



**Location:** Video Conference via Microsoft Teams  
**Date:** 25.06.2024  
**Meeting Start Time:** 4:32pm  
**Attendees:** SBI upper management, EPA, City of Casey, RBG, Committee Members

## MINUTES

### 1. Attendance and Apologies

### 2. Welcome to Country

### 3. Endorsement of previous minutes

- a. Item missing from minutes noted, minutes to be amended.
- b. Endorsed and seconded with this amendment.

### 4. ACTION ITEMS:

- SBI investigating options for a neutral chair [**OPEN, by SBI**]
- Flora and Fauna Assessment Report awaiting endorsement from Council prior to submission to EPA [**PENDING, by Council**]
- Revisit the CCC Engagement Plan [**OPEN, by SBI**]
- In the interest of transparency and collaboration SBI have arrived at a decision regarding specialist assessments, which is, report findings will be summarized and published, with regard to the potential risk posed to human health and the environment. [**CLOSED**]
- FAQs updated in consideration of community questions [**CLOSED**]
- Spelling error on the updated FAQs highlight – this will be attended to SBI [**CLOSED**]
- Going forward, community questions to be submitted to SBI at [bek@group.com.au](mailto:bek@group.com.au) ahead of CCC meetings, so as to facilitate prompt responses. Cut off is 5pm on Tuesday prior to meeting date. Agreed to by those in attendance [**CLOSED**]
- Question for EPA – do other licensed landfills make available to the community reports, data, details pertaining to dust, water sampling and testing, leachate volumes etc, or is it out of scope? [**OPEN, EPA to confer with other EPA Officers**]

### 5. OPERATIONAL UPDATE - SBI

- a. H2S scrubbers and flare
  - Energy Safe Victoria – Approval Granted
  - EPA DL Amendment Application – In progress. EPA have advised that the upcoming DL amendment will be subject to conditions, and SBI are to seek clarification from EPA if required
  - Organics UK – Onsite since 5<sup>th</sup> June 2024
  - Revised LFG Management protocol remains in place, revision considers seasonal climatic changes
- b. Odour Reports
  - SBI generated map showing odour survey counts, as various locations around the site.
  - SBI generated graph showing H2S concentration data in parts per billion, against EPA informed reporting incidences.
  - Community complaints forwarded onto EPA are still ON HOLD.
  - SBI continues with routine daily offsite odour surveys at various times of the day and downwind of the landfill, with more locations surveyed in calm conditions.
  - The existing flare remains operational in accordance with the SBI LFG Management Protocol, which sees the flare shut down when wind conditions are insufficient for optimal dispersion of emissions.



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- EPA have contacted SBI directly when there have been a spate of complaints.
- No complaints received directly from the community.
- c. Remains Unchanged:
  - Cell 2 construction continues.
  - No significant change to operational procedures and/or processes

### 6. REGULATORY UPDATE re EPA

- a. EPA site visits:
  - i. 7 June 2024 re: Scubbers and Flare commissioning
  - ii. 18 June 2024 re: Daily Cover, response due 28/06/2024
- b. Adelaide Uni & EPA Vic Collaboration Study:
  - i. Two community and one online session completed
  - ii. Encouraging study based on odour having impacts on mental health
- c. Remains Unchanged:
  - i. Development Licence Amendment Application Status
  - ii. Application for Exemption from a development licence status
- d. Community Update 21/06/2024:
  - i. Dust Sampling and Analysis – **OPEN**
    - 1. EPA request for clarification received 11/06/2024
    - 2. EPA referred to Worksafe, site visit 12/06/2024
    - 3. Worksafe seek clarification of report content (received)
    - 4. Report to be reissued to EPA and submitted to Worksafe on 25/06/2024.
  - ii. Noise Assessment – COMPLIANT
  - iii. Daily Cover – Drone Survey
    - 1. SBI to respond by 28/06/2024

For further details please view on EPA website [here](#).

### 7. REGULATORY UPDATE re City of Casey

- a. Questions raised with Council in the previous meeting, were taken on notice, with detailed responses promptly provided to SBI for submission to the CCC, however, in error, these responses were not forwarded on by SBI. To this end, please find Council's response to the community raised questions:

**Q** What is Council's position in allowing a business to continue to operate if it is continually, for more than 2 years in breach of its permitted use?

**A** *Council has initiated reasonable and proportionate compliance measures for alleged contraventions of Planning Permit PlnA00857/07 (formerly P638/07). Those measures include accountability of each owner and corporate occupier of the land, in line with the Planning and Environment Act 1987 and relevant case law precedence.*

*Based upon legal advice, Council has made the decision to abstain from any enforcement measures concerning odour or dust emissions from the site. Council recognises that EPA Victoria are the lead agency and best placed for those types of issues and whilst Council actions might be well meaning, those same actions may unwittingly do harm to EPA's current legal proceedings.*

*Council has at all times and continues to work collaboratively with EPA Victoria providing material support upon their request.*



Q How can the City of Casey allow the construction of Cell 2 when Cell 1 has not been managed to stop odour?

A Council's jurisdiction does not extend to providing consent or otherwise regulate each of the cells. The *consent and compliance process concerning current, future, or proposed cells are regulated by EPA Victoria.*

**8. COMMUNITY FEEDBACK**

- a. Rabbit Action Alliance with several stakeholders is being established to implement collaborative eradication strategies for optimal outcomes

**9. COMMUNITY QUESTIONS**

Q What is APAC?

A Air Pollution Assessment Criteria as set by EPA

Q Given ESV sign off, when will EPA have finalized the development licence amendment application?

A In final stages, don't like to commit to a date, due to several delays, but hope for draft being issued this week.

Q Once SBI gets approval from EPA, how long to turn the system on?

A Immediate switching on of the system, with approximately 2 weeks to grow the bugs for the scrubbers to be operating optimally.

Q Why haven't the dust results been added to the website?

A This has been closed out already. Reports have been provided to EPA in entirety and SBI have advised that we are within all guiding parameters. Raw data or highly specialized reports will not be published.

Q Asked for water testing results and were not provided.

A Same answer as above – full reports provided to EPA, won't publish or disseminate highly specialized reports.

Q Leachate volumes have not been provided on website – why?

A General operational activities provide no tangible benefit to the community, and as such will not be disseminated.

Q How much groundwater is extracted from SBI site?

A General operational activities provide no tangible benefit to the community, and as such will not be disseminated. Suffice to say, SBI operate within the permitted framework.

Q Dust results – 3 values provided. What do they mean?

A In the interest of transparency and collaboration SBI have arrived at a decision regarding specialist assessments, which is, report findings will be summarized and published, with regard to the potential risk posed to human health and the environment.

Q Can CCC be notified when permission is granted and new flare is operational?

A Noted and will advise.

**10. MEETING CLOSE:** 5:13pm

**11. NEXT MEETING:** Tuesday, 23 July 2024, CONFIRMED