

Minutes

Browns Plains Landfill Community Consultative Group Meeting on 8 October at 5:30pm

ATTENDEES

M Asnicar (Waste and Resource Recovery Branch)
R Oakley (Waste and Resource Recovery Branch)
L Buffett (Waste and Resource Recovery Branch)
J Ooms (Community Representative)
S McVicar – (Logan Water)

Item 1 – APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from W Cox and Cr Stemp.

Item 2 – CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

The minutes from the previous meeting held on 19 June 2024 were confirmed as a true and correct record.

Item 3 – BUSINESS ARISING

3.1 Material Recovery Facility Project Update

Michael Asnicar (Manager Waste and Resource Recovery Branch) delivered a presentation on the Material Recovery Facility (MRF) project.

3.2 Odour Complaints

L Buffett reported there was 1 odour complaint received during the period of June 2024 to October 2024 (inclusive).

August 2024

There was one odour complaint in August 2024 the details were as follows:

07/08/2024 8:35:07AM – Trebeck Street, Browns Plains QLD 4118

Officer contacted reporter who mentioned a solvent smell during the night of 6 August which led to QFES attending site to investigate. The reporter was informed of the site operations at the site and the actions taken to minimise the likelihood odour, including application of cover material to minimise the footprint of exposed waste, limitations of operations in unfavourable weather conditions and landfill gas extraction infrastructure. It was noted that the unfavourable wind and atmospheric conditions could have resulted in an odour from the waste facility.

R Oakley raised that a resident had called and raised concern that with summer approaching they were expecting to be able to spend more time out in their garden etc and did not want to be impacted by smells. Reporter was advised of the risk reduction measures taken to reduce the risk of smells escaping site. R Oakley also advised he would reach out to resident W Cox for any recent reports on smell issues.

3.3 Environmental Performance

Environmental monitoring and sampling were conducted as per the requirements of the Landfill Environmental Monitoring Program (LEMP) that is a condition of the site Environmental Authority, sampling included:

- All accessible groundwater bores, landfill gas locations and surface water locations at Browns Plains, samples collected over two days (6th and 7th August 2024).

- Dust collection jars were positioned around the site at designated locations on 6th August and collected for analysis on 4th September 2024.

Laboratory analysis results and performance assessment report is expected late September, early October 2024 as part of the Quarter 3 LEMP reporting requirements.

Quarter 2 LEMP environmental performance report for monitoring undertaken at Browns Plains in May 2024 was also received in August 2024. The report indicated no monitoring results that were indicative of release or impact to groundwater or Scrubby Creek and no exceedances of particulate release.

