

Inner West Air Quality Community Reference Group

Meeting 8

Minutes

Date	Monday 24 June 2019	
Time	6pm – 9pm	
Location	Hobsons Bay City Council, Altona	
Chair	Patsy Toop OAM (PT)	
Members	Adam Fletcher (AF) Alexandra Damasoliotis (AD) Bert Boere (BB) Chris Dunlevy (CD) Christine Harris (CH) Clare Sheppard (CS) Geoffrey Mitchelmore OAM (GM)	Ian Butterworth (IB) Keith Loveridge (KL) Kristen Gilbert (KG) Louise Keramaris (LKe) Narelle Wilson (NW) Valerie Dripps (VD)
Apologies	Steven Curry (SC)	
Secretariat (DELWP)	Michelle McHugh (MM)	Kim Daly (KD)
Panel members	Michael Beale , Occupational Hygienist, envirosapHe (MB) Dr Paul Torre , Senior Applied Scientist, EPA (PTo) Jeremy Settle , Regional Manager Metropolitan Area, EPA (JS)	

Agenda items, minutes, and actions	
1	Welcome and acknowledgement of Traditional Owners
2	Introduction of guests and confirmation of panel format
3	Guest panel on dust 14 questions were submitted by CRG members prior to the meeting. PT posed each question to the panel and then CRG members posed follow up questions to seek clarification and further information. Key topics discussed included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> clarifying what dust is in the context of air quality, including its composition and health risks the major sources of, and appropriate mitigation methods for, different types of dust emissions the regulatory environment covering dust management in the inner west international standards on dust and whether there are “safe levels” of exposure
4	Discuss and agree actions resulting from panel The CRG discussed potential recommendations that arose from the panel and identified several areas worth further consideration, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the development of an EPA app that allows members of the public to report dust issues and events the value of greening neighbourhoods, including the benefits of dense greening as dust barriers the problems with “as of right” licenses and permits in the inner west the issue of ambient air quality standards not applying next to main roads support for the OPLE program and the sharing of information between the EPA and local councils

5	<p>Discuss draft report chapters</p> <p>Draft chapters covering the statutory framework and managing transport emissions had been provided prior to the meeting. SC sent apologies for the meeting and circulated an email thanking CRG members for the input already given on these. He proposes to continue circulating chapters as they are ready, with the CRG then providing input by email. Any major comments or discussion can still be kept for meetings.</p> <p>The meeting agreed to this process, in principle. CRG members also identified the need for more time to review chapters prior to the in-session discussion.</p> <p>The next chapters to be drafted are: West Gate Tunnel Project and Dust & Industry.</p>	
6	<p>Results of mid-term review</p> <p>Following completion of the mid-term review, the responses were collated and a report on the results is being prepared by DELWP. KD summarised key results to the CRG.</p> <p>The majority of respondents felt that the CRG is on track to deliver its report in December 2019, however, there was a small number who disagreed. All respondents agreed that there is still significant work to do and that greater focus in meetings is required to enable the necessary work to be progressed.</p> <p>Respondents were typically satisfied with how meetings have been scheduled and facilitated to date but noted there is a need for members to keep discussion to issues that are within scope so that meetings remain focused. There was also a discussion on the function and use of the WhatsApp group.</p>	
<p>Action 1: Secretariat to circulate the draft report on the mid-term review results.</p>		<p>Owner: KD</p>
7	<p>Discuss monitoring data and how it would be used</p> <p>Following discussion at the previous meeting, the Secretariat approached West Gate Tunnel Authority (WGTA) regarding access to the monitoring data from the West Gate Tunnel Project, as per previous Ministerial commitments. WGTA has asked for further information on the CRG's intentions if the data were to be provided.</p> <p>The CRG discussed its reasons for wanting the data:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • there is a general desire for the data in the interest of transparency • greater access to air quality monitoring data in the inner west would improve the group's state of knowledge on air quality in the inner west, which they have been tasked by Ministers to achieve • the WGTA monitors include roadside monitoring, which the EPA's do not, which is of particular relevance for the CRG to be able to determine potential recommendations for roadside actions to address air quality <p>The CRG also discussed how the data would be used, and agreed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • if the data were given to the CRG it would be held in confidence and not shared externally • raw monitoring data would not be useful to the CRG and would require a scientific interpretation • a compromise could be for the raw data to be provided to the EPA who would then be able to provide the CRG with a scientifically accurate interpretation <p>The Secretariat will submit a request to WGTA for monitoring data, to be used on the basis outlined above.</p>	
<p>Action 2: Secretariat to submit request to WGTA for monitoring data to be to be provided to EPA for scientific interpretation and then to the CRG.</p>		<p>Owner: KD</p>
8	<p>Other business</p> <p>An action from the previous meeting was to arrange some follow up questions with a filtration design expert. A relevant expert has been identified however is unable to attend an evening meeting. It was agreed that some members would meet with the expert early in the morning (date TBD) with questions from other members submitted ahead of time.</p> <p>LKe advised the CRG of the new Draft Marine and Coastal Policy that is open for public consultation until 15 August 2019: https://engage.vic.gov.au/draft-marine-and-coastal-policy</p> <p>CS advised the CRG that the parliamentary inquiry into recycling and waste management is holding a hearing on Tuesday 6 August 2019. Submissions for the enquiry have now closed. More information on the inquiry can be found at: https://www.parliament.vic.gov.au/epc-lc/inquiries/inquiry/954</p>	
<p>Action 3: Members to email filtration design questions to the Secretariat by Sunday 21 July 2019.</p>		<p>Owner: All</p>
<p>Action 4: Secretariat to arrange a date for an early morning meeting with the filtration expert.</p>		<p>Owner: KD</p>