

# Woodlawn Eco-Precinct

## Community Liaison Committee Meeting Minutes

<b>Date</b>	Thursday 18th March 2021	<b>Time</b>	5:00 pm
<b>Coordinator</b>	Henry Gundry	<b>Location</b>	Woodlawn Conference Room

### Committee List ✓

Name	Present	Name	Present
Henry Gundry (HG) (Veolia)	✓	Sandra Ellson (SE) (Community)	x
Cr Denzil Sturgiss (DS) (GMC Councillor)	✓	Scott Martin (SM) (GMC Designated Off)	✓
Simon Reynolds (SR) (Community)	✓	Cid Riley (CR) (Community)	x
Adrian Ellson (AE) (Community)	✓	Owen Manley (OM) (Tarago Men's Shed)	x
Cr Mark Schweikert (MS) (QPRC Councillor)	✓	Richard Kirkwood (RK) (Community)	✓
Kym Wake (KW) (TADPAI) (Chair)	✓		

### Guests/Observers ✓

Name	Present	Name	Present
Marea Rakete (Veolia)	x	Tobias Stanley (Veolia) (Minutes)	✓
Christine Hodgkiss (Veolia)	✓	Skye McParland (Veolia)	✓
Lee Smith (Veolia)	✓	Pablo Gonzalez (Veolia)	✓

### Minutes

<b>1</b>	<b>Welcome</b>
	Welcome to Country. The Chair opened the meeting and welcomed attendees.
<b>2</b>	<b>Present / Apologies</b>
	Owen Manley, Cid Riley and Sandra Ellson (Apologies).
<b>3</b>	<b>Approval of Previous Minutes</b>
	Approved without change.
<b>4</b>	<b>Matters Arising from Minutes</b>
	<p><b>Bushfire Grant (BLERF)</b> KW queried Veolia's response to matching funding obtained through the BLERF as per previous meeting. Veolia contributions are via the trust, which are accessible to community organisations throughout the year. No additional funding will be made available.</p> <p><b>Tarago Village Plan</b> A word version of the TVP developed by Elton Consulting has been located by TADPAI. A community meeting was held to discuss the plan's objectives and progress of projects, many of which have been completed to date. The community agreed that the TVP did not need to be updated and identified a range of new projects. Council (SM) has used the TVP as a benchmark to prioritise projects in other communities.</p>

