HALLAM ROAD LANDFILL & TAYLORS ROAD RESOURCE RECOVERY PRECINCT

COMMUNITY REFERENCE GROUPS

ENVIRONMENTAL FEEDBACK HOTLINE: **1800 368 737**
EPA ENVIRONMENT LINE: **1300 372 842**

MINUTES

Date: 5.30pm, for 5.45pm start, Wednesday, 19 November 2025

Location: Hallam Road Landfill, 274 Hallam Road, Hampton Park.

ATTENDEES

- **Community:** Chris Lucey (CL), Shannon Lynch (SL), Vernadette Dickson (VD), Sue Lanigan (SLa), Thelma Wakelam (TW)

GUESTS AND STAFF

- **EPA**: Tim Saliba (TS), Amanda Knott (AKn)
- **Veolia**: Nick James (NJ), Ashley Kelly (AK), Jessica Keyt (JK)
- **Earthsure**: Tai Truong (TT)
- **City of Greater Dandenong:** Matthew Berry (MB)
- **City of Casey:** Cr Lynette Pereira (LP), Michael Jansen (MJ)

FACILITATOR

- Susan McNair (SMc)
- Eloise Lane (EL)

APOLOGIES

- **Community:** Ian Jensz, Jim Houlahan,
- **Veolia:** Mark Globan (MG)

5:45 GENERAL UPDATE - Veolia

AK provided an update of court cases involving Veolia.

Supreme Court (EPA)

- The case has now been settled, and found that HRL breach the Environmental Protection Act and its General Environmental Duty (GED) during 2022-2023.
- Veolia has agreed to pay $1,000,000 towards the Restorative Justice Fund, which is managed by the EPA. The figure has been determined through discussion with EPA, and a discussion about what the GED offences are and the maximum offence amount that was applicable.
- Parallel to this case being heard, Veolia has been implementing a range of project works to address landfill gas (LFG) and leachate management, including

- New vertical and horizontal gas well
- An upgraded leachate treatment facility
- Interim capping and final capping.

AK extended his apologies on behalf of Veolia, to community members for the impact that these breaches may have had during the 2022-2023 time period.

CL: Thank you for the apology. Considering the years that this has impacted community, it's good to hear that Veolia is acknowledging this.

SL: I asked the EPA about the GED, and what was breached. EPA has not provided me with an answer, what was the actual duty that was breached, was it the odour and methane readings? And does this mean that Veolia can be held in breach of its GED in the Andersons case?

AKn: The court orders are publicly available via AustLII, and the specific breaches are outlined within the case notes.

According to the court orders, Veolia breached the GED by failing to have a LFG remediation action plan, and failing to undertake two measured identified under their environmental management plan (EMP), which has since been superseded by its risk management and monitoring program (RMMP).

The Anderson case did not involve EPA at all, and sits separately to this case.

Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal – HPTS

- Hearings have concluded, and the decision is still sitting with VCAT.
- Veolia will provide a summary meeting once feedback is received from VCAT.

Supreme Court (Andersons)

- The Supreme Court case is finalised.
- As there is data that is interlinked from this case with other ongoing proceedings, Veolia will provide a comprehensive overview on the monitoring data in February 2026.

HRL PROJECT UPDATES - Veolia

NJ provided an update on projects occurring at HRL

Cell 14B

- LFG wells have been completed.
- Minimal work remaining on the interim cap, reapplication of the liner has progressed well following winds.

Cells 12 & 13 capping

- EPA approved capping design in late July, with project works expected to commence before the end of 2025.
- The cells already have vertical wells to process LFG.

LP: As you're capping as you're going, is remediation happening at each cell or is there recapping once the whole site is finished?

NJ: There is some smoothing that will be done once the final cell has been capped, but cells will not be recapped entirely.

LP: How deep is the cap?

NJ: Depends on the cell design, but usually around 1m deep with around 20cm of topsoil on top. There's different types of capping.

SL: Are there any risks of odour leaking when the capping is occurring?

NJ: It depends on how you manage the LFG infrastructure. There are minor risks associated with increased LFG discharged during capping, but the process we will undertake will minimise that risk.

Leachate monitoring bores

- Project work is now complete, which was a requirement of Cell 15 development approval.
- 6 leachate observation bores installed into existing cells.
- Veolia will continue to monitor these monthly for 6 months.

Cell 16

- Coinciding with the capping works, Cell 16 will be constructed by the same people who constructed Cell 15.
- Modifying LFG infrastructure due to bordering on other Cells.
- Similar construction to Cell 15, but a far shallower cell.
- Likely a 12 month lifespan of that cell.

SL: Are you concerned that Cell 16 will be close to the proposed HPTS site?

NJ: There's a considerable amount of land between them, so we're not worried.

