TAYLORS ROAD RESOURCE RECOVERY PRECINCT

COMMUNITY REFERENCE GROUP

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

MINUTES

Wednesday, 26 August 2026 at 5:45pm	**Facilitated by:**	Susan McNair (Currie) (SMc)
Location: Taylors Road Resource Recovery Precinct, 870 Taylors Road, Dandenong South	**Note taker:**	Peter Somerville (Currie)

Attendees:

- **Community –** Thelma Wakelam (TW, via video conference), Tim Shannon (TS)
- **EPA –** Samantha Cseh (CS), Tim Saliba (TSa), Josie Lim (JL)
- **City of Greater Dandenong –** Matthew Berry (MB)
- **Veolia –** Jess Keyt (JK), Ash Kelly (AK), Nick James (NJ), Tai Truong (TT)
- **Apologies –** Ian Jensz, Jim Houlahan, Cr Rhonda Garad, Mark Globan

Background materials: TRRRP CRG May 2026 meeting minutes

WELCOME AND AGENDA (Facilitator)

SMc opened the meeting at 5.45pm, noting the apologies received.

GOVERNANCE & PREVIOUS ACTIONS (Facilitator)

SITE UPDATE (Veolia)

Former Environment Minister Visit: AK

- Hon. Enver Erdogan MP visited the site in June 2026
- Toured TRRRP and EarthSure following funding via the *Circular Economy Infrastructure Fund – Hazardous Waste,* delivered by Sustainability Victoria under the Victorian Government's circular economy plan, Recycling Victoria: A new economy.

TRRRP Operational update – landfill: NJ

- The redrilling of the landfill gas wells was completed since the last meeting and has improved efficiency of the gas field.
- Between the maintenance works on leachate ponds being finalised and a recent treatment campaign, the site has a strong leachate capacity.
- Waiting for EPA approval for the leachate pond works.

TRRRP Proposed Cell 21: JK

- The Cell 21 Development Licence Application (DLA) has recently been submitted to the EPA.

- EPA will commence its evaluation processes. Dependent on Requests for Information (RFIs), EPA has four months to assess the application, engage with community and make a decision.
- Dependent on the DLA outcome, Veolia will need to amend the site's Operating Licence which is expected to take approx. 42 business days.
- CRG members will be notified when consultation for Cell 21 is available on Engage Victoria.

TW questioned when the application for the Cell 21 Development Licence was lodged.
JK advised it was lodged 2 - 3 weeks ago.

TW asked if there would be further opportunity for the community to comment on the application.
JK advised further consultation will occur via the Engage Victoria website.

TW asked where this consultation can be found.
JL advised the EPA would contact TW and interested community members via email, as well as through newspapers and social media. JL advised EPA is planning to hold information sessions for the community.
JL and TSa indicated the DLA had not yet been accepted and therefore the four-month period for consideration by the EPA had not begun.
SC said EPA has mailing lists for sites with community interest, and people on the list will receive an email to be alerted to the community engagement.

Improvement notices and actions: JK

- There are no active EPA notices.
- The latest inspections were conducted in May 2026 and August 2026.

A continuous improvement program for landfill gas is underway.
The latest inspection in August saw inspectors and the permissioning team tour operations and look at aspects of the site where approvals are pending.

EarthSure thermal plant: TT

- 15 weeks of campaign production in 2026.
- Undertaking further research to reaffirm results of our previous industry leading studies. The research will help advance environmental remediation knowledge.

Veolia is working with academic and government institutions to conduct research and development work. Veolia hopes data will be published by the end of the year to demonstrate how efficient/effective thermal treatment is in destroying PFAS.

TW asked what sort of things Veolia is looking for through the trials.
TT explained the site has already undertaken research to demonstrate that it removes PFAS, producing clean products and clean gas. These trials would help further advance knowledge

and optimise the way the site operates and how the approach compares to other operators in this field.

EarthSure soil washing – TT

- EarthSure has been focused on demonstrating its recycled products as well as its remediation solutions.

The soil washing facility is treating Category C soil waste and the market is very buoyant. We have been able to recycle and make a lot of products that can be repurposed in industry. Sand is in high demand, driven mainly by people who make concrete.

TS asked where the sand is going.
TT advised the demand for sand in concrete production is largely driven by economics – it is much more expensive from quarries.

EPA update

SC said the main update from EPA pertained to the Cell 21 application previously discussed.

Other business

There was a conversation around the Cell 21 proposal.

TW asked if the proposal takes into account the 35% (prescribed waste across the site) licence condition.
JK advised the application was comprised of two steps. First is the development licence exemption, which looks to permit the footprint of the cell. The second step is an operating licence amendment, which commences once the development licence exemption is received. This step will see Veolia seek removal of the 35% condition. Veolia has already provided a lot of evidence in the development licence exemption application around why the condition is no longer applicable, relevant or proportionate to the risk of harm.
AK said he is developing a fact sheet to aid understanding of the 35% condition and will share this with the group.
AK invited TW to make contact after the meeting with any questions around the Cell 21 proposal.