<b>6</b>	<b>Woodlawn Eco-Precinct Operational Update</b>
	<p>Tobias Stanely presented an operational update accompanied by a slideshow (appended to minutes).</p> <p><b>Bioreactor and Leachate Treatment Plant</b> Annual Odour Audit and Independent Environmental Audit undertaken. Leachate Water Management System Audit will be conducted on 25th March 2021. Final reports will be available in due course.</p> <p>The recent spike in odour related complaints was discussed. KW highlighted the real concerns from the community and the lack of communication during an odour event. Selected complainants having been invited to site to assist with identification of source, and a reintroduction to odour diaries in the community. An Odour Management Strategy is being developed that will focus on proactively minimising operational activities with potential impact to odour emissions.</p> <p>An ongoing process Audit of the LTP by Veolia Global Technical &amp; Performance Department (TPD) is under review.</p> <p><b>Woodlawn Bioenergy</b> Work on Hub 2 is ongoing, with energy generation at 11,392MWh this year to date. The installation of a 5th Booster is on track for June this year and a new Flare in transit . This is a key piece of infrastructure to further increase biogas capture. Currently our existing system is close to capacity and this capital investment was fast track with funds approved in 2020.</p> <p><b>Mechanical Biological Treatment</b> Production is continuous with the RRO granted for the trial of WOO (Woodlawn Organic Output) on the rehabilitation of mine tailings. The trial has begun with approximately 2,100t of WOO being stockpiled at the Heron Resources mine site for future placement.</p> <p><b>Reconciliation Action Plan</b> Veolia is supporting indigenous communities and exploring opportunities and career paths in partnership with Clontarf Foundation.</p>
<b>7</b>	<b>General Business</b>
	<p><b>Tarago Lead Contamination</b> Transport NSW (TfNSW) reached out to Veolia to see if material could be treated at Woodlawn and then disposed of at the Bioreactor. This option is being explored by TfNSW and what sort of approval would be required. This would mean that the soil within the Tarago siding would be excavated and transported to Woodlawn. Veolia will work with TfNSW if this option is granted. The responsibility lies with TFNSW</p> <p><b>Bungendore/Tarago Road Maintenance</b> HG sought clarification of what Veolia's contributions are paying for, as the work underway appears to be maintenance. MS confirmed that the major work as set for April (4 weeks from meeting), design and acquisitions are almost completed. MS was not aware of the exact detail of the works, ie specific sections of the road and or any turning lanes.</p> <p><b>Regional Waste Planning Modification Update</b> Veolia is assessing the impacts - traffic and odour for the Planning modification. The demand to increase regional waste tonnage is from existing customers. The road traffic study and review of the movements on the Bungendore/Tarago Road has been completed. Planned increase is from 130ktpa to 200ktpa. HG will quantify the traffic movements at the next meeting.</p> <p><b>FOGO Processing at Woodlawn MBT</b> Veolia is also working with the DPIE and NSW EPA on approval and waste classification in relation to the processing of FOGO (Food Organics/Garden Organics). A funding grant from NSW Environmental Trust has been awarded to Veolia for the installation of organics processing infrastructure. Veolia may be required to submit a planning modification for this minor change to the operation including a separate front end receival location adjacent to an existing building.</p> <p><b>ACT Waste</b></p>

	<p>Questions were asked about potential Veolia and Suez merger, and what this could mean for ACT Domestic Waste. The ACT Government is in control of this waste stream, although Suez is the collections contractor. The ACT government has not approached Veolia to manage and transport domestic waste to Woodlawn. ACT Domestic waste via rail or truck would be subject to a Planning Modification.</p>
<b>8</b>	<b>Other Business</b>
	<p><b>Future Waste to Woodlawn</b> A brief prepared and submitted by AE and CR communities was presented to the Veolia CLC conveying concerns that incremental changes to the direction and/or future of the Woodlawn project are not being communicated to the wider community. Copies of the brief were supplied to the VCLC for consideration in preparation for the next scheduled meeting. Document attached to minutes.</p> <p><b>Project Development at Woodlawn Eco-Precinct</b> Christine Hodgkiss and Pablo Gonzalez presented an introduction to Veolia’s proposal for a new Advanced Energy Recovery Centre at the Eco-Precinct. Stakeholder communication, consultation and community engagement will remain ongoing throughout the extent of the planning process. Conversation included a proposed 380ktpa energy recovery facility that would generate up 40MW of energy. Community members requested clarification of what the facility actually was and the messaging to the stakeholders. Veolia is embarking on early stakeholder consultation prior any planning submission.</p>
<b>8</b>	<b>Meeting Closed by Chairperson</b>
	Meeting closed by the Chair at 7:47pm.

**Attachments:**

- 1/ Veolia CLC Meeting #5 Operational Presentation
- 2/ Woodlawn CLC Charter 2020 - Draft - Nov 2020
- 3/ Future Waste to Woodlawn Briefing



# Woodlawn Eco-Precinct Community Liaison Committee Meeting

Thursday 18th March 2021

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# Welcome

*Veolia acknowledges the Traditional Owners of country throughout Australia and recognises their continuing connection to land, waters and community. We pay our respects to them and their cultures; and to elders both past and present*

*Welcome and thank you! Effective community consultation is a participatory process that underpins genuine community development. The purpose of the Veolia Environmental Services Community Liaison Committee is to help us better understand what the community values and inform us of issues that the community finds important.*