HRL environmental updates

AK provided an overview of environmental reports from the site (see Appendix 1, slide 9)

- There has been a considerable drop in environmental reports from August 2023, including noise, dust and odour.
- With fewer reports, Veolia is able to more deeply investigate any potential issues based on reporting, and identify reports that are not attributable to the site, e.g. neighbouring businesses conducting night works.
- Veolia undertakes daily monitoring inspections with the site team, who go out and drive around to investigate sources of odour both on and offsite, so that EPA can follow up any reports or issues.

Improvement notices

JK provided an update on any active improvement notices for HRL, of which there are none.

- A few inspections from EPA this year, last one in September which was a permissions compliance assessment. A licence amendment was given in June 2025, so this inspection was going through new licence conditions.
- An appointed auditor was out in November conducting a 2024-2026 in-term review of monitoring data, site inspections. This is his second or third inspection in a few months.
- Capping is underway, in accordance with the operating licence.

CL: Is there a reason why this slide says it's going to start in December, but our previous discussion has said the contractors will be starting in early next year?

JK: There's lots of testing and quality assurance processes that need to happen before the contractors are capping, but they'll be onsite as of December. Clay and topsoil for capping will likely be stored on top of Cell 1.

SLa: Do you use dust suppressants at all?

NJ: We utilise water carts across the site, containing a dust suppressant that is sprayed onto stockpiles.

6:15pm GOVERNANCE

The CRG agreed to cover off TRRRP updates while touring the site, in the interests of time. Further information is available in Appendix 1, slides 11-14.

AK outlined proposed CRG meeting dates for 2026. Based on feedback from CRG members, the end of year combined CRG will be split, with each end of year meeting to include tours of both sites.

HRL dates proposed:

- Feb 25
- May 21

- Aug 19
- Nov 18 (including tours of both sites)

TRRRP dates proposed

- March 4
- May 27
- Aug 26
- Nov 25 (including tours of both sites)

6:30pm LANDFILL TOUR – Veolia and Earthsure

A tour of both the Hallam Road Landfill (HRL) and Taylors Road Resource Recovery Precinct (TRRRP) was held following the official meeting, to provide members of the CRG with more context as to site operations and planned facilities.

8:00pm MEETING CLOSE.

ACTION TRACKER

Item	Action	Who	Date
HRL September 2024 meeting Action #4	Veolia to investigate if LFG monitoring data can be shared with the CRG.	Veolia	TBC - Close out with Supreme Court updates Feb 2026
HRL September 2024 meeting Action #5	EPA (SC) to review findings from Anderson case relating to 70% number, landfill gas readings, and consider what commentary they can provide back to the group.	EPA	TBC - Following Supreme Court Feb 2026
HRL February 2025 meeting Action #1	Veolia to provide confirmation of dedicated HPTS CRG meeting date when finalised.	Veolia	TBC - Following VCAT results

Appendix 1: Veolia presentation slides

Supreme Court (EPA)

Thanks for your patience over the last few meetings, with the Veolia/ EPA proceedings finished we can now touch on the Supreme Court Case.

- The case has been settled, finding that the Hallam Landfill Breached the Environmental Protection Act 2017 and General Environmental Duty, relating to the management of leachate and landfill gas during the 2022 and 2023 period.
- We recognise the impact landfill odour has had on the community we want to take the opportunity to apologise and say thank you for your input in these meetings to help share these perspectives
- Veolia will pay a $1,000,000 to a restorative justice fund which will be managed by the EPA to support local projects in the vicinity of the landfill.
- You would be familiar with many of the works that site has been undertaking recently to help address landfill gas and leachate management, including:
  - the drilling of new vertical landfill gas wells
  - application of horizontal landfill gas wells
  - redrilling of underperforming landfill gas wells
  - the upgraded leachate treatment facility with new treatment methodology
  - interim capping
  - final capping
- With proceedings recently finished we will provide an overview of landfill gas monitoring in the next HRL CRG.

TRANSFER STATION VCAT

Update:

- The decision remains with the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal (VCAT)
- Veolia will provide a summary meeting once feedback from VCAT is received - date TBC

Supreme Court (Anderson)

Anderson

- This Supreme Court case is finalised.

CRG Action

- As there are some related elements between the cases, in Feb 2026 a comprehensive overview of both of these can be provided including;
  - A summary
  - an update on the monitoring data

HRL - Meeting Governance

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Veolia to provide confirmation of dedicated HPTS CRG meeting date when finalised.	Veolia	TBC	Following VCAT - Results still pending.

