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# MINUTES OF MEETING

Held on  
Thursday 7 December 2006  
1.30pm-3.30pm  
Kwinana Industries Council, 41 Hope Valley Road, Naval Base

## Attendees

Roger Dean (DoIR) – Chair  
Rod Fielding (City of Rockingham)  
Peter Christian (Verve Energy)  
Cr. Rod Pattinson (Town of Kwinana)  
Sean Parker - Hismelt  
Declan Morgan (Dept of Environment & Conservation)  
Ken Raine (Dept of Environment & Conservation)  
Allan Gade (CIF Community Representative)  
Linda Griffiths (BHP Billiton)  
Greg Kaeding (Tiwest)  
Peter McKenzie (Town of Kwinana)  
Tonia Swetman (KIC)  
Debbie Hoey (KIC)  
Renaë Hibben (KIC)

## Apologies

Craig Watts (City of Cockburn)  
Cr. Anne Prince (City of Rockingham) part  
Cr. Julie Baker (City of Cockburn)

## Guests:

Mal Sanders (AFM)

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- 1. Welcome and Introductions (Roger Dean, Chair)**  
The Chair welcomed attendees to the meeting. Mal Sanders, Australian Fused Materials, was welcomed to the meeting.
  - 2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting Held on 24 October 2006**  
The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

## **2.1 Business Arising**

### **Tour of CSBP**

Following Allan Gade's tour of CSBP, a meeting has been arranged for Friday 22 December with Allan, Tonia and Cameron Schuster, CSBP as a follow up.

#### **Action:**

A verbal report will be provided at the next NRG.

### **Assigned Noise Levels in Hope Valley Wattleup**

A meeting was held with Declan Morgan, Tonia and Luke Willcock from LandCorp to discuss the zoning of Hope Valley Wattleup. LandCorp to formally advise KIC by letter that the area is deemed 'industrial'. This will impact on assigned noise levels calculated for the area. The information will be forwarded to Lynton Storer to update the noise reports.

### **Noise Regulation Section 17**

At the last NRG meeting, Declan Morgan undertook to confirm with the DEC Noise Dept, if there were any current exemptions. Following the meeting an email was distributed to members of the NRG advising that no company in the KIA has ever applied for a reg 17 approval for their Kwinana operations (apart from the general reg 17 application by Western Power that included their Kwinana Power Station).

It also stated that the DEC has actively discouraged companies from doing so, with the view that it is better to manage noise issues from the KIA on a cumulative basis and from an industry wide perspective. This is consistent with KIC member's approach.

Allan Gade raised a query with regards to Air Liquide who have a licence with nil conditions. Declan explained that they are still subject to the noise regulations and that information on nil condition licences is available from the DEC.

### **Community Education Workshop**

An presentation to council on the NRG outcomes has been arranged with NRG members and councillors from the Town of Kwinana on Wednesday 24 January 2007, at 6.00pm at the Town of Kwinana. Details will be distributed to members. A similar event will be arranged with the City of Rockingham.

### **Transport Noise**

Roger Dean to draft a letter to the Department of Planning and Infrastructure regarding a whole of Government approach to the issue of transport noise.

## **3. Presentation – Australian Fused Materials (AFM)**

Mal Sanders made a presentation detailing the noise management plan at AFM. The presentation included a background of the site located in East Rockingham and their noise performance history. Mal explained that crushing operations are limited to between 7.00am and 7.00pm each day to minimise the noise levels. The noise management plan includes a 'buy quiet' policy and a noise control policy and he explained that any opportunities for improvement to the reduction of noise are continuously explored. Members requested Mal's contact details be placed in the minutes:

Mal Sanders – Australian Fused Materials - (08) 9439-8817.

Members commended AFM on their approach.

#### 4. **Industry Update**

At the last meeting members discussed a number of items that were outside the remit of the NRG. To this end, the Terms of Reference for the NRG were tabled for members detailing the objectives and outcomes of the group. It was noted that the group had gone a long way towards achieving some of the objectives. Further work is planned to inform the community through workshops with the councillors at the Town of Kwinana and the City of Rockingham. The noise brochure will also provide clear information for industry, community and the local government.

- It was agreed that at the next meeting Tonia will provide a time and management plan for 2007. Members acknowledged that the intention was for the NRG to have a finite life following which the group could meet on an as-needs.

#### **Noise Brochure Update**

Renae provided an overview of the structure of the brochure which will include:

- **Introduction**  
A summary of noise (community, industry and government perspective).  
The KIA (noise impact).  
Noise Reference Group (purpose and successes).
- **The Issue and Response**  
History, Present, Future (industry & government)
- **The Future Framework**  
Challenges and contacts

A draft brochure will be distributed prior to the next meeting for members comments.

#### 5. **Dept of Environment & Conservation Update**

Declan Morgan introduced Ken Raine who will replace Declan on the NRG. Declan explained that as a result of the recent merger of DoE and CALM, Alan Sands is now the Regional Manager and Ken's role is Industry Regulator. The Chair thanked Declan for his contribution to the group. NRG members endorsed the recommendation for Ken Raine to represent DEC on the NRG. Endorsed.