# MEETING AGENDA

Item	Topic
1	<i>Present/Apologies</i>
2	<i>Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting</i>
3	<i>Matters Arising from Minutes</i>
4	<i>Woodlawn Eco-Precinct Operational Update</i>
5	<i>General Business</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li><i>1. Tarago Lead Contamination</i></li><li><i>2. Bungendore/Tarago Road Maintenance</i></li><li><i>3. Regional Waste - Planning Modification Update</i></li><li><i>4. FOGO Processing at Woodlawn MBT</i></li><li><i>5. ACT Waste - Fyshwick Decision by ACT Govt.</i></li></ol>
6	<i>Other Business</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li><i>1. Future Waste to Woodlawn</i></li><li><i>2. Project Development - Woodlawn Eco-Precinct</i></li></ol>
7	<i>Meeting Closed by Chairperson</i>

**Present / Apologies**  
**Previous Minutes**  
**Matters Arising**

# ECO-PRECINCT OPERATIONAL UPDATE

## BIOREACTOR

### YTD Waste Received (28th February 2021)

- Regional Waste 21,105t
  - Bushfire Impacted Waste 81.1t
- Sydney Waste 93,567t
- MBT Residual 11,869t

### External Environmental Audits - Fieldwork components completed

- Annual Independent Odour Audit (The Odour Unit)
- 3-Yearly Independent Environmental Audit (Ramboll)

### Complaints Register

- YTD Odour Complaints (16)



# ECO-PRECINCT OPERATIONAL UPDATE

## BIOENERGY

### YTD Biogas Capture

- Energy Generation 11,392 MWh
- 55,197 tCO<sub>2</sub>-e CH<sub>4</sub> captured to end of Feb 2021
- Jan 2021 - record high tCO<sub>2</sub>-e collected 29,553 - equates to removing 77,093 cars off the road

## LEACHATE TREATMENT PLANT

### Discharge to Evaporation Dam

- Currently treating at 2.88L/sec. Challenges in processing and time taken to effect change.
- Accumulatively discharged, 155,741m<sup>3</sup> (to 17th March) of permeate
- Process audit by Veolia Global Technical & Performance Department (TPD) is ongoing and a final report is under review - sludge wastage is the key operational requirement



# ECO-PRECINCT OPERATIONAL UPDATE

## MBT

### YTD Waste Processed (28th February 2021)

- Sydney Waste 22,619t
- MWOO to Landfill 4,953t
- WOO to Heron 2,112t

### Output from MBT

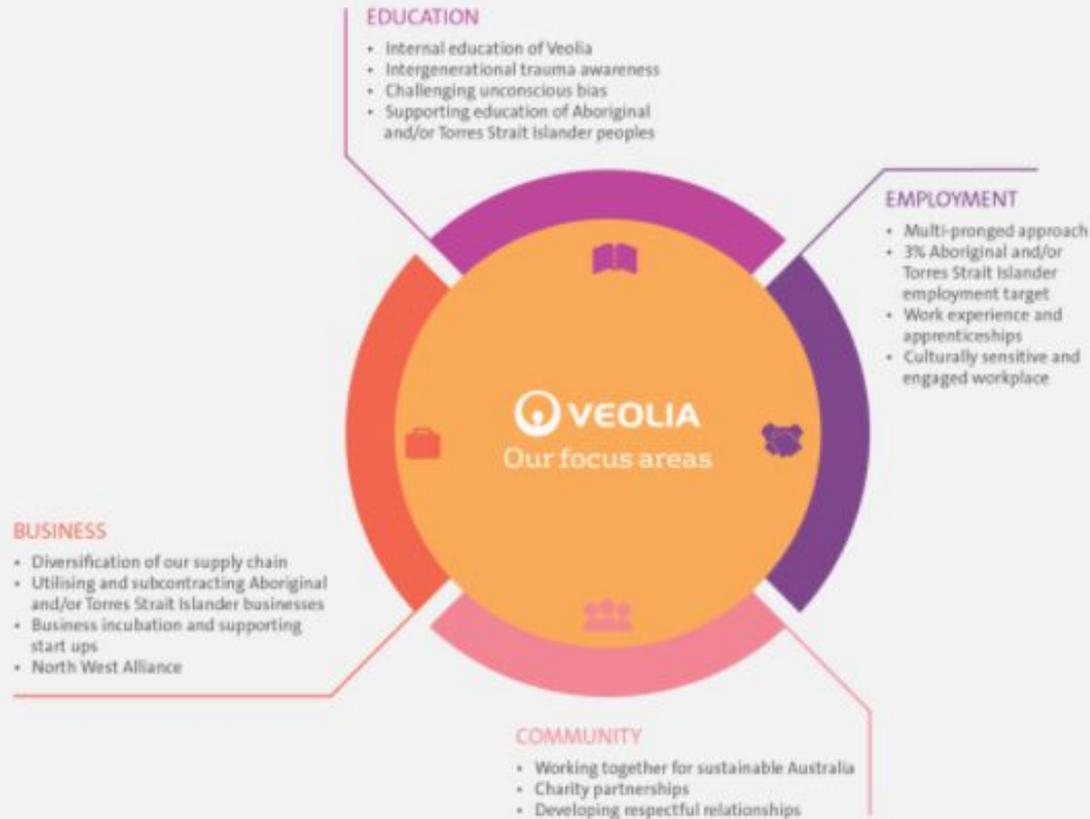
- Transferred 2,200t to Tailings
- Heron Resources - Care and Maintenance timings and rehab progression is the key constraint at present.

