

# Minutes

## Browns Plains Landfill Community Consultative Group Meeting of 27 April 2022

### ATTENDEES

R Dewan (Health Environment & Waste Branch - HEW)

P O'Flaherty (HEW)

S Wylie (HEW)

J Ooms (Community Representative)

### 1.0 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cr Heremaia, Cr Raven, M Asnicar (HEW)

A Straub, D McRae, A Priday, S Baker, G Burns, J A Lee, L Miller, D Moore, P Cohen, G Williams, A & H Priday, L Ross, L and M Blunt, S Gaunt and Mr Jonsen, W Cox (Community Representatives) did not attend.

### 2.0 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

It was agreed that the distributed minutes of the previous meeting (on 21 December 2021) were an accurate record.

### 3.0 BUSINESS ARISING

#### 3.1 Landfill Odour

S Wylie reported there were nine odour complaints received during the three-month period of December 2021 to February 2022. This compared to seven for the same three-month period the previous year.

#### December 2021

There were two odour complaints and details were as follows:

- 02/12/21 – 2.12pm –Thistle St Regents Park – An officer went to address at and spoke to resident. The resident and the officer did not detect an odour at the time of the inspection. Resident stated that it was from a couple of hours earlier but wind had changed direction since.  
An officer advised resident that the significant recent rain we have had lately and now the humidity, would have played a big part in the reported odour.

- 03/10/21 – 1.42pm - Bottle Brush Drive Regents Park – When report was received, an officer drove to the Bottle Brush Street to discuss the report and with the resident. The resident mentioned odour was noticeable the previous afternoon and it was also present on the day to a lesser degree. The officer advised the resident that the recent inclement weather had made it difficult to cover and control landfilling operations. The high temperature and unfavourable wind has increased the likelihood of nuisance occurring. With the weather improving Council is committing resources to covering as much as possible. The reporter was also advised that generally the tip face footprint is kept to a minimum to minimise the likelihood of odour nuisance.

The resident was also advised that a new landfill cell under construction and when completed waste would be diverted to complete filling further reducing the likelihood of odour nuisance. He was also informed of the current location for landfilling and the future intended direction.

### January 2022

There were three odour complaints and details were as follows:

- 17/01/22 – 5.01pm – Colombard place Heritage Park – No additional information
- 18/01/22 – 8.21am – The officer receiving the report organised for the deodouriser system to be activated. The resident was updated when the system was active.
- 21/01/22 – 4.44pm – Oakdale St Browns Plains – No additional information.

### February 2022

There two odour complaints received regarding the landfill during February 2021.

- 14/02/22 – 8.48am – Not Supplied – No additional information
- 23/02/22 – 1.31pm – Ivor St Browns Plains – No additional information

Generally in relation to odour control the following steps continue to be taken on a routine basis to minimise the likelihood of odour nuisance:

- The active tip face footprint is actively being covered to minimise the area of waste exposed.
- Following recent rain events landfilling operations had to be relocated to Cell 2B. Operational efforts are being made to relocate to Cell 2E which will significantly increase the buffer distance until it is filled to the interim height.
- Malodours waste is handled appropriately through special burials, if possible.
- When cover material is removed to expose old waste for landfilling, it must be covered with fresh waste as soon as possible.

### 3.2 Environmental Performance

S Wylie advised that the results of monitoring conducted at the Browns Plains Landfill in October 2021 were received in January 2022. The results did not indicate exceedances of any landfill licence conditions.

### 3.3 Department of Environment and Science (DES)

There was no contact relating to environmental matters.

