



ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION AUTHORITY

MEETING No. 2 Newcastle Community Consultative Committee on the Environment (NCCCE)

MEETING MINUTES

Date: 17 November 2011 **Time:** 4:00pm

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Meeting Location: Environment Protection Authority Conference Room, Ground Floor 117 Bull Street, Newcastle West.

In attendance: John Tate (Chair); Zoe Rogers (Environment); Graham Woods (Industry); Nick Godfrey-Smith (Industry); Paul Thomas (Industry); Keith Craig (Community); Kate Johnson (Community); Paul McBain (Community); Adam Gilligan (Newcastle City Council)

Environment Protection Authority (EPA): Karen Marler, Jackie Teal.

Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH): Chris Eiser

Agenda Item

1. Welcome and acknowledgement of Country

2. Apologies

None

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Committee minutes from the meeting held on 11 November 2011 were adopted.

The agenda for this meeting was amended to include the updated attachment providing a prioritised issues list for the Stockton Community.

4. Actions arising from Previous Meeting

- The EPA distributed draft Committee Procedures for discussion at the next meeting.
- The Committee webpage will be updated to provide each Committee member's profile and photograph.
- The EPA provided a copy of the Committee's Terms of Reference to each member.
- Hard copies of presentations provided on 11 November 2011 were distributed to each member. Presentations will also be available on the Committee webpage when finalised.
- The EPA provided an acronym list to each member.
- The EPA will provide regular updates on progress regarding the recommendations arising from the Minister's Community and Industry Round Table Workshop.

5. Presentation on Lower Hunter Air Quality and Newcastle monitoring network.

Chris Eiser provided a presentation on the Lower Hunter air quality monitoring network.

Karen Marler provided a presentation on the Newcastle network investigations.

ACTION 1: Copies of each presentation is to be provided to Committee members and posted on the Committee website.

6. Work plan priorities

The Committee discussed how to prioritise issues and develop a work plan. The Committee discussed the proposed re-opening of the Orica plant which is a priority issue for the Stockton and broader Newcastle Community.

Adam Gilligan declared a potential conflict of interest in relation to this discussion, as he is a member of the Orica Start-up Committee.

Graham Woods declared a conflict of interest in the discussion as a direct competitor of Orica.

The Committee agreed that detailed discussion is required and further information is required from the EPA in order for the Committee to make a considered evaluation and comment regarding the proposed Orica start-up.

ACTION 2: The EPA to provide a link to the Orica Start-Up Committee information from the NCCCE Committee webpage.

The Committee resolved that the report and revised agenda attachment from Keith Craig, advising that the view held by the majority of the Stockton and surrounding Port area community is that the Orica plant should not be restarted or expanded, be noted.

The Committee discussed representation on the Orica Start-Up Committee and noted that there is no community representation on that Committee.

ACTION 3: Adam Gilligan to request that a community representative be included on the Orica Start-up Committee.

ACTION 4: Adam Gilligan to report back to the Committee on the progress of the Orica Start up Committee.

The Committee discussed how the activities of the Committee should be communicated and agreed that meeting with the Community was important to explain the purpose of the Committee, the Committee's priorities and work plan when finalised.

The Committee agreed to form a small sub-committee to focus on the work plan.

ACTION 5: The Committee to review the issues list (as amended) and determine priorities for discussion at the next meeting. Any input into prioritising issues to develop a work plan to be emailed to the EPA.

7. General Business

The Committee discussed meeting frequency and general availability to attend meetings.

The Industry Representatives requested that a letter be sent to all licensed industry in the Newcastle Local Government Area to establish email distribution/contact list. This approach was supported by the Committee.

ACTION 6: The EPA to email a spreadsheet for members to indicate their availability for future meetings.

8. Next Meeting – time and place

Wednesday 30 November 2011, EPA Conference Room, 117 Bull Street, Newcastle West from 5:30pm - 7:30pm.

Meeting ended 6:10pm

SUMMARY OF ACTIONS:

- Action 1:** Copies of each presentation is to be provided to Committee members and posted on the Committee website.
- Action 2:** The EPA to provide a link to the Orica Start-Up Committee information from the NCCCE Committee webpage.
- Action 3:** Adam Gilligan to request that a community representative be included on the Orica Start-up Committee.
- Action 4:** Adam Gilligan to report back to the Committee on the progress of the Orica Start up Committee.
- Action 5:** The Committee to review the issues list (as amended) and determine priorities for discussion at the next meeting. Any input into prioritising issues to develop a work plan to be emailed to the EPA.
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Reviewed by: John Tate (Chair)

Minutes Adopted: 30 November 2011