3.4 Department of Environment and Science

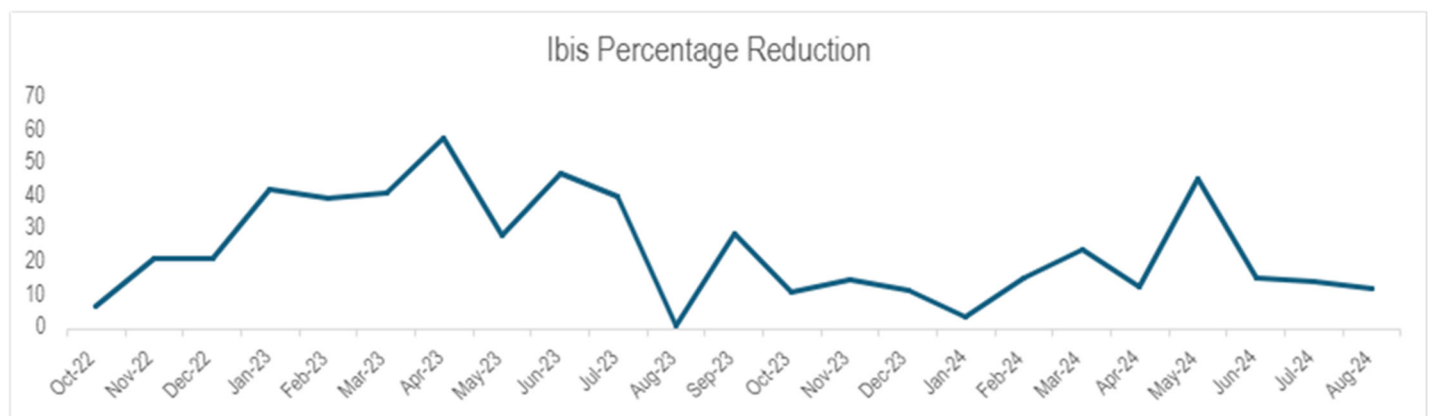
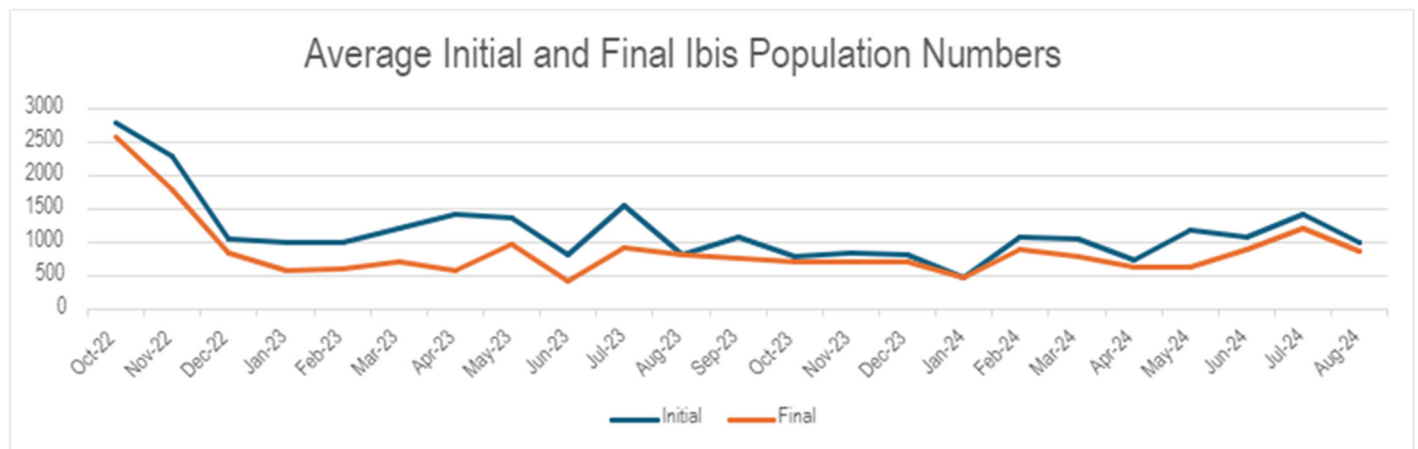
No visits or inspections from the regulator (DESI) were conducted at the Browns Plains in the last quarter. Council completed and submitted the Local Government Recycling and Waste Annual Survey. The information is used by DESI to help understand waste management and resource recovery performance and inform government policy making and industry development and investment decisions.

3.5 Ibis Update

There were no complaints received regarding ibis between June to October 2024 (inclusive).

- Average initial ibis counts prior to harassment activities August 2024 were 1008
- Initial ibis numbers observed at Browns Plains Landfill in August were 28.5% lower than in July 2024.
- Harassment events resulted in the dispersal of approximately 12.9% of ibis from site
- The average reduction across 10 days in August was 130 ibis per day.
- Zero roosting activity was observed onsite during August 2024

J Oms said that the Ibis had moved to Scrubby Creek in the area in each side of the road where Lamberth Rd crosses the creek.



3.6 Fire Ant Update

In the last quarter suspect fire ants were identified, reported and treated at the Browns Plains facility and at Council's Beenleigh and Logan Village sites.

3.7 Invitations to Odour Complainants

Nil

Item 4 – GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil

Next Meeting – Tuesday 14 January 2025 5:30pm