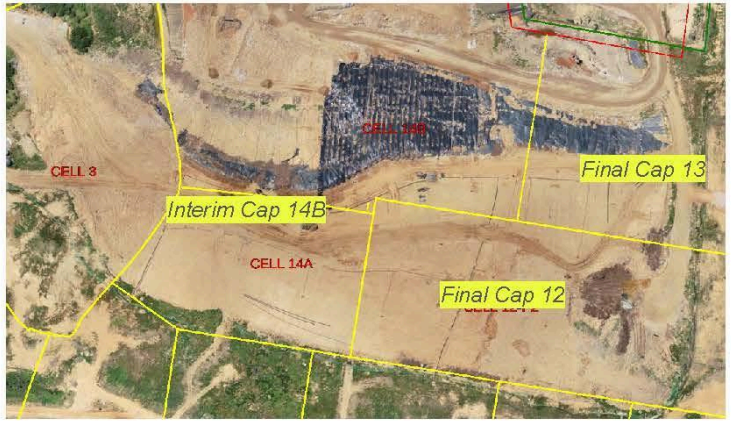
HRL - Project Updates

Cell 14B Interim Capping, interim batter lining and LFG Wells

- LFG wells completed
- Minimal remaining work on the interim cap
- Reapplication of the liner has progressed well following winds

Cell 12 & 13 Capping

- EPA provided approval for capping design late July
- The project is expected to commence before the end of the year
- The cells already have vertical wells to process landfill gas
- The process will require the use of heavy earth moving machinery to apply the membrane and clay layers

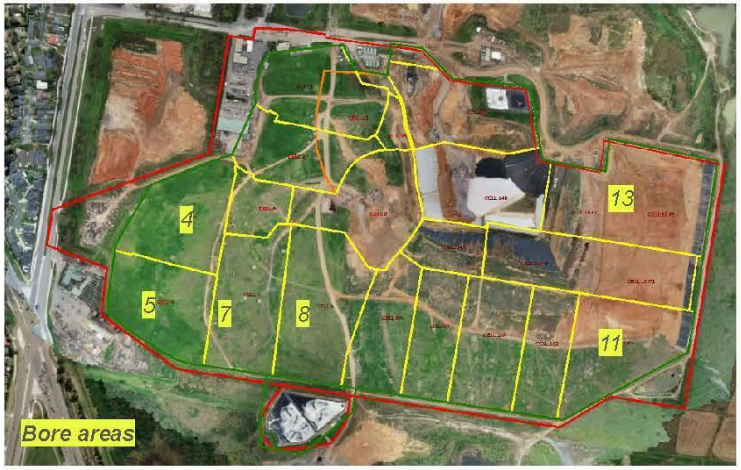


Related works areas

HRL - Project Updates

Leachate observation bores

- Installed on Cells 4, 5, 7, 8, 11 and 13.
- The bores are requirement under the licence and significant planning was required to mitigate risks associated with their installation
- Works are completed



Bore areas

Bore works

HRL - Project Updates

Cell 16 (Final Cell)

- Located to the west of Cell 15, and comprises a separation lining system against Cells 1, 1B, 2 and 3.
- This design allows for a uniform landform to be created between these adjacent cells and will be coordinated with the final contour plan to ensure the is has a consistent, even topography.
- Tender process completed. Pending EPA approval, aiming for contract to be awarded and the commencement of works in early 2026
- Cell construction is intended to be completed by mid 2026.
- Details have been shared with CRG and placed on the HRL community website.

Final cell location

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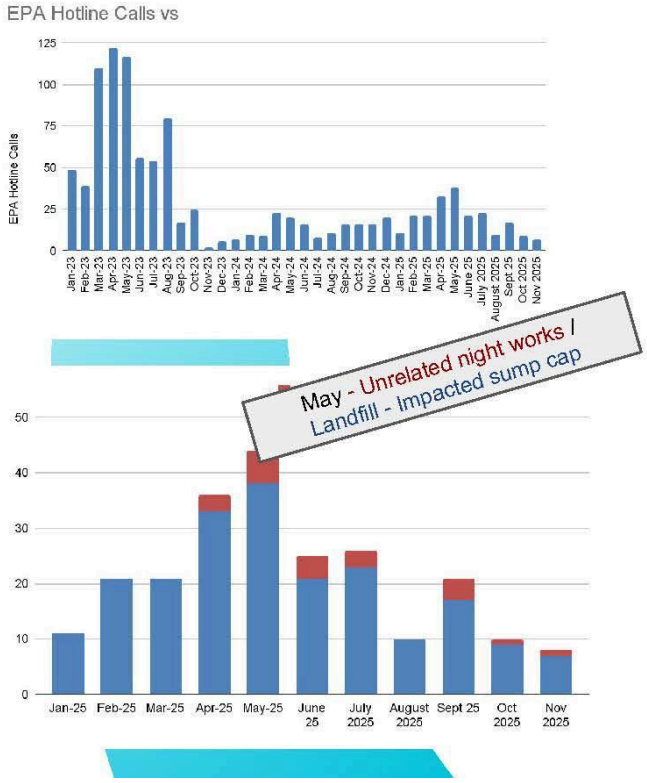
General Updates
Environmental Reports 2023 - 2025