Declan provide an update from the DEC:

- At the last NRG meeting it was proposed that there was additional membership from the Noise Dept which members supported. Michael Cake will attend future meetings and will provide detailed technical advice to the group.
- Michael is currently working on long term trend monitoring and the DEC would like to present the feasibility to the group at a future meeting.
- Declan confirmed that the Minister has received an open letter from the Kwinana Progress Association and the Kwinana Watchdog Group which raised a couple of issues. One of the issues was a proposal for sound insulation (roller shutters) at a number of houses that back onto industry and are affected by noise. Another issue

encourages the Minister to prosecute industry for exceeding noise levels. The Minister will respond in due course.

**6. Community Update**

Rod Pattinson stated that he was looking forward to educating the councillors using his knowledge gained from the work of the Noise Reference Group.

General discussion took place regarding individual industry commitment to noise reduction. After consideration of noise contributors, and initiatives undertaken, Allan Gade advised the group that traffic noise was a major concern. While outside the Terms of Reference of the NRG, the Chairman undertook to write to DPI, as previously agreed.

It was suggested that Allan Gade meet with Ken Raine to discuss specific industry noise concerns.

**7. Any Other Business**

On behalf of the KIC and members of the NRG, the Chair took the opportunity to thank the community members for their efforts during the past 12 months. The KIC Director thanked the Chair for his contribution.

**8. Key Messages for Communication**

The next NRG meeting will be held prior to the CIF meeting to allow the key messages to be included. Messages to include presentation made by AFM.

**9. Close – Date and Time of Next Meeting**

Details of the next meeting will be circulated to members.



## ACTION PLAN

Updated 7 December 2006

Ref	Item	Action	By Whom
1.	Assigned noise levels - verification, understanding and methodology.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Declan Morgan to make a presentation at CIF meeting Feb 2006. <b>COMPLETED.</b></li> <li>• DoE to present at KIC's EPC meeting on 14 February 2006 and provide a one page summary for distribution. <b>COMPLETED.</b></li> <li>• Lynton Storer working with the Dept of Environment on the agreed assigned levels.</li> <li>• Declan and Tonia to met with Allan Gade and Ann Prince. <b>COMPLETED.</b></li> <li>• Declan to make presentation at future CIF meeting on results of BarnOwl monitoring at Chalk Hill. <b>COMPLETED.</b></li> </ul>	DM/LS
2.	Validation program (monitoring)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Proposal to be circulated to members for discussion. <b>COMPLETED.</b></li> <li>• It was agreed to proceed with monitoring at one location. <b>COMPLETED.</b></li> <li>• Lynton to provide an update on the monitoring program. <b>COMPLETED.</b></li> <li>• Lynton to provide draft written report. <b>COMPLETED.</b></li> <li>• Report distributed to members, comments to DH by 28 July 2006.</li> <li>• Members to agree if further monitoring is required. <b>AGREED no further monitoring is required at this stage.</b></li> </ul>	
3.	Road/rail transport and other noise prevailing issues.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preliminary discussion to be held. <b>COMPLETED.</b></li> <li>• Roger Dean to draft a letter to the</li> </ul>	

		Department of Planning and Infrastructure regarding a whole of Government approach to the issue of transport noise. Draft to be circulated to members for comment.	
4.	Expert advice - Lynton Storer - Dept of Environment - Industry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Advice to be made available as required. <b>ONGOING.</b></li> </ul>	All
5.	Communications strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Draft Communications Strategy to be presented. <b>COMPLETED &amp; AGREED.</b></li> <li>Press release to be prepared. Press release <b>AGREED</b> and <b>DISTRIBUTED.</b></li> <li>To be reviewed at next meeting in August 2006. <b>REVIEWED, UPDATED, AGREED.</b></li> </ul>	TS  TS
6.	CIF Feedback	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Update and key messages to be provided at the CIF on 6 December 2005. <b>COMPLETED.</b></li> <li>Update and key messages to be provided at the CIF on 7 February 2006. <b>COMPLETED.</b></li> <li>CBH to present at the CIF on 6 June 2006. ARG representatives to be in attendance. <b>COMPLETED.</b></li> <li>Declan to provide NRG update including results of monitoring at October CIF meeting. <b>COMPLETED.</b></li> <li>Chair to provide Key Messages to the CIF on 5 December 2006. <b>COMPLETED.</b></li> <li>Chair to provide Key Messages to the CIF on 6 February 2007.</li> </ul>	RD  RD  DM  RD  RD
7.	Local Governments representatives to consider contribution towards the NRG.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In-kind support to be provided.</li> </ul>	LG reps
8.	Collation of industry noise reduction activity since 2001.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Some information has been received. Tonia to collate and present at a future NRG.</li> <li>Template for future NRG presentations to be established. <b>COMPLETED.</b></li> <li>All presentations to be collated and a document developed for reference. <b>ONGOING.</b></li> </ul>	TS

9.	Noise Brochure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Draft produced.</li> <li>• Meeting arranged with DEC noise experts.</li> <li>• Draft to be available for next meeting in February 2007.</li> </ul>	<p>TS</p> <p>RH</p>
10.	Noise Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Attend council meetings to make presentation on the achievements of the NRG and provide an open forum for discussion and education on noise issues.</li> </ul>	