### Next project development

- FOGO Transition



# Reconciliation Action Plan



# General Business

- Tarago Lead Contamination - Feedback from Transport for NSW
- Tarago Rail Loop Train holding update - change in CRN Management
- Bungendore/Tarago Road Maintenance
- Regional Waste - Planning Modification Update
- FOGO Processing at Woodlawn MBT - Possible Planning Modification
- ACT Waste - Fyshwick Decision by ACT Govt.

# Other Business

- Future Waste to Woodlawn
- [Project Development](#) - Woodlawn Eco-Precinct



# Next Meeting

*The next Community Liaison Meeting will be held at the Woodlawn Eco-Precinct on Thursday 3rd June 2021 at 5.00pm., or otherwise agreed.*



# Woodlawn Eco-Precinct Community Liaison Committee Charter & Procedures

November 2020

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## **1 Role of the Community Liaison Committee**

A Community Liaison Committee has been established by Veolia Environmental Services (Australia) Pty Ltd (Veolia) in accordance with the Conditions of Development Consent for the development of the Woodlawn Waste Management Facility.

The overall role of the Committee is to provide a direct link between Veolia and the people who live and work within the Woodlawn area. Veolia's intention is to work with the Committee to help build positive relationships with both the most directly affected community of neighbours to the project, and the broader community of the residents of the Goulburn Mulwaree Shire and Queanbeyan Palerang Region.

The role of Community Liaison Committee is consultative. It does not have a decision-making role.

The following list summarises some of the Community Liaison Committee main functions:

- Advise Veolia on community perceptions and concerns on relevant issues and activities;
- Promote and provide opportunity for community awareness and involvement in matters relating to the Woodlawn Eco-Precinct.

## **2 Selection Criteria**

In selecting Community Liaison Committee members, Veolia seeks to bring together a range of representatives from the community including local government, local residents, environment, community and business groups including representatives of farming interest groups and neighbouring businesses.

The following criteria are proposed for evaluation of potential Community Liaison Committee members.

- Willingness to accept and contribute constructively within the boundaries of the Community Liaison Committee Charter.
- Interest in issues relating to the local area.
- Experience and ability to communicate community/stakeholder views.
- Experience and ability to provide feedback to members of the community and/or stakeholder groups.
- Reside within 20 km of the Woodlawn Eco-Precinct.

Veolia will seek to achieve a gender balance, an age spread and a blend of expertise.

