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## **Minutes of Deer Park Community Liaison Committee Meeting**

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2013 at 5:00pm

**Present:** Wendy Bitans (Resident), Eyal Cohen (Resident), Frances Carabott (Resident), Joe Carabott (Resident), Stefan Gangur (Resident), Marion Martin (Resident), Clare Brennan (Resident), Steve Finlay (Shire of Melton), Stan Young (Brimbank City Council), Myles Whelan (EPA), Sian Harris (DPI), Clete Elms (Boral Landfill), Jason Parr (Boral Quarry), Greg Crawford (Boral Property Group), David Karstens (Boral Asphalt), Peter Longhurst (Boral Concrete), Paul Jackson (Boral Property Group)

**Apologies:** Jeff Finlow (Justice Dept), Darren Gregory (Boral Landfill), John Stewart (Boral Landfill), Neil Whiteside (Brimbank City Council), Sam Muscat (Resident)

**Others:** Peter Batur (Resident), Victor Bulic (Resident), Robert McNaughton (Resident), Peter Bitans (Resident),

### **1. Welcome**

The Chairman (G Crawford) welcomed everyone, especially Sian Harris who was attending for the first time, representing the Department of Primary Industries (DPI), and Clete Elms, Business Manager, Boral Waste Solutions.

Apologies were noted.

### **2. Minutes of last meeting – Confirmed without alteration.**

Stefan pointed out that his postal address has changed.

### **3. What's New in Boral – Greg Crawford**

Greg briefly discussed the content of the 3 Boral ASX Releases since the last meeting:-

- 6 December 2012 – Boral plans suspension of clinker production at its Waurm Ponds cement plant in Victoria – intention to suspend indefinitely clinker manufacturing from April 2013. The site will continue to operate as a cement milling facility using imported clinker. This will impact the jobs of around 90 Boral employees at Waurm Ponds.
- 16 January 2013 – Boral's new business structure to improve competitiveness – The 100-day review by the new CEO has highlighted the need to make some tough decisions. Under the changes, a total of 700 functional, operational support and managerial positions will be taken out of Boral's Australian business. Of the 700, 200 occurred late 2012 and the remainder is expected by end of March 2013.
- 4 March 2013 – Boral combines Construction materials and Cement divisions and appoints new Divisional Managing Director – Joe Goss has been appointed DMD and Murray Read's position will be made redundant from 1 July 2013. Paul Dalton, previously Regional General Manager has



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been appointed regional Executive General Manager for Victoria, Tasmania and South Australia.

#### 4. Business Arising

- “Litter escapes from the Landfill” was left until the Business Reports.

#### 5. What’s new in the EPA – Myles Whelan

- Myles spoke about the 3 EPA publications:-
  - EPA Contaminated Environments Strategy
  - EPA Victoria Engagement Policy
  - EPA Environmental Citizenship Strategy
- He informed the meeting of the early sunseting of the EREP program, pointing out that it had been very successful with considerable reductions in energy & water usage and waste generation. The program was expected to sunset end 2014.
- There was considerable discussion on illegal dumping in the area, and Myles encouraged its reporting. Melton Council was asked to consider installing appropriate signage in the area to discourage littering.
- There was also some discussion on odour complaints. This discussion continued when Clete spoke about the Landfill operation.

#### 6. Business Reports

##### Quarries (J Parr)

- Blast monitoring continues to be in compliance. It was pointed out that considerable effort is being put into blast design as we move towards the SW. One blast was also monitored at Wendy’s property and found to be in compliance. It should also be noted that Blast Limits are higher for the areas of the quarry covered by the “older” Work Authority.
- Nuisance Dust results were good except for 1 result which appeared to be an aberration.
- Wendy has requested a meeting with the Quarry business to clarify the future extraction plans along the Hopkins Rd boundary.

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##### Concrete (P Longhurst)

- Peter gave a brief update on what is happening in the concrete business indicating that volumes are good out of Deer Park, helped by the Regional Rail Project.

##### Landfill (Clete Elms)

- Clete gave an update on the action plan to improve management of litter.
- Odour issues were discussed and details of recent odour incidents were passed over to enable investigation of possible sources. Clete indicated his commitment to improving the situation if the source is found to be the landfill.



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- Eyal queried whether the approval for extension of the landfill site would result in any change to the height. Cleve responded that the contours will be generally consistent with existing approved contours, and in keeping with current approved contours.

#### Asphalt (David Karstens)

- Asphalt volumes are down. David gave some information on the successful Peninsula Link project that was supplied by a mobile plant located at Langwarrin.

#### Masonry

- This business has been sold to National Masonry.

### **7. Focus on Asphalt Operation**

- David gave a very detailed presentation on the manufacturing of asphalt at the Deer Park plant.

### **8. General Business**

- It was requested that we set meeting dates for the whole year in the future. The chairman was asked to set the 2 dates for the remainder of 2013.

**9. Next Meeting** : Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> July at 5:00pm.

**10. Final Meeting for 2013**: Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> November at 5:00pm

Greg Crawford

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