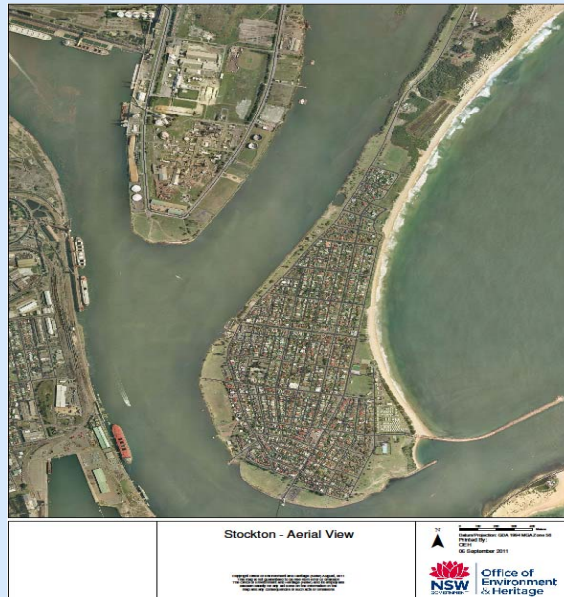


Newcastle Community Consultative Committee on the Environment

Background

- Premier announced an independent inquiry in response to Orica incident on 8 August
- Review completed by Mr Brendan O'Reilly on 30 September 2011
- Recommendation 7 - establishment of a pilot community consultative committee

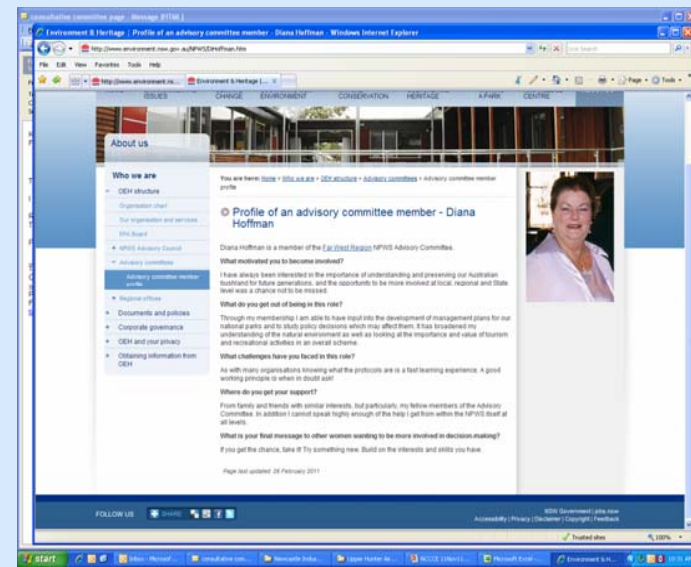


Terms of Reference

- **The Committee will**
 - **advise the Minister on matters of environmental concern in Newcastle LGA**
 - **Advise the Minister on actions or measures to minimise environmental impact from major industry**
 - **Promote dialogue between industry and community**
 - **Contribute to implementation of a monitoring network**
 - **Advise community and industry on EPA response to matters raised by the Committee**
 - **Consider matters referred to it by the Minister**

Committee Procedures

- Procedures to be drafted by the EPA and supported by the Committee.
- Summary of meeting outcomes to be posted on Committee webpage at <http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/NewcastleCttee/index.htm>
- EPA is secretariat - meeting minutes will be posted on webpage.
- Committee member profiles and contact details on webpage
- Dedicated electronic mail box for Committee correspondence and feedback/questions from community via webpage.
- Meeting frequency, time and location.



Newcastle Community and Industry Round Table Workshop

Recommendations - Overview of Legislative Amendments

- **Improve risk assessment process as part of development consent process.**
- **Define a ‘serious environmental incident’ – based on list of hazardous chemicals.**
- **Co-ordinate incident notifications through one agency – EPA Environment Line.**
- **Establish working group – industry, community, agencies to advise on practical implementation of new reforms.**

Recommendations – Emergency Structure and Framework

- **Renew community awareness and test the DISPLAN.**
- **Priority action for Newcastle consultative committee – develop PIRMP template - use technical expertise.**

Recommendations – Newcastle Community Consultative Committee on the Environment

- **Resources available to committee – consider an interactive website to facilitate wider community involvement.**
- **Committee is a pilot – consider changes as pilot progresses.**

Recommendations – Industry funded environmental monitoring network

- Liaise with EPA experts – consolidate network with existing projects.