SMc invited EPA to share any further updates regarding the Cell 21 DLA application and planned engagement, so they could be passed on to the group.

TS raised an issue concerning properties around the TRRRP site, relating to theft and hoon driving. Walkinshaw Group has experienced disruption to power supplies and telecommunications as a result of copper theft, has had property stolen, and is concerned

about staff safety because of dangerous driving and behaviour. TS said the company is working with local police on the issue, and invited Veolia to have input if such behaviour is also impacting its operations.

TT confirmed Veolia had also experienced property theft and some quite brazen activity.

TT and TS will meet in coming weeks to discuss the issue further and collaborate where possible.

TW asked if police had taken any action over the behaviour, or whether they were simply collecting evidence.

TS advised police have laid more than 300 charges across 15 people and spoke highly of Victoria Police's willingness to engage and take action.

TW said she believed Veolia was applying for a permit for a facility at Tarago in NSW.

JK advised Veolia's Melbourne-based staff are not in a position to share detail about operations in NSW.

SMc noted the next meeting will be held on November 25, including a tour of both the TRRRP and Hallam Road facilities.

6:30pm Close

TRRRP Community Reference Group Meeting
26 August, 2026
Taylors Road Resource Recovery Precinct
EarthSure's soil washing technology will transform contaminated soils for safe reuse in construction projects.
VEOLIA

TRRRP - Updates

Former Environment Minister Visit:

- Hon. Enver Erdogan MP visited in June 2026
- April - Aug 2026 MP Erdogan was the Environmental Policy and Outdoor Recreation Management, alongside Gaming Regulation and Liquor Regulation
  - Jaclyn Symes is the current Minister for Environment as well as Minister for Energy and Resources
- Visited TRRRP and EarthSure following funding Via the *Circular Economy Infrastructure Fund - Hazardous Waste, delivered by Sustainability Victoria under the Victorian Government's circular economy plan, Recycling Victoria: A new economy.*

Former Environment Minister visits TRRRP and EarthSure

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Cell 12C

TRRRP - Proposed Cell 21

Since the last meeting:

- The Cell 21 Development Licence application recently been submitted to the Environment Protection Authority (EPA)

What's next?:

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Cell 21 - location

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Taylors improvement notices and actions

Notice	Description	Action	Status
No active EPA notices	NA	Voluntary LFG Monitoring Program submitted to EPA monthly	Provided status update to the EPA 13 May 2026

Latest EPA inspections

- May 2026
- August 2026

TRRRP - EarthSure Thermal

Thermal Plant

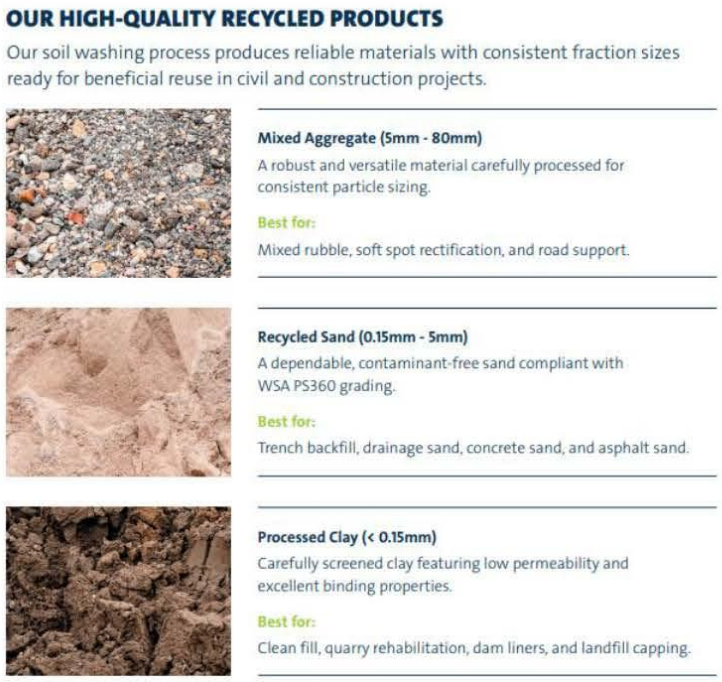
- 15 weeks of campaign production in 2026
- Continuing: Undertaking further research to reaffirm results of our previous industry leading studies. The research will help advance environmental remediation knowledge

Treated soil

TRRRP - EarthSure Soil Washing

Soil Washing

- The facility is operating in full swing
- EarthSure has been focused on demonstrating its recycled products as well as its remediation solutions
  - Highlighting the benefits of utilising project ready washed, sorted and tested soil.



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Thank you

Next meetings:
25 Nov (Including Tour)