

NAMOI REGION AIR QUALITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (NRAQAC)

DATE: 6 SEPTEMBER 2018

TIME: 2:05PM

LOCATION: GUNNEDAH SHIRE COUNCIL, GUNNEDAH

MINUTES

PRESENT	David Ross, Chair	John Trotter, Environment Manager, Shenhua Watermark
	Megan Prowse, Secretariat, EPA	Mitchum Neave, Aboriginal Community Representative, Gunnedah
	Lindsay Fulloon, Manager Regional Operations Armidale, EPA	Scott Thompson, Senior Regional Air Quality Monitoring Officer, OEH
	Rebecca Scrivener, Senior Operations Officer Armidale, EPA	Catherine Collyer, Community Representative Narrabri LGA
	Marcela Lopez, Manager Environmental Services, Narrabri Shire Council	Leanne Graham, Senior Scientist, Quality Systems & Reporting, OEH
	Colleen Fuller, Community Representative Gunnedah LGA	Leah Cook, Team Leader Compliance, DPE
	Kirsten Gollogly, General Manager - Health, Safety, Environment & Communities, Whitehaven Coal	Craig Dalton, Public Health Physician, Hunter New England Health (via telephone)
	Peter Forbes, Health Safety and Environment Manager, Idemitsu Australia Resources	
APOLOGIES	Donna Ausling, Director Environmental and Economic Development Services, Liverpool Plains Shire Council	Carolyn Hunt, Manager Development & Planning, Gunnedah Shire Council

	AGENDA ITEM	ACTION
1.	Welcome, introductions and acknowledgement of Country. Chair, David Ross, spoke about strategic thinking. Previous minutes accepted.	
2.	Business arising (not on agenda) Invitation to attend a NRAQAC meeting to be extended to Land and Waster Commissioner, Jock Laurie	Adam Gilligan to action
3.	Presentations: Rebecca Scrivener, EPA and Leanne Graham, OEH: - Assessment of Namoi Air Quality Data, 2015 to present These presentations were followed by a general discussion. Q: Mitchum Neave questioned spike in readings on 25 May 2017. Comment: Kirsten Gollogly suggested making 'alerts' easier to read – do not position relevant links at the bottom of lengthy 'alert' emails.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leanne Graham to provide wind direction data for Breeza monitor on 25 May 2017 NRAQAC to review draft newsletter within one week of receiving it. Feedback to be provided to: David.ross@phoenixstrategic.com.au

		Lindsay Fulloon to provide information on subscribing to 'alerts'.
4.	<p>Other items</p> <p>Lindsay Fulloon, EPA, provided an update on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cross-network meeting proposal; and, - Air Quality Monitoring Network Funding proposal <p>This was followed by a general discussion.</p> <p>Suggested agenda items for proposed cross-network meeting included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Opportunities to involve media, local preferred - How Upper Hunter committee has arrived at current position, pitfalls and benefits of having the committees - Strategy development for ongoing communications with broader community – free radio and possibility of a one-pager for other community groups 	<p>Megan Prowse to disseminate David Ross' email address to the NRAQAC</p> <p>David Ross to discuss possibility of meeting jointly with the Upper Hunter Air Quality Advisory Committee around its next meeting on 21 November 2018 with its Chair.</p>
5.	<p>Key issues from general discussions were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Communication of activities and information from the NRAQAC to the broader communities represented - Consideration to be given to what the network will look like in the future and why. 	
6.	4:15pm Meeting moved to monitoring station. Group photo.	

The presentations can be found by following this link to the EPA website: [Namoi Committee page](#)

Close: 5:15pm

Next meeting: TBA

Location: TBA