

Inner West Air Quality Community Reference Group

Information sheet

The Inner West Air Quality Community Reference Group gives community the opportunity to provide input into future improvements for air quality in Melbourne's inner west.

This information sheet provides some detail on the proposed operation and aims of the Inner West Air Quality Community Reference Group.

At their first meeting, group members will be presented a draft Terms of Participation and Code of Conduct for discussion and finalisation. This is to ensure that the activities and operation of the group align with the expectations of its members.

Scope

The scope of the Inner West Air Quality Community Reference Group extends to any air quality issues across the Brimbank, Hobsons Bay and Maribyrnong local government areas, recognising work occurring through other processes.

Role

The role of the Inner West Air Quality Community Reference Group will be to:

- Investigate the current air quality issues and concerns across the Brimbank, Hobsons Bay and Maribyrnong local government areas, including current transport initiatives such as the West Gate Tunnel Project.
- Provide advice and recommendations for government consideration including cost, feasibility and relative importance of any actions to address air quality issues including in relation to tunnel filtration for the West Gate Tunnel Project.

Responsibilities

Meetings

The Inner West Air Quality Community Reference Group meetings will be held at a location in the inner west after business hours (from 6.00pm) every two months. The first meeting will be in October 2018.

Reporting

The Community Reference Group will provide a report to Minister for Roads and Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change by the end of its term.

The report will provide for government consideration including cost, feasibility and relative importance of any actions to address air quality issues.

Membership

Membership of the Inner West Air Quality Community Reference Group will be recruited as follows:

- by invitation by Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning; and
- through an expression of interest process.

Membership will be selected to reflect the diversity of the Brimbank, Hobsons Bay and Maribyrnong community.

The membership of the Community Reference Group will be capped at 15 to allow for quality discussion to occur and for all members to be heard.

Air quality and health experts

The Inner West Air Quality Community Reference Group will be supported by experts in air quality and health. This support will help them in their investigation into local air quality issues and concerns.

Term and review period

The Community Reference Group will have a term of one year. The group will undergo a formal mid-term review after six months of operation to consider the future role and operation of the group and to consider if more than one year is required to achieve the role of the group.

Remuneration

Attendance at the Inner West Air Quality Community Reference Group meetings will not be remunerated. Refreshments will be provided at each meeting.

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