



Southern Waste Solutions

## COMMUNITY REFERENCE GROUP

### MINUTES

5 November 2013

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#### 1. Opening

A meeting of the Community Reference Group was held on Tuesday 5 November 2013 at Sorell Council's offices, commencing at 15.30

#### 2. Present

- a) **Present:** Max Cunningham (South East Shellfish Growers), Sarah Taylor (concerned and engaged community member), John Wise (Blue Hills Sporting Shooters Club, landfill nearest neighbour), Christine Bell (Southern Waste Solutions - SWS).
- b) **Apologies:** Jamie Ward (interest in sustainability and zero waste), Angela Marsh (Southern Beaches Conservation Society Inc - SBCS), Leigh Arnold (local businessman), Tom Gray (Tasmanian Shellfish Executive Council).
- c) **In Attendance:** Dr Terry Walker.

#### 3. Approval of Agenda

Members approved the agenda as circulated.

#### 4. Previous Minutes

Members adopted the previous minutes as circulated.

#### 5. General Business

- a) **Community queries**  
None not dealt with elsewhere.
- b) **Discussion with Dr Terry Walker – Landfill Monitoring**  
Terry distributed a paper. Discussion included:
  - Ground and surface water monitoring site locations
  - Parameters tested

- The fact that the substances tested for are naturally occurring in the environment to some degree
- The sampling process from scheduling to reporting
- Indicators of impact (positive and negative)
- SS7 downstream often has no results because it is dry
- Significance of ANZECC guidelines, and types of guidelines
- Monitoring types
- The Copping monitoring program is designed to detect potential issues in time to take preventive action.

**c) Updates on actions agreed at previous meetings**

- (i) Tas Waste has declined to attend meetings.
- (ii) Other potential members of the group are still under consideration [06 August 2013 item 4 h) 5.]
- (iii) December site visit [03 September 2013 item 5 b)] is to be arranged – after the WAIV unit is in operation.
- (iv) Jamie discussion with UTas re lack of accredited laboratories in Tasmania is still to take place [03 September 2013 item 5 c) (ii)].
- (v) Jamie to contact Macquarie Point for more information about timing of remediation, volumes involved, levels of contamination no report carry forward [15 October 2013 item 5 a) (iv)]
- (vi) Copy of February 2010 monitoring report was provided to Sarah [15 October 2013 item 5 a) (v)]
- (vii) Link to Yaxley weather station was sent to Sarah [15 October 2013 item 5 a) (vii)]
- (viii) BLANKET monitoring system has been ordered [15 October 2013 item 5 d)]
- (ix) Outline of Authority reporting mechanism is not yet complete [15 October 2013 item 5 e) (i)]
- (x) Discussion with Dr Terry Walker happened today [15 October 2013 item 5 f)]

- Members consider other group participants 5 b) (iv)
- Site visit December 5 b) (v)
- Jamie to approach UTas re lack of laboratories 5 b) (vii)
- Jamie to contact Macquarie Point Developments 5 a) (iv)
- Reporting mechanisms on web 5 e) (i)

**d) Next meeting**

To be determined in December.

**e) Meeting close**

4.45 pm.