



BROOKLYN COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE GROUP

OUR PURPOSE: to facilitate community, industry, local government and EPA working together to ensure that public concerns and aspirations regarding odour, noise and dust in the general Brooklyn area are consistently understood and considered.

NOVEMBER 2018 MEETING SNAPSHOTS

Brimbank City Council Compliance Update

Simon Vittorio, Strategic Coordinator Planning Compliance provided an update on the current Planning Applications being assessed. Brimbank CC is working with EPA & land owners/ business operators to achieve consistent standards to reduce off-site impacts and enforceable conditions. Sites include 5 Centro Court (improved site and drainage in materials recycling site) and 702-706 Geelong Road (4 new warehouses).



Enforcement Activities being undertaken include continued presence in and enforcement of the Brooklyn Industrial Estate, coordinated compliance action with EPA and a focus on resolving long-standing compliance matters. BCC is working with land owners and operators to reduce off-site amenity impacts. 14 Planning Infringement Notices have been issued since July 2018 for: materials recycling without permit, breach to permit conditions and storage of goods/materials in a car park.



RECYCLING HAS NOW CEASED AT 69 BUNTING ROAD – MATERIALS RECYCLING (AAA BINS) DUE TO ENFORCEMENT ACTION



West Gate Tunnel Project, Western Distributor Authority



Liz Evans, Deputy Director Engagement and Lisa Ryan, Director Planning and Property provided an update on the concerns raised at the July BCRG forum via the Chair.

This is available as an attachment to the meeting notes at <http://www.brooklynip.com.au/bcrg-meeting-notes/>

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Brooklyn Residents Action Group

Bert Boere reported that there is community representation from some or all of the groups BRAG, Don't Destroy Miller's Rd and Friends of Lower Kororoit Creek on the working groups for the West Gate Tunnel – Miller's Rd and Williamstown Rd, the VicRoads Corridor Study Group and the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning Inner West Air Quality Community Reference Group.

EPA Victoria update on dust, noise and odour program

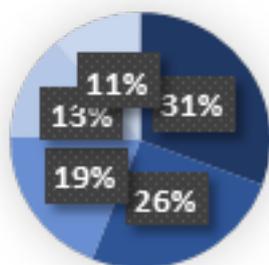
Daniel Hunt, Manager Metropolitan Region

Brooklyn Investigations (All sectors) 2018

There have been 136 inspections in the area since Jan 2018: Delacor Pty Ltd fire inspection (38) and incident/ investigation/strategic inspections for different issues (98).

Brooklyn Inspections

1 Jan to 30 Oct 2018



West Footscray / Tottenham fire recovery

EPA is working closely with Maribyrnong City Council and waterway managers have commenced development of a recovery plan for Stony Creek and surrounding areas. Environmental monitoring included Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC) and particle air sampling along Stony Creek, no asbestos was found to have been released from the building in the fire, water quality and sediment quality.

Notices issued to factory site owners aim to secure the site and prevent any further contamination of Stony Creek. The owners will be required to regularly report their progress to the EPA.



Brooklyn 2018 (All sectors)

12 Notices have been complied and been revoked, 2 Notices Drafted – AA Containers & Veolia, 2 Notices Escalated – Hewson and 3 Suspended Notices (VCAT) – Western Land & Delta.



BROOKLYN REMEDIAL NOTICES

Odour Monitoring Survey

EPA has made a shift to prevention measures – undertaking 462 Individual Odour Checks across 21 surveys. Residential monitoring has taken place in Brooklyn, Yarraville, West Footscray and Sunshine. Industrial monitoring was around major industry in Brooklyn.

Analysis of Odour Pollution Reports

Brooklyn Odour Reports were approx. 60% down. Ongoing monthly inspections of top odour report sources being Australian Tallow Producers, JBS Australia and Cedar Meats.

Pm10 Exceedences

One exceedance was reported since June in a very dry 3 month period for winter. Seven Additional Air Monitoring Devices (arc HUB) were deployed to help inform compliance actions for dust and particle generating activities and to gain better understanding of PM10 exceedance events. EPA scientists are working on calibration of the sensors and analyzing the data. Preliminary investigation shows sensor raw data can be corrected to PM10, but the correction is complex.