Members do not need to be affiliated with a community group or other organisation.

Current employees of Veolia or a significant provider of goods and services to Veolia, unless acting in a professional capacity, are not eligible to join the Community Liaison Committee.

## **2.1 Selection Process**

Goulburn Mulwaree Council and Queanbeyan Palerang Regional Council will each nominate one local government representative to the Community Liaison Committee, or otherwise advised by the nominating LGA. If necessary, community participants will be chosen by a panel that shall include an appropriate senior manager from Veolia, a community relations professional, and a person independent of Veolia such as a representative of the Environment Protection Authority of NSW.

If the Community Liaison Committee requires the appointment of a new member mid-term, Veolia may choose to seek further nominations to fill this position and membership selection will be at the discretion of Veolia.

## **3 Terms of Membership**

### **3.1 Length of term**

In the interest of consulting with a wide range of community members, membership will be for a set term of two (2) years.

At the end of the two-year term, a member may retire or seek nomination for a further two-year term. Depending on the number of places available, and the mix of the group, the selection panel may choose to appoint the person for additional terms.

A combination of continuing and retiring membership is generally considered desirable at any one time.

### **3.2 Termination of membership**

A member's position on a Community Liaison Committee may be declared vacant if the member:

- completes a two year term and retires;
- resigns the membership in writing to the Chairperson;
- fails to attend more than two meetings per year without prior notice;
- acts in a way which is contrary to the values of the Community Liaison Committee and Veolia; or
- becomes an employee of Veolia or a significant provider of goods or services to Veolia.

## **4 How the Community Liaison Committee will operate.**

## 4.1 Summary of Responsibilities

### ***Veolia agrees to:***

- pass on the Community Liaison Committees advice and recommendations to relevant Veolia staff;
- give Committee members feedback on how their recommendations have been used;
- report on project progress and monitoring and seek feedback from the Committee;
- encourage all Committee members to present their views;
- respond within agreed time frames to requests for information;
- support the smooth operation of the group by supplying a Coordinator and administrative assistance as necessary;
- help promote the Community Liaison Committee existence and objectives to the community and Veolia employees;
- consider suggestions made by the Community Liaison Committee on how the functioning of the Committee may be improved;
- work within the framework of the Community Liaison Committee Charter and Procedures; and
- advise any impending media coverage of the Community Liaison Committee.

### ***Members of Community Liaison Committee agree to:***

- attend meetings and actively participate in discussions;
- report their views and those of the wider community to Veolia;
- give feedback from the meetings to the wider community;
- allow all Committee members to present their views;
- suggest agenda items;
- make suggestions on how the functioning of the Committee can be improved;
- work within the framework of the Community Liaison Committee Charter and Procedures; and
- advise the Chair of any impending media items relating to the Community Liaison Committee or the Veolia.

### ***Goulburn Mulwaree Council and Queanbeyan Palerang Regional Council agree to:***

- pass on the Community Liaison Committees advice and recommendations to their respective Council and appropriate managers;
- give Committee members feedback on how their recommendations have been used;
- report on project progress and monitoring and seek feedback from the Committee;
- respond within agreed time frames to requests for information;

- help promote the Community Liaison Committee existence and objectives to the community and Council employees;
- work within the framework of the Community Liaison Committee Charter and Procedures; and
- advise any impending media coverage of the Community Liaison Committee.

Veolia acknowledges Community Liaison Committee member's rights to make public comment on matters other than confidential material.

## **5 Procedures of Community Liaison Committee**

### **5.1 Quorum Constitution**

A quorum of any meeting shall be three (3) members excluding Veolia staff. A duly convened meeting of the Committee at which a quorum is present shall be competent to exercise all or any of the authorities, powers and discretion vested in or exercisable by the Committee.

### **5.2 Chairing**

The Committee will nominate and vote on a Chairperson.

### **5.3 Nature of issues to be considered**

The Community Liaison Committee's primary concern is with matters relating to the construction and operation of the Woodlawn Eco-Precinct.

