

## NAMOI REGION AIR QUALITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (NRAQAC)

DATE: 12 FEBRUARY 2019

TIME: 2:35PM

LOCATION: NARRABRI RSL CLUB

### MINUTES

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

	<b>AGENDA ITEM</b>	<b>ACTION</b>
1.	<p>Welcome, introductions and acknowledgement of Country.</p> <p>Chair, David Ross asked for the committee thoughts on what type of issues present as challenges for this committee. General discussion.</p> <p>Kirsten Gollogly raised the presentation of information on the EPA website.</p> <p>Chair, David Ross reminded committee members that their role on the NRAQAC is as a regional leader.</p> <p>Lindsay Fulloon encouraged committee members to remain committed to the process as the EPA continues to work towards a position where decisions relating to Namoi regional air quality monitoring will be made.</p> <p>Previous minutes accepted.</p>	
2.	Business arising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rebecca Scrivener to add links to the Todoroski report and OEH website to the minutes.</li> <li>• Todoroski seasonal reports to May 2017 – please see <a href="https://www.epa.nsw.gov.au/your-">https://www.epa.nsw.gov.au/your-</a></li> </ul>

		<p><a href="https://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/air/regional-air-quality/namoi-air-quality-monitoring-project#reviewJul15toMay17">environment/air/regional-air-quality/namoi-air-quality-monitoring-project#reviewJul15toMay17</a>  Look for the heading “Review of seasonal monitoring results July 2015 - May 2017”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• OEH Website link to regional air quality data (Narrabri, Gunnedah and Tamworth) – please see <a href="https://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/aqms/aqi.htm">https://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/aqms/aqi.htm</a></li> <li>• Dust Watch website for dust observations further west – please see <a href="https://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/topics/land-and-soil/soil-degradation/wind-erosion/community-dustwatch">https://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/topics/land-and-soil/soil-degradation/wind-erosion/community-dustwatch</a></li> </ul>
3.	<p>Presentations  Leanne Graham, OEH:  – Namoi Seasonal Data – Spring 2018 and accompanying hardcopy draft newsletter</p> <p>Scott Thompson, OEH:  - How to site air monitoring stations</p> <p>The presentations were followed by a general discussion</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Committee members to read draft newsletter</li> </ul>
4.	<p>General business  The NRAQAC was divided in to two groups to discuss ‘perceptions vs data’.  Some suggestions that came from the discussions included a bush fire monitoring board, medium vs long term technology, projecting or mapping current data, making sense of information to increase community buy-in.  Lindsay Fulloon spoke about progress with the funding agreement stating that the EPA and OEH continue to work with industry to finalise the MOU on funding for the network. He said an invitation to an Upper Hunter committee special planning workshop on 21 February 2019 had been received. Unfortunately, insufficient notice was provided to enable NRAQAC members to attend. It was also felt that was too soon for NRAQAC members to participate in a strategic planning workshop for the Upper Hunter. Discussions will continue with a view to arranging a joint meeting later this year.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lindsay, Rebecca and David to discuss representation from Liverpool Plains community.</li> <li>• Leanne Graham to provide draft annual report to the next meeting (14 May).</li> <li>• Megan will be away during the month of March so please ensure all electronic correspondence during this time is sent to <a href="mailto:nraqac@epa.nsw.gov.au">nraqac@epa.nsw.gov.au</a></li> </ul>

**The presentations will be posted to this link to the EPA website:** [Namoi Committee page](#)

**Close:** 4:10pm

**Next meeting:** Tuesday 28 May, 2019

**Location:** Gunnedah Shire Council Training Centre. 63 Elgin St, Gunnedah.