



**Environment Protection Authority
Lake Macquarie Lead Community Reference Group**

Minutes

24 March 2016, 6:00pm – 7.10pm

Chair: Greg Piper

Community Reference Group Attendees:

Anne Sullivan (Community), Nicole Gerrard (Community), Emma Hale (Community), Cr Wendy Harrison (LMCC), Karen McCraw (School),

Other Attendees:

Adam Gilligan (EPA), Chris Harle (LMCC),

Secretary: Jackie Teal (EPA)

Apologies:

Craig Dalton (NSW Health), Richard Bastow (Ferrier Hodgson), Lloyd Hill (Business), Tony Cade (Community)

Absent: Cr Rob Denton (LMCC)

Agenda Item 1 – Welcome

Chair, Greg Piper (GP) welcomed all to the meeting and thanked everyone for attending.

Agenda Item 2 – Apologies

GP noted apologies from Craig Dalton, Richard Bastow, Lloyd Hill and Tony Cade.

Agenda Item 3 – Minutes from Previous Meeting

The Minutes from the previous meeting were adopted unanimously.

Agenda Item 4 – Actions Arising from Previous Minutes

GP addressed the action items arising from the last meeting.

NO.	ACTION ITEM	RESPONSIBLE FOR ACTION	UPDATE
1	Circulate summary of Feedback Forms	EPA	Emailed 25 February 2016
2	Organise Pasmenco site tour	EPA / Ferrier Hodgson	Site not ready for tour
3	LAS Presentation	EPA	Provided by Adam Gilligan at this meeting

Agenda Item 5 – LAS Presentation

Adam Gilligan (AG) updated the CRG on progress of the Lead Expert Working Group's (LEWG) report to Government. He advised the LEWG held a workshop on 2 February, which focussed on reviewing the LAS against the National Environment Protection Measure. The group have also allocated responsibility for drafting sections of the report to Government, and first drafts are due by 1 April 2016. These will be then be collated and edited, then distributed to the CRG for comment. There is a consultation chapter which AG has drafted and distributed to the CRG for comment, with further information to be added from Emma Hale's (EM) list of issues, and from GP's visit to the USA.

The Literature Review tender process has almost been finalised, with the report due in May 2016.

AG advised that a comprehensive presentation on the Literature Review and Report to Government will be provided to the CRG.

Lengthy discussions continued on the adequacy of and the different views of the LAS.

Agenda Item 6 – Issues/Concerns – How they were addressed – for Webpage

EH provided a list of key issues of concern raised by the CRG. Each member of the CRG will review the list and provide feedback to the EPA by mid April. The list will then be published on the website and will be included in the LEWG's report to Government.

ACTION 1: CRG TO REVIEW AND PROVIDE FEEDBACK TO EPA ON KEY ISSUES OF CONCERN

Agenda Item 7 – Community Engagement

This item will be discussed again at the next meeting.

Agenda Item 7 – General Business

Black Slag

LMCC advised that the sites where black slag has been found near Tredinnick Oval on the Esplanade at Speers Point Park and the Art Gallery foreshore will be remediated by the end of this financial year.

Development Applications

Lengthy discussions proceeded regarding the difficulties and inequities when submitting a Development Application to LMCC. All agreed that there needed to be consistency in the planning process throughout all of the Lake Macquarie LGA. LMCC also advised that Council Planners were being trained to deal with applications submitted under LAS.

Leaching

The question of whether lead in soil will leach out over time was raised. AG advised that research (especially by Tony Morrison) has shown that slag in soil is leachable, particularly in saline or acidic conditions. More research needs to be carried out in this area to understand the extent of the issue over time, and its relationship to water quality nearby.

Agenda Item 8 – Next Meeting Date and Agenda Items

Next Meeting: 21 April 2016 at 5.00pm

Meeting Closed: 7.10pm

ACTION ITEMS

NO.	WHO	WHAT	WHEN
1	CRG	Review and provide feedback to EPA on key issues of concern	Mid April