

Inner West Air Quality Community Reference Group

Meeting 9

Minutes

Date	Monday 5 August 2019	
Time	6pm – 8.30pm	
Location	Brimbank City Council, Sunshine	
Chair	Patsy Toop OAM (PT)	
Members	Keith Loveridge (KL) Kristen Gilbert (KG) Ian Butterworth (IB) Christine Harris (CH) Narelle Wilson (NW) Alexandra Damasoliotis (AD)	Bert Boere (BB) Clare Sheppard (CS) Geoffrey Mitchelmore OAM (GM) Louise Keramaris (LK) Steven Curry (SC)
Apologies	Valerie Dripps (VD) Chris Dunlevy (CD)	Adam Fletcher (AF)
Secretariat (DELWP)	Michelle McHugh (MM)	Katherine Evans (Secretariat)

Agenda items, minutes, and actions	
1	Welcome and acknowledgement of Traditional Owners
2	<p>Air quality positives and negatives of living in the inner west</p> <p>The Community Reference Group (the Group) discussed the value of ‘personalising’ the public report (the report) to the Minister for Roads and Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change (the Ministers) and ensuring it focusses on air quality issues particular to the inner west. The Group agreed this could be done through inclusion of photos from members of local air pollution impacts, personal quotes and through highlighting the unique characteristics of the inner west.</p> <p>LK suggested that brief videos could also be made to accompany the report.</p> <p>The Group brainstormed the benefits (positives) of living in the inner west and the air pollution disbenefits (negatives).</p> <p>PT suggested that both the positives and negatives of living in the inner west should be highlighted in the report.</p>
	<p>Action 1: Group members to take photos of local air pollution impacts and collate community quotes for inclusion in the report.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Owner: All</p>
3	<p>Completing the Group Report</p> <p>MM introduced a proposed timeline to complete the remaining report chapters.</p> <p>MM suggested the Group brief the Ministers prior to completion of the report, providing a brief (2 page approx.) status report by September and holding a meeting with the Ministers in October.</p>

	<p>PT suggested the Chair and two or three Group members could meet with the Ministers.</p> <p>The Group agreed that the drafting of the industry chapter is to be delayed until after the industry panel has been held (Meeting 10, 26 August 2019).</p> <p>The Group agreed that the drafting the West Gate Tunnel (WGT) chapter could commence earlier than listed in the proposed timeline, to be ready in September.</p>	
4	<p>Remaining expert advice panels</p> <p>MM provided an update on the Group's request to secure attendance of a tunnel air filtration expert and air monitoring data.</p> <p>SC noted that he required members' notes from the dust expert panel to inform report drafting as he did not attend the relevant meeting (Meeting 8, Monday 24 July).</p> <p>The Group discussed potential invitees for the upcoming expert panels. Meeting 10 (Monday 26 August 2019) will focus on industry and Meeting 11 (Monday, 16 September 2019) on best practice and planning.</p> <p>The Group noted that shipping industry experts have not been identified to join a panel.</p>	
	<p>Action 2: Group members to provide their notes on the dust expert panel (Meeting 8, Monday 24 July) to Secretariat for collation and forwarding to SC.</p>	Owner: All, Secretariat
	<p>Action 3: Secretariat to provide notes on dust expert panel (Meeting 8, Monday 24 July) from this meeting to SC.</p>	Owner: Secretariat
5	<p>Draft Regulatory & Policy Environment and Transport chapters – next steps</p> <p>SC thanked fellow members for their feedback thus far on draft chapters and informed the Group of three emerging themes that would inform the report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The standards regime is not fit for purpose (incl the importance of taking account of the precautionary principle) • The need for better coordination across Government regarding air quality management • The role of business and industry in air quality management (including the frequent gap between community expectations of industry and industry practice) <p>The Group agreed that sub-committees - each comprised of three to four Group members - would be formed to help shape draft 2 of each report chapter. The Group discussed the benefits of prioritising or otherwise sorting recommendations and agreed to commence with a long list of recommendations before undertaking a ranking or sorting process.</p> <p>The Group discussed the importance of the recommendations within the report. It discussed the benefits of focussing initially upon development and refinement of these, and then building report text to support them.</p> <p>The Group agreed that the report should be factual about the impacts of air pollution on the inner west community and that the health impacts of air pollution in the inner west should not be downplayed.</p>	
	<p>Action 4: SC to circulate amended draft (draft 1.1) Regulatory & Policy Environment and Transport chapters to sub-committee members (cc the Secretariat) by Thursday 8 August 2019 for discussion and resolution of feedback.</p>	Owner: SC, sub-committees, Secretariat
	<p>Action 5: SC to circulate draft 2 of Regulatory & Policy Environment and transport chapters to Group by Monday 19 August 2019.</p>	Owner: SC
6	<p>Other business</p> <p>None</p>	