### 3.4 Ibis Update

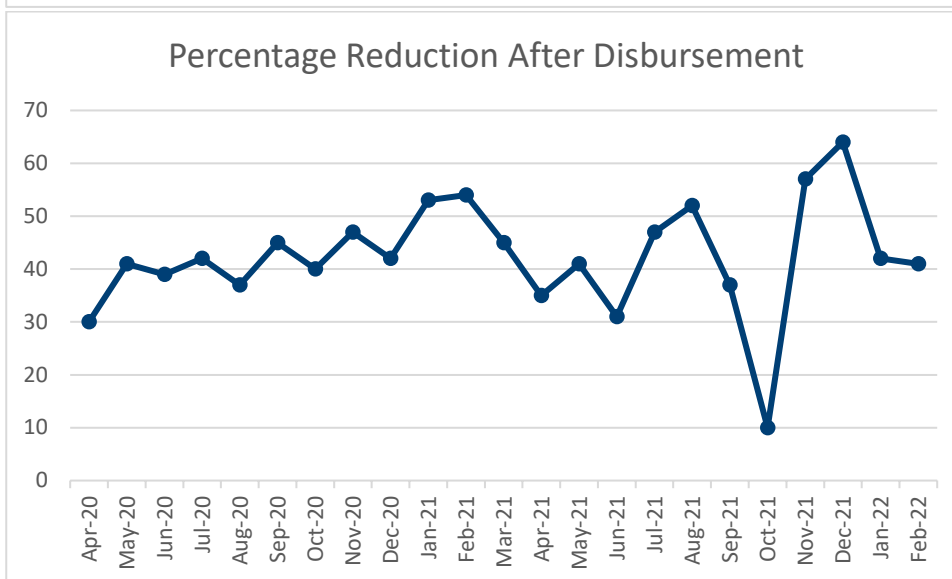
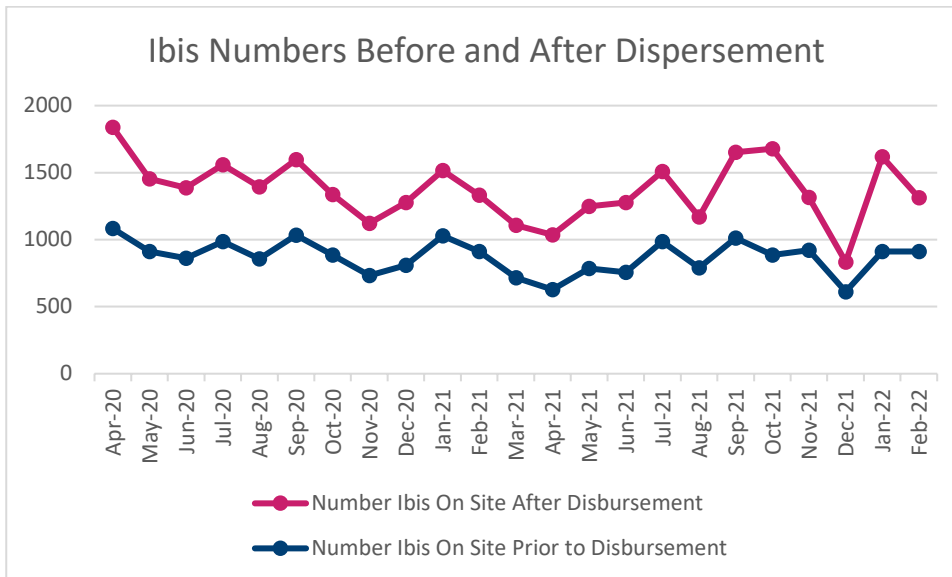
The February 2022 report from the wildlife management contractor stated that:

- Average initial ibis counts prior to harassment activities were 911.
- Average final counts of ibis were 401 after harassment activities.
- On average, ibis numbers were reduced by 41% per day during the harassment period. This compares unfavourably to the average reductions of the previous three months which were 57%, 64% and 42%.

Numbers of ibis recorded at the landfill site have been as follows:

	<b>Number Ibis On Site Prior to Disbursement</b>	<b>Number Ibis On Site After Disbursement</b>	<b>Percentage Ibis Reduction After Disbursement</b>
Apr-20	1083	755	30
May-20	912	542	41
Jun-20	861	526	39
Jul-20	986	573	42
Aug-20	856	539	37
Sep-20	1033	564	45
Oct-20	885	451	40
Nov-20	732	389	47
Dec-20	808	469	42
Jan-21	1028	487	53
Feb-21	911	422	54
Mar-21	716	392	45
Apr-21	628	407	35
May-21	786	463	41
Jun-21	756	522	31
Jul-21	986	524	47
Aug-21	790	380	52
Sep-21	1011	640	37

Oct-21	885	793	10
Nov-21	922	394	57
Dec-21	612	222	64
Jan-22	911	707	42
Feb-22	911	401	41



There were no complaints received regarding ibis during the September to November 2021 period.

### 3.5 Fire Ant Update

There were no fire ant issues at the site during the June to August 2021 period.

## **4.0 GENERAL BUSINESS**

### **4.1 Proposed construction of Material Recovery Facility (Recycling Facility)**

J Ooms raised topic of proposed Material Recovery Facility to be constructed at the Browns Plains Facility and expressed concern at the possibility of receiving neighbouring LGA (Ipswich City Council, Redland City Council) waste throughput.

P O'Flaherty offered the most recent LCC press release (published 23 March 2022) and explained that the intention would be to receive only recyclables, not landfill waste, for processing and that the increased throughput from neighbouring Councils will make the program economically viable. P O'Flaherty also outlined the proposed zone of construction within the Browns Plains facility and explained that, upon commissioning and commencement of operations of the facility, a traffic increase of approximately five trucks per hour is to be anticipated.

The Meeting Concluded at 1:35pm.