### **5.4 Issues for discussion**

Issues for discussion at each Community Liaison Committee will be nominated by individual members of the Committee at the preceding Committee meeting or through the Chairperson or Coordinator.

The number of issues placed on the agenda will be limited to a number that will allow for appropriate levels of discussion.

### **5.5 Information Tools**

Previous minutes, agendas and support material should be forwarded to members of the Committee at least two weeks before the meeting. Agendas should specify those items that are for discussion only and any other items that require a resolution.

Support material would ideally include a précis of issues and a summary of presentations to allow the consideration of Committee members prior to the meeting. Veolia will provide

information within its possession or under its control as necessary, to allow the committee to operate effectively, other than confidential or privileged information.

### **5.6 Feedback & Follow-up**

Veolia is aware of the importance of giving Committee members clear feedback on the way their suggestions helped to contribute to the decision-making process. Veolia will give feedback to Committee members explaining how suggestions and ideas were factored into the decision-making process. Time will be set-aside at each meeting for this purpose.

### **5.7 Links with the Wider Community**

Community Liaison Committee members are encouraged to discuss issues with the wider community including their specific interest groups where relevant.

### **5.8 Dispute Resolution Procedure**

The aim of the Community Liaison Committee is to represent a diversity of viewpoints and stakeholder concerns. Where Committee members hold a range of perspectives on a particular issue, the differing viewpoints will be noted and taken into consideration.

It is not a requirement that consensus be reached among members on the issues discussed. When disagreement on an issue exists, the following procedure should in general be adopted:

- Establish working party to review issue and propose resolution,
- Bring issue back to Committee for further consideration,
- If disagreement continues to exist, record a clear understanding of the nature of the disagreement.

### **5.9 Conflict of Interest**

If a member believes he or she may have a conflict of interest in relation to a particular issue or item of the discussion, the member should make this position clear to the Chairperson and other Committee members. The Committee member will not be excluded from discussion on this issue

### **5.10 Confidentiality**

From time to time, Committee members may be given confidential material. These materials are shown in good faith and Committee members will ensure that confidentiality is strictly maintained. Documents that are confidential will be marked accordingly.

### **5.11 Complaints Handling Procedure**

Community Liaison Committee meetings focus on issues of local and regional significance. Issues of mainly personal interest are best raised with the Committee coordinator outside the meeting forum, and discussed directly with the relevant Veolia personnel. Complaints are dealt with

through established, standard processes. Refer to Veolia's 'Handling Complaints - PRO-4702' Procedure.

#### **5.12 Frequency of meetings**

It is anticipated that the Community Liaison Committee will meet every two months (six times per year) or such other numbers as the Committee agrees.

#### **5.13 Closed Meetings**

Meetings of the Community Liaison Committee will not be open to any observers, except with the agreement of the Committee and Veolia.

#### **5.14 Review of the Charter and Procedures**

A formal review of the Charter and Procedures will be carried out every twelve months. The document is also open to review and improvement at other times at the request of either Committee members or Veolia's representatives.

### **6 Resourcing the Committees**

#### **6.1 Committee Coordinator**

A Coordinator has been appointed. Members may contact this person for assistance regarding any Community Liaison Committee matter. Veolia will provide a written record of the meeting that will be distributed to participants in a timely manner.

## VCLC SUBMISSION

### RE: WASTE TO WOODLAWN: CURRENTLY AND IN THE FUTURE

#### BACKGROUND

The Tarago and District communities have observed an increase in waste vehicles travelling to and from the Woodlawn Eco Precinct, and subsequent increased wear and tear to the local roads being used. And, there has also been a recent increase in odour coming from Woodlawn.

The Tarago and District communities also note that the Woodlawn waste related activities and volumes have incrementally increased several times since initial approvals; and that there is now in progression a number of further discussions re actual direct or potential indirect increases to waste volumes to be delivered and processed at Woodlawn, some of which are deemed commercial-in-confidence and not being shared with the communities. As a result the local communities no longer believe that they have a transparent insight of Veolia's and Governments' current and future intended activities at Woodlawn.