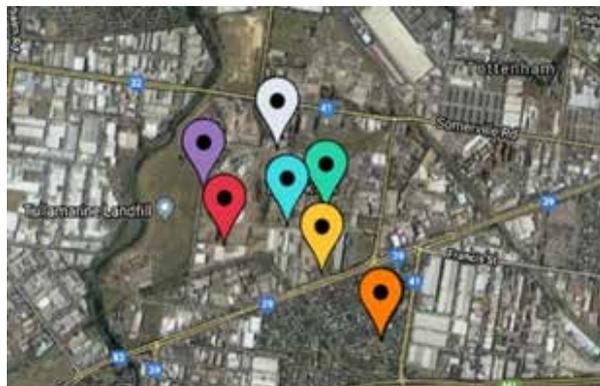


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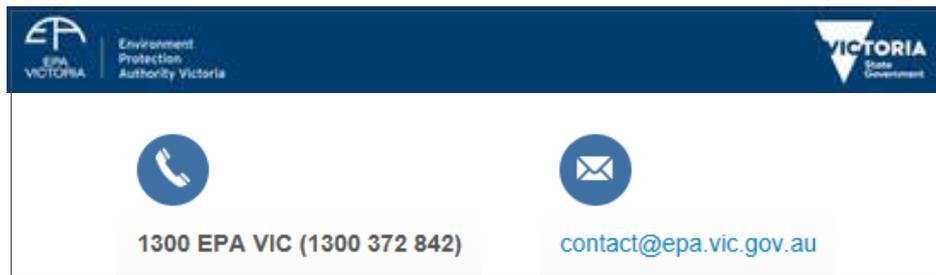
EPA Dust Operation on 13 Nov 2018 (high dust day)

Local surveillance and investigation of potential dust sources in response to indications of poor air quality from the Brooklyn air monitoring station showed track out of dust on Bunting Road from Sunshine Groupe, Somerville Road from Delta, in the entrance of 69 Bunting Road and dust on the roadway of MacDonald Road.



Road Sweeping

Brimbank CC: Bunting and Jones Road as per weekly schedule. VicRoads: target the triangle of roads formed by Geelong Road, McDonald Road and Somerville Road. Industries: EPA require them to implement dust control measures including regular sweeping especially in high risk days.



Following the extreme dust event on November 13, 2018 the community members raised several concerns related to dust:

- The exceedence levels for PM_{10} are recorded and the data averaged over a 24-hour period which doesn't reflect the extreme levels recorded during certain times in a dust event. This system means that community members do not feel safe. Hourly readings would be preferable, and these should be reported.
- On November 13, one person felt physically terrible as the air quality worsened after 9am. Levels exceeded $100\mu g/m^3$. This is not for the first time this has been reported to EPA.
- Why wasn't remedial action taken when the exceedences are so high? Was anyone caught for these exceedences?
- Asthmatics are at extreme risk from the dust – dust is a killer, but odour is not.
- These issues are the same as they have been for the last 10 years.

Participants at the meeting were asked to discuss in small groups 2 questions designed to review the progress towards achieving the goals set for 2016 – 2018 and what has been working well and not so well ?

DUST

- Department of Health & Human Services (DHHS) silent on health issues
- Group loses momentum with EPA representative changes
- Dust controls need to be improved

GOALS FOR 2019 - 2021:

- Understand the health impacts of dust
- Local dust levels are meeting National standards
- Improved dust controls in local Business operations

ODOUR

- EPA efforts are working well but don't seem to have enough resourcing power
- Odour has improved a bit over the 10 years but still getting odour recalcitrants
- Sunshine West still has terrible odour issues

GOALS FOR 2019 - 2021:

- Odour sources within Brooklyn Industrial Precinct are minimised
- EPA effectively responds to all odour complaints
- EPA and local Government act to ensure compliance with standards and permits within Brooklyn Industrial Precinct

BCRG

- Institutions don't seem to have enough power
- Issue of the existing land rights of industries – this needs to change
- Government taxes needs reinvesting
- People power
- New groups aligned

GOALS FOR 2019 – 2021:

- Increase attendance of residents and engage with a broader cross section of community
- Understand existing and new planning controls for local government that can influence the types of industries present locally and standards for operations
- Understand likely changes to the Environmental Protection Act and the implications for future operations of the EPA.
- BCRG continues to operate as a collaborative forum to highlight air quality issues in the area

Next BCRG Community Forum: Wednesday 6 March, 2019

Attendance by open invitation; contact eo.bcr@gmail.com

See the meeting notes at <http://www.brooklynip.com.au/bcr-meeting-notes> for a full account of discussions at the meeting.

