

Inner West Air Quality Community Reference Group

Meeting 2

Minutes

Date	Monday 25 February 2019	
Time	18:05 - 20:15	
Location	Hobsons Bay Civic Centre, Altona	
Chair	Patsy Toop OAM	
Members	Adam Fletcher (AF) Alexandra Damasoliotis (AD) Chris Dunlevy (CD) Clare Sheppard (CS) Geoffrey Mitchelmore OAM (GM) Bert Boere (BB)	Keith Loveridge (KL) Louise Keramaris (LKe) Narelle Wilson (NW) Valerie Dripps (VD) Rod Boyd (RB) Kristen Gilbert (KGi)
Apologies	Ian Butterworth (IB) Monika Pilekic (MP)	Steven Curry (SC)
Guest speaker	Dr Andrea Hinwood (AH)	
Secretariat (DELWP)	Lana Kovac (LKo)	Megan Liddicoat (ML)

Agenda items, minutes, and actions

1 Welcome and acknowledgement of Traditional Owners

Action: Nil

Owner: -

2 Clarifying purpose of meeting and introductions

Action: Nil

Owner: -

3 Presentation on air quality basics by Dr Andrea Hinwood

The presentation provided an overview of air quality issues relevant to the group, and outlined:

- EPA's role in relation to air pollution, noting the upcoming introduction of a general duty under the reformed Environment Protection Act
- types of air pollution, their health effects and how they are monitored
- sources of air pollution, and how different sources produce different pollution (e.g. vehicles vs. industry)
- air quality monitoring network and data accessibility ([AirWatch](#) website)
- future challenges e.g. needing to target reduction of ozone precursors in a warming climate.

Action: Nil

Owner: -

4	<p>Question and answer with Dr Andrea Hinwood</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The group and Dr Hinwood discussed ambient air quality standards, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> they are set for air sheds not point sources, so are likely to be exceeded in high traffic areas the challenge of setting standards when no safe level of exposure has been determined how major breaches of air quality are responded to (e.g. bushfires, the recent Tottenham fire) predicted emissions for the West Gate Tunnel. Strategies for reducing vehicle pollution were discussed, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the importance of fuel quality and engine design technology to identify smoky vehicles the inability to report heavy vehicles to the EPA smoky vehicle hotline as they are regulated nationally the impact of an increasing proportion of electric vehicles on the road. The group discussed links to the planning system. Concern was expressed about locating childcare centres on busy roads. AH indicated EPA would have greater input to the land use planning system and suggested the group examine relevant recommendations in the Ministerial Advisory Council's Independent Inquiry into the Environment Protection Authority where there were recommendations about EPA's strengthened role. The predicted contribution of the West Gate Tunnel to air pollution was discussed, with the group seeking an official position from the EPA on this matter. The contribution of shipping emissions to the airshed was discussed, as was EPA's limited jurisdiction to regulate the sector. There is opportunity to reduce emissions through advocating for better international standards for fuel and engines, and to mitigate impacts through land use planning to reduce exposure. Los Angeles was discussed as a case study where vast improvements were made. There was discussion about the state of knowledge surrounding PM1 (particulate matter <1micron diameter). 	
	<p>Action 1: Secretariat to provide background information about, and organise a presentation on, the Independent Inquiry into the Environment Protection Authority, government response to the inquiry and subsequent reform of the Environment Protection Act.</p>	<p>Owner: LKo</p>
	<p>Action 2: Provide EPA's official position about air pollution from the West Gate Tunnel.</p>	<p>Owner: AH</p>
	<p>Action 3: Circulate information to group about the air quality improvements in Los Angeles.</p>	<p>Owner: NW</p>
	<p>Action 4: Additional questions to be sent to Secretariat for follow-up with AH.</p>	<p>Owner: All</p>
5	<p>Discuss forward agenda and process for report development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The group provided input into a forward plan of meetings, including identifying experts to present. LKe would like Secretariat to support the group in stakeholder analysis. LKe recommended that the group consider engagement of local Aboriginal stakeholders. Methods for out of session collaboration were discussed. 	
	<p>Action 5: Secretariat to support each meeting with relevant stakeholder analysis.</p>	<p>Owner: LKo</p>
	<p>Action 6: Advise Secretariat of preferences for out of session online collaboration.</p>	<p>Owner: All, LKo</p>
	<p>Action 7: Secretariat to seek advice from local Aboriginal groups on how they wish to be engaged.</p>	<p>Owner: LKo</p>
6	<p>Other business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> RB noted an upcoming EPA open house on 6 March 2019, 5-7pm at Brooklyn Community Hall. 	
	<p>Action: Nil</p>	<p>Owner: -</p>