#### PURPOSE

The purpose of this Brief is to articulate local concerns to Veolia, and as appropriate other parties, such as the State/Territory Governments and Local Governments.

#### COMMERCIAL-IN-CONFIDENCE

To aid in discussions, clarification is provided regarding what is and what is not considered to be commercial-in-confidence. Under NSW legislation the CLCs, and subsequently the Community Consultation Committees (CCC), are established for the proponents/operators of State Significant Developments (Project or Infrastructure) to advise local communities of development and operational impacts on community and infrastructure, and to seek feedback as to what is or is not acceptable, and to reach some form of mutual agreed way forward. Accordingly, any matter not directly or indirectly affecting community or local infrastructure can be considered as commercial-in-confidence, but anything, no matter how minor, affecting community and local infrastructure is not considered to be commercial-in-confidence.

For example, any long term vision of establishing a waste to energy incinerator of any type at Woodlawn at any time in the future is not considered commercial-in-confidence, and any intent to do so, need to be shared with the Community as soon as the intent is known. Any subsequent pricing agreement between Veolia and State and Local Governments (if established) is and should generally be commercial-in-confidence.

## **SIMPLISTIC OVERVIEW**

Woodlawn is a Sydney landfill that provides an essential service to six Sydney Councils that they cannot function without, and as such Woodlawn is afforded the status of State Significant Development (Project or Infrastructure).

All other waste (regional waste, including Canberra commercial waste) delivered to Woodlawn or processed other than landfilling (MBT) are ancillary (value added) services beneficial to Veolia. The Sydney Councils do pay a waste levy that the regional users of Woodlawn do not - this disparity is of concern.

## **REGIONAL WASTE - WHAT IS IT**

What is Regional Waste? We believe that waste coming from Sydney is all municipal waste. This is not the case for Regional Waste - its a mixture of municipal and commercial waste, and it is public knowledge that Veolia has been successful in securing a number of Government, Defence and other commercial contracts in the ACT and surrounds in the last two years - as well as additional local government contracts where the waste is being delivered to Woodlawn. What we do not know as a Community is how this translates into vehicle movements between the waste collection sites and Woodlawn, which is absolutely necessary for any rational discussions upon which informed decisions can be made..

### ***It is requested that:***

- ***Veolia confirm that all waste coming from Sydney is municipal waste; and***
- ***Veolia provides at the next meeting of the VCLC, tabulated data listing the contracted client and number of vehicle movements per week each way, and general route being used.***

## **ACT WASTE**

Canberra Recycling Solutions (CRS / namely Adam Perry) has proposed via an ACT Development Application to significantly reduce the volume of household, municipal and commercial waste going directly to landfill by processing recyclable waste within a Fyshwick materials recovery facility (MRF) and rilling whatever could not be recovered for land filling at Woodlawn. No agreements exist with Veolia, nor has anybody sought licence approvals from the NSW Government to do this, with the exception of Transport for NSW granting CRS a \$1,000,000 grant to explore the feasibility of a Canberra Rail [General] Freight Terminal.

The CRS Fyshwick MRF proposal has been vigorously opposed by many in Canberra, including Barbara Moore representing a Kingston based community group and Jane Seaborn representing the Fyshwick Business Association. And, the ACT Government in response to

2020 election pledges by all political parties has now introduced the Planning and Development Amendment Bill 2021 that limits the processing of waste in Fyshwick. This Bill has a direct impact on CRS and Hi Quality, which was establishing a regional resource recovery facility in Fyshwick.

The Bill itself does not squash the concept of using rail to move waste from the ACT to Woodlawn, and with the ACT having significant growth occurring in the north and to the west of Canberra; this option must remain on the table particularly as the ACT Mugga Lane Landfill has a finite number of operational years available to it.

