

Minutes

Browns Plains Landfill Community Consultative Group Meeting of 20 July 2022

ATTENDEES

R Oakley(Health Environment & Waste Branch - HEW)
S Wylie (HEW)
W Cox (Community Representative)
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, (Community Representatives) did not attend.

2.0 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

It was agreed that the distributed minutes of the previous meeting (on 27 April 2022) were an accurate record.

3.0 BUSINESS ARISING

3.1 Landfill Odour

S Wylie reported there was one odour complaint received during the three-month period of May 2022 to July 2022. This compared to 24 for the same three-month period the previous year.

There was one odour complaint. The details were as follows:

June 2022 - 03/06/22 at 7.57am

The complainant advised that it smelt like grass clippings. The customer was advised that the green waste disposed at the site is crushed for transportation and recycling and that the current green waste stockpile has been crushed and is in the process of being transported from site.

The customer was further informed that the rain event recently may have increased the odour potency being emitted for the crushed stockpile.

The complainant was satisfied with the response but wanted Council to explore the possibility of relocating the pad to minimise the smell or only servicing in the weekdays. The Covella Estate in which the complainant resides is 50m from the facilities boundary and it is possible for odour nuisance to occur from the crushed green waste stockpiles.

3.2 Environmental Performance

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

3.3 Department of Environment and Science (DES)

There was no contact relating to environmental matters.

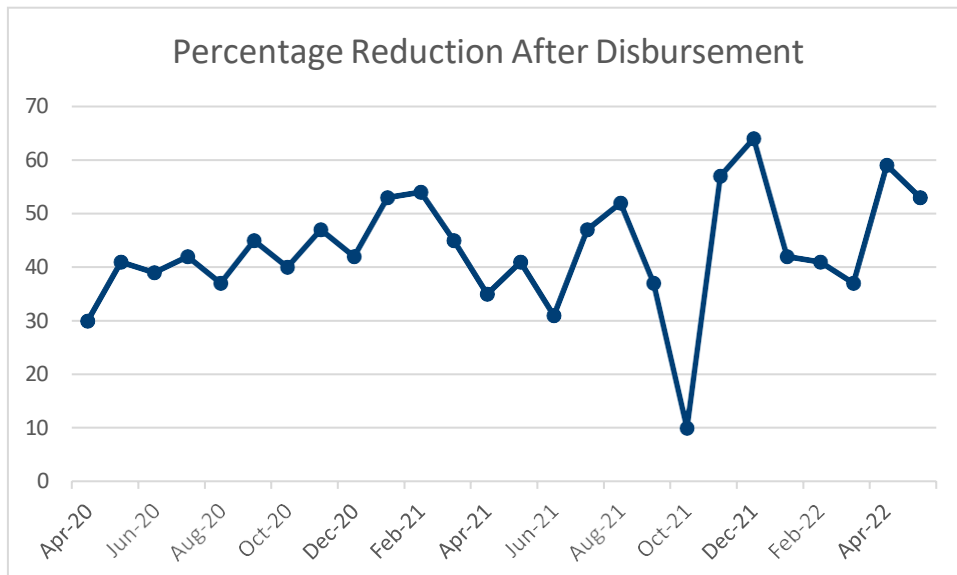
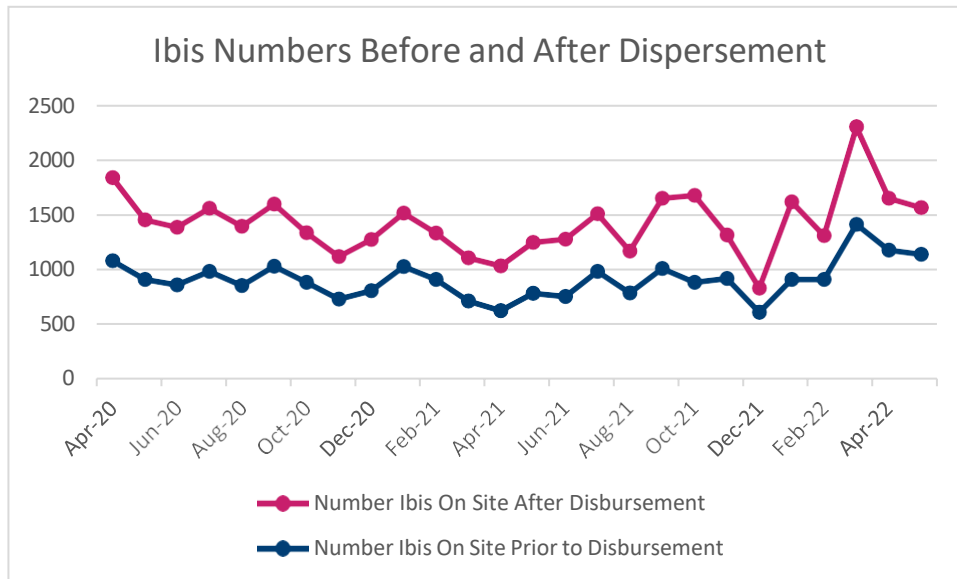
3.4 Ibis Update

The May 22 report from the wildlife management contractor stated that:

- Average initial ibis counts prior to harassment activities were 1140.
- Average final counts of ibis were 425 after harassment activities.
- On average, ibis numbers were reduced by 53% per day during the harassment period. This compares to the average reductions of the previous three months which were 41%, 37% and 59%.

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

	Number Ibis On Site Prior to Disbursement	Number Ibis On Site After Disbursement	Percentage Ibis Reduction After Disbursement
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
Mar-22	1414	887	37
Apr-22	1178	472	59
May-22	1140	425	53



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 May to July period.

3.6 Invitations to Odour Complainants

It is Council's practice to invite any resident who makes a complaint about landfill odour to join the Community Consultative Group, and re-issue such invitations where a previous invitation has not been issued in the preceding six months.

During the May to July 2022 period there was one complaint and complainant has been sent a committee invitation and has yet to reply.

4.0 GENERAL BUSINESS

4.1 Material Recovery Facility (MRF) update and new landfill cell update

R Oakley provided an update on the progress of the proposed MRF explaining tender submissions are being evaluated and that site ground work investigations were planned to determine ground conditions ahead of any proposed construction.

Regarding the use of the new landfill cell, R Oakley explained that after the delay caused by the February floods repairs to the new landfill cell, Cell 2E phase 2, were approaching completion. Subject to the weather the new cell is expected to start receiving waste around the end of October. Soft Municipal Solid Waste (MSW or red top bin general waste) only will be placed in the first layer of the cell to reduce the risk of liner damage. Depositing the MSW in the new cell will increase the buffer zone to the residents and help reduce the potential risk of fugitive odours. Hard waste will continue to be tipped in the present tipping area.

5.0 CLOSE

5.1 Meeting closed at 1.34pm