

**SOUTHERN JOINT REGIONAL PLANNING PANEL
PUBLIC BRIEFING MEETING NOTES
Infrastructure Resource Recovery Composting Operation
92 Pattersons Road, Gerogery
(2012STH026, DA 42-12/13)
Thursday 7 February 2013**

Note: This copy of the meeting notes has been amended to remove any references to any persons other than the officials who were present at the meeting. Public presenters comments have been summarised for public viewing.

PANEL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Pam Allan	Chair
Allen Grimwood	Panel Member
Terri O'Brien	Panel Member
Bradley Peach	Panel Member
Denise Osborne	Panel Member

COUNCIL OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Colin Kane	(Assessing Officer) Greater Hume Shire Council
Steven Pinnuck	(General Manager) Greater Hume Shire Council
Cr Heather Wilton	(Mayor) Greater Hume Shire Council
Cr Doug Meyer	(Deputy) Greater Hume Shire Council
Cr Tony Quinn	Greater Hume Shire Council
Cr Annet Schilg	Greater Hume Shire Council
Cr Karen Schoff	Greater Hume Shire Council
Cr John McInerney	Greater Hume Shire Council
Cr Stuart Heriot	Greater Hume Shire Council

APOLOGY: NIL

1 The meeting commenced at 6pm and closed at 8pm. The meeting was held at the Gerogery Hall.

2. Acknowledgement of Country

3. Declarations of Interest

None

4. Purpose of the Meeting

The Chair, Ms Pam Allan, advised that the meeting is a public briefing session only and that a determination will not be made. The purpose of the meeting is an opportunity for the Regional Panel to understand the key issues and community concerns with the proposal.

5. Council Presentation

Colin Kane, Greater Hume Shire Council, gave a presentation to explain his role as Assessing Officer for the Development Application (DA). Colin gave an overview of the application, the assessment process, and an overview of submissions received to date.

6. Applicant Presentation

No presentation by applicant.

7. Public Presentations

A number of people registered to speak and presented their concerns to the Panel:

13 persons addressed the panel **against** the item

1 person addressed the panel **for** the item

Additional Speakers at the meeting:

2 additional persons who were not registered addressed the panel **against** the item

9. Summary of Key Matters Raised by Public Presentations

1. Unsuitable site: development should be in industrial zoned land, not existing farmland. Existing farmland should be protected. Will this set a precedence for more like development?
2. Capital Investment Value (CIV) of project is not properly itemised and has led to suspicion of costing of development reaching the \$5 million CIV threshold.
3. Development Application does not properly demonstrate how it accords with SEPP (Rural Lands) 2008.
4. Traffic Safety: Concerns of intersection near Five Mates Bridge with matter including fog on highway, sightlines to and from curve of bridge, speed limit and time it takes for trucks to turn across the highway, school bus routes past potentially dangerous intersection.
5. Traffic Impact; rise of traffic on local roads, wear and tear impact on roads.
6. Technology proposed for facility has not been tested or used in Australia before.
7. No fire safety plan in the EIS. –Concern of combustion fires on the site.
8. Odour related matters; cold air inversion, lack of local data for wind studies, concern about report assumptions and data, size of stock piles leading to greater odours.
9. Water Management; -aeration not addressed in EIS, polluted water offences to occur. High local rainfall concern for water runoff and local floods.
10. Water Contamination risks: size of sediment ponds, effects of local tremors on stability of ponds, seepage into soil.
11. Contamination risks to local creeks and as a result, Hume Weir, -a major water supply.
12. Bovine Spongiform encephalopathy –(BSE) known commonly as mad cow disease. Animal products in output product ending up on land grazed by animals. Further concern of what items/matter can end up in final product.
13. No local benefit economically or local jobs created by development.
14. (In support): Facility is needed and objections come from 'not wanting it in own backyard'. Not enough of such facilities and the need to get more organic matter back into soils to improve carbon content.
15. Attraction of seagulls and ibis to site, and then taking matter and dropping it elsewhere offsite on other lands. Concern of trucks dropping matter along roadways and causing the spread of noxious weeds.

10. Concluding Comments and Future Steps

Question from Terri O'Brien to Colin Kane from Greater Hume Council

- Has additional information been requested by EPA? If so what is it and has it been received?
Answer: The information is request for additional odour modelling. Colin told it is 2 weeks away. Not received yet.
- Has anyone requested a further water demand or capacity from a govt agency?
Answer: No, no one has made this request.

Question from Pam Allan to Colin Kane from Greater Hume Council.

- Regarding Hume Weir, has no one picked this up?
Answer: No.

Chair requests a follow up with the office of water.

Question from Denise Osborne to Colin Kane from Greater Hume Council.

- Queried whether Dept of Primary Industries had made comment on any concerns regarding agricultural issues or the proposed use for the land.
Answer: No.

Question from Allen Grimwood to Colin Kane from Greater Hume Council.

- Has local lands council consulted?
Answer: no they haven't.

Comment from Denise Osborne to Colin Kane from Greater Hume Council.

- **Request that Local lands council be consulted as an action for council to follow up.**

Endorsed by



Pam Allan
Chair, Southern Joint Regional Planning Panel
26 February 2013