More important to the VCLC, is that Suez which is the incumbent contractor with the ACT Government for the kerbside collection of all household waste in the ACT; is currently subject to a Veolia world-wide purchase/takeover. If successful (target date around August 2021), Veolia will be the incumbent contractor by default with the ACT Government and thus responsible for the collection of household waste.

***It is requested that:***

- ***Veolia provide an update of its purchase of Suez at the next VCLC meeting;***
- ***Veolia / ACT Government advised of the remaining contract life for household waste in the ACT post Veolia's purchase of Suez; and***
- ***Veolia / ACT Government advise of its intended vision for the processing and landfilling of ACT household post Mugga Lane closure.***

#### **QUEANBEYAN PALERANG REGIONAL COUNCIL**

It is understood that QPRC has a contract with Veolia for the disposal of municipal waste from Bungendore (including Wamboin) and Braidwood at Woodlawn; all other municipal waste is currently disposed of through commercial recyclers and the ACT Mugga Lane Landfill.

According to QPRC's website, it is currently in the midst of developing a new waste management strategy - content and status unknown at this time.

***It is requested that:***

- ***QPRC provide a status update on the development of its new waste management strategy;***
- ***QPRC provide an overview of its vision re the way forward; and***
- ***QPRC explain how the VCLC and Tarago and District communities will be consulted in the new strategy's development, and concerns included.***

## **NEAR MISSES**

Under Workplace Health and Safety, and Chain of Responsibility Legislations risk and incident registers are required to be maintained. Under both Legislations, near misses are reportable risk incidents; however, there seems to be no mechanism for the reporting of near misses on roads, in particular the Tarago-Bungendore Road.

***It is requested that Veolia or QPRC advise at the next quarterly meeting of the VCLC how these near misses can be reported and how this information can be made public on demand.***

## **ODOURS**

In recent months there has been a spike in odour emissions from Woodlawn. It is understood that this was the result of a maintenance error, where the manifolds for gas extraction were not re-secured after servicing. However, odour 'events' have been experienced both before and after the maintenance error reported by Veolia. The Communities are again concerned that water inflow into the bioreactor is not being pumped out fast enough and treated, as per previous incidents of odour emissions.

***Can Veolia provide better explanation for the cause of the emissions and work undertaken or to be undertaken to prevent reoccurrence.***

Above said, and more concerning, was the Facebook discussion between pro and anti-Woodlawn/Veolia proponents. The extreme views expressed, by both sides, seemed to inflame the situation and cloud the data, and it has since been noted that some of these views were from people who live outside the odour zone, and some who work for Veolia and/or its contractors or are close friends of Veolia employees.

***It is requested that Veolia establish and enforce a clear policy that it is inappropriate for employees (theirs and contractors), and the family and friends of employees to engage in social media discussions regarding odour emissions from Woodlawn.***

## **RESIDUAL LIFE EXPECTANCY OF WOODLAWN AND LIFE POST CLOSURE**

All good things must come to an end! In terms of Woodlawn we do not know what the end is, in terms of site development or what post bioreactor closure looks like. The incremental increases from bioreactor, to MBT plant, to mining, to proposed SRF plant, and where this is leading to is now unknown.

***It is requested that Veolia, in liaison with Heron Resources, provide at the next meeting of the VCLC its long term planning/growth objectives (5-10 years) and longer term vision (10-20 years) for the Woodlawn Eco Precinct, especially in how it sees the management***

***and disposal of waste, and what community and local infrastructure will be needed to support this planning and vision.***

The ability to use Woodlawn as it is today will one day not be possible, but we are assured of one thing, waste will continue to be generated - the question is how will we dispose of it?

#### **MOTION**

**It is moved that VCLC formally provide Veolia, Goulburn Mulwaree Council, Queanbeyan Palerang Regional Council and the ACT Government with a copy of this Brief, and that addressees action the requests in the Brief and provide appropriate detailed responses to the next meeting of the VCLC to be held on ....**

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