- The top chart depicts EPA reports 2023 - 2025
- The bottom chart depicts total reports assigned as Hallam Road. The red portion reflects reports that a believed to be external sources
- Internally the landfill compliance team has trialed how these records are kept to help understand landfill and other local related issues potentially impacting the community so EPA have this feedback
  - In some instances EPA have been able to verify this feedback
  - Examples of recent instances include unrelated night works and the application of fertiliser on market gardens resulting in Veolia related feedback to the EPA

Hallam improvement notices and actions

Notice/ Enforcement or Interest	Description	Actions	Status
Capping 12/13	EPA have recently approved the capping plan (Mentioned on slide 6)	*Tender process completed and final contract negotiations underway*	*Letter of intent to be issued to contractor - early works expected to start Dec 2025*

Inspections

- September (EPA)
- November (EPA appointed auditor)

Taylors improvement notices and actions

Notice	Description	Action	Status
No active EPA notices	NA	Voluntary LFG Monitoring Program submitted to EPA monthly	NA

EPA inspections

- Jan 30, 2025 - EPA conducted a permission compliance assessment with no further actions flagged.
- Sept 23, 2025 - EPA conducted an announced inspected following an anonymous pollution report. No adverse findings.

TRRRP - Project Updates

Upkeep works - Leachate Ponds

- Works that commenced in March impacted by consecutive wet days.
- Clay needs to be reasonably dry to deliver the ponds to spec.
- Lining works currently being undertaken

The new bund wall is established

TRRRP - Project Updates

Establishment of new flare

- LMS and Veolia have entered a landfill gas Joint Venture (VELMS), Taylors Road is one of 12 sites within the portfolio.
- LMS are in the process of installing a new flare. The existing Run Energy and Ennovo leased flares will be removed upon completion of commissioning.
- The new LMS flare (1,000m3hr), along with the Veolia Uni flare (500m3hr) will have the ability to flare 1,500m3hr of gas.
- The LMS flare is expected to be online and operational by the end of November 2025

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TRRRP - EarthSure

Thermal Plant

- Ran 12 total campaigns this year.
- BAU
- Invested in new CEMS

Soil Washing

- The commissioning phase is completed
- The plant is undertaking proof of performance work to demonstrate the infrastructure does the job it is specified to do
- Reports are being generated to submit for an operational licence from the EPA - OL application submitted mid Nov
- Expected to be licensed and operational in early 2026

Recently Established Soil Wash Plant

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CRG 2026

Proposed Change

- In response to feedback - complete the Hallam and Taylors meetings individually to allow more time for site specific discussion.
- Resulting 4 Hallam and 4 Taylors meetings; tour still included.

2026 Proposed Dates:

HRL	TRRRP
• Feb 25	• March 4
• May 21	• May 27
• Aug 19	• Aug 26
• Nov 18 (Inc Tour)	• Nov 25 (Inc Tour)

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Restorative Justice Projects
Veolia CRG 19/11/2025
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Restorative Justice Programs

- As a resolution to court proceeding, magistrates have the option to make a 'restorative project order'. This enables fines to go towards projects to restore or enhance the environment, typically the impacted environment
- EPA has a regulatory goal to include restorative justice orders in all enforcement actions where appropriate by 20 June 2026.
- https://www.epa.vic.gov.au/epa-environmental-justice-policy-released

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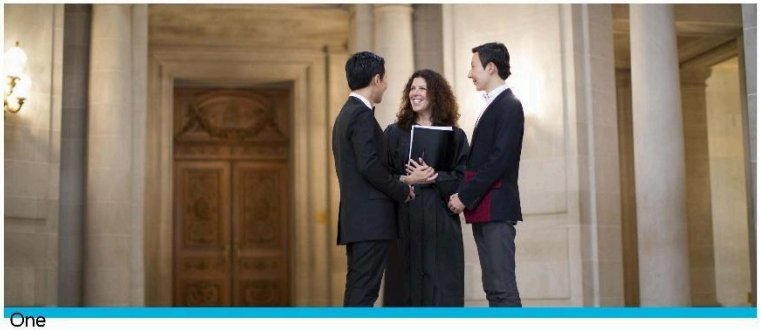
Process for Restorative Justice Orders



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Restorative Justice Order s322 of EP Act

- Restorative Justice order is decided upon by the Courts
- Court can either directly order a restorative project if identified before sentencing, OR can order payment of funds into a Restorative Account and EPA selects the project.

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- Where EPA is tasked with selection of restorative justice projects, we can consider proposals from councils, NGOs and community groups. The applications must be either from incorporated groups or legal entities, or community groups supported by an incorporated group or legal entity.
- EPA has a registration form for interested groups to sign up for future restorative justice project proposals.

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