

**ABC Community Liaison Group Meeting
Held on Monday 4th March 2024
City of Port Adelaide Enfield Council Town Hall 6 pm**

1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We acknowledge and pay respect to the Traditional Owners of the land on which we stand. We pay respect to Elders past and present. We respect their spiritual beliefs and connections to land which are of continuing importance to the living Kurna people of today.

2. OPENING

Meeting opened at 6:05 pm with members in the Town Hall. The meeting was chaired and minutes taken by independent facilitator Barbara Chappell. She invited everyone in attendance to introduce themselves.

3. ATTENDANCE RECORD

Present: Brett Peterson, Craig Mackenzie, Tony Bazeley, Johan Revalk, Michael Williams, Alison Derry, Debra Stoeckel, Shane Stoeckel, Bradley Prosser, Tracy Neldner, Barbara Chappell. (Chair/Facilitator).

Barbara offered condolences to Cr McGregor and David Vaughan on the recent loss of relatives and welcomed everyone in attendance and stated the guidelines for the meeting interactions.

4. APOLOGIES

Cr Peter McGregor, Warwick Norman, David Vaughan, David Russell, Allen Gurnett, Bradley Prosser, Melanie Carter, Geoffrey Knights

5. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Barbara called for any amendments to the minutes of the 4th December 2023.

There being no amendments, the motion was put: That the minutes of the 4th December 2023 be accepted as a true and accurate record. Moved: Brett Peterson. Seconded: Alison Derry. Motion carried.

6. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

6.1 There was a request at the last meeting to organise another session for community members to meet the CLG. Johan talked about a site visit for the CLG. Finding a date and time is challenging with people working throughout the week.

Johan asked if there is a need for another community meeting. Alison responded that another meeting is needed and suggested holding a meet and greet at the naval reserve at Birkenhead. Time is needed to organise an event. The group agreed to scheduled one in May.

Promotion of the event to be done in multiple ways including a notice in PAE newsletter, on the ABDRI website, flyers around Birkenhead and a notice on the board in the dog park.

Barbara to follow up with Johan on arrangements.

6.2 ABDRI and Council are progressing the process for set up of the dust monitoring station at the preferred location. The application is with Council waiting for a response. It will go to the March Development Assessment Committee and then out to community consultation. This will be followed by a report to council on the outcome. The dust monitoring site will be larger than the previous one at 5 by 6 meters. It will be contained in an air condition enclosure.

Resident objections to the monitor are with the council and will be assessed by Council and the EPA. Tony Bazeley advised a house at Gunn Street is for sale; and Craig Mackenzie advised the property was not suitable as a site for the monitoring station.

Council will make the community aware of the consultation process and dates.

6.3 There was further discussion on the inversion of the red and green colours on the EPA wind rose graphs and whether that would improve reading them visually. Tracy to discuss with David and report back to the next meeting.

6.4 Responses to questions raised in the PP presentation from Tony Bazeley were as follows:

Question: What is the cause of the increase in both PM10 and PM2.5 emissions since 2020?

Response: Craig to provide a written response to the Barbara for distribution to the group and provide a link to information on the website.

Question: Do community NOx levels now exceed the guidelines?

Response: The Commonwealth Government has lowered the NOx levels. Abdri is operating below the levels. There was discussion about the variations in levels on slide 2 about ABC emissions 2007 – 2022. Craig indicated he would need to access the source data to answer the question.

The Chair asked for a response to be provided about the air quality data by 30th April. Johan to send through written responses by end of April 2024.

There is an EPA requirement for an NOx management plan.

Communications: Questions emailed to the Chair from Alison Derry and Tony Bazeley were raised at the meeting (see above). An email was received from past CLG member Julie Conway who has sold her house and is moving from the area (see attached to the minutes).

7. STANDARD ITEMS

7.1 ABDRI Report

Questions on the report from Alison Derry:

Question: In the ABC quarterly report, there seemed to be a few more community complaints around dust. The EPA report did not report on any higher than usual dust levels, however is there any correlation around that 15/11/23 when a few community members were calling in from Alfred Street?

Response: There were no reports of problems with the plant that Craig was aware of at the time. As per slide 8 of EPA report, the dust emissions were lower during that time.

Question: In reference to above, why were community members washing their cars prior to coming in for a sample to be taken? Did they know that ABC giving a voucher was even an option? It must have been pretty bad, if they couldn't wait to have the sample taken in the first instance.

Response: Some residents prefer to wash their cars to keep them looking clean which makes it challenging to do a dust test when they report to the site for testing.

Dust levels recorded during the shutdown of the plant, raised the question about the source of the dust.

Question: Request made for an update on any of the community engagement plans - not clear on what engagement plans there are currently and when they are next due to be renewed, with the plan to have lead in time for consultation with community? This would time in well with recruiting for more community members.

Response: The Community Engagement Plan is due for review in 2 years time.

7.2 EPA Report

No questions on the report.

Tracy Neldner to discuss inversion of red and green wind roses with David and report back to the next meeting.

7.3 Community Report

The question was asked can ABDRI display tangible improvements in dust and noise reduction in the last 10 years?

There is a curfew to reduce noise levels at night. Work continues on the long shed with reclaimer system, to reduce internal noise which has an impact on external noise levels. Noise level measurements are on-going and recorded over a period of time. During the shutdown the noise levels were monitored.

Deb Stoeckel proposed her new house as a test case to see what it is like in 5 years' time. Need to differentiate the type of dust on houses and cars from the plant, trains and the port.

Request for PM10 data to answer Tony's question on emissions.

Evaluation of EIP partial evaluation to be made available for the group to discuss.

Can the group have the evaluation of the current EIP before the start of the next one?

Tracy Neldner to take a request for an extension of the EIP submission to David so the group can review and provide feedback before submission.

Request from Alison for a platform to host all reports in a central location, and sent via a link. This would include the previous minutes, agenda items, EPA report, ABC Quarterly report, but would also like to see the license reports as well, rather than having to go to the community page. Barbara has worked with Alison to set up Google Doc folders for all the CLG information as requested. The link to the site is https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1HmlaTw-p0gyUQw8K_WnYEoM51h-3Tn6a?usp=sharing

This site is for CLG members only.

8. OTHER MATTERS

8.1 Michael gave an update on the bid from the Irish building materials giant CRH and Victoria's Barro family for a \$2.1 billion buyout proposal for Adbri. The move will make it possible for the company to do more development which will be a good thing for the industry and communities.

8.2 Adbri has signed an agreement for a new Accolade limestone vessel in 2026, where electricity will replace about 25 percent of the vessel's diesel fuel. By 2031 Adbri aims to achieve 100 % electric power capability, further reducing Scope 1 emissions. The new vessel will be owned and operated by the CSL Group. . Upgraded loading gear and investment will improve the loading process at Birkenhead.

8.3 In response to a question about electrification of the plant, Michael responded that the calciner could be electrified but not the kiln.

8.4 John Ford is scheduled for major surgery in the coming weeks. The members of the CLG wished him well for the surgery and for a speedy recovery.

9. NEXT MEETING

Next CLG meeting is on Monday 3rd June 2024 at 6:00 pm in the Town Hall Port Adelaide.

10. MEETING CLOSE:

Meeting closed at 7:50 pm.