and operations don't cause pollution."

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## New EPA publication 2060

Air pollution sources in inner west Melbourne

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[Link here](#)

For discussion at next BCRG meeting in June



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