



MINUTES OF MEETING

Held on
Thursday 1 February 2007
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 – Hlsmelt
Ken Raine (Dept of Environment & Conservation)
Kristen Priest (DEC Kwinana)
Cr. Anne Prince (City of Rockingham) part
Allan Gade (CIF Community Representative)
Nick Jones (Town of Kwinana)
Greg Kaeding (Tiwest)
Tonia Swetman (KIC)
Debbie Hoey (KIC)
Renaë Hibben (KIC)
Patricia Orr – City of Cockburn

Apologies

Craig Watts (City of Cockburn)
Cr. Julie Baker (City of Cockburn)
Linda Griffiths (BHP Billiton)
Peter McKenzie (Town of Kwinana)

Guests:

Collette Menegola – Grainol
Jacqui de Grussa - Grainol
Karen Lamb – Sinclair Knight Merz
Lynton Storer - Herring Storer Acoustics

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- 1. Welcome and Introductions (Roger Dean, Chair)**
The Chair welcomed attendees to the meeting and the above apologies were noted.
 - 2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting Held on 7 December 2006**
The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

2.1 Business Arising

Transport Noise

A letter has been drafted to the Department of Planning and Infrastructure regarding a whole of Government approach to the issue of transport noise.

Noise Brochure

Draft noise brochure to be circulated to the DEC for their input.

3. Presentation – Grainol

Collette Menegola, Managing Director – Grainol, made a presentation on the proposed bioethanol plant to be developed on the East Rockingham Industrial Park. Grainol recognise that noise and vibration are ongoing and sensitive issues for the Rockingham and Kwinana communities. They are required to satisfy regulatory criteria of 5dB(A) below the assigned levels.

Herring Storer have been engaged to assess noise and vibration impacts and noise modelling and assessment will be undertaken in accordance with the Environmental Protection (Noise) Regulations 1997 and EPA guidance No.8 – Environmental Noise. Noise level predictions will be made for a number of locations taking into account distance, assigned level and physical location. Noise level predictions will be made for Grainol cumulatively with all proposals and projects within the KIC's noise model.

Preliminary modelling activities have already been undertaken by Herring Storer to illustrate noise restrictions and design parameters for the plant. Grainol committed to providing updated presentations to the NRG as the results of technical studies become available.

Grainol informed the group that the Austrian technology chosen was seen as “Rolls Royce” in terms of noise and vibration performance. It was also the most expensive.

4. Industry Update

Report from Event with the Town of Kwinana

Tonia reported that the NRG presented an update on activities and achievements to the Town of Kwinana on 24 January 2007. A similar event is currently being organised with the councillors at the City of Rockingham

Schedule of Future Meetings and Presentations to the NRG

It was agreed that the NRG will continue to meet until the remaining six industry members have presented their noise management plans and initiatives, and when a noise brochure and when a noise brochure and summary of industry noise management plans has been finalised.

Once industry presentations are completed, the NRG will continue to meet only as required to review future cumulative noise updates by the KIC and receive presentations from new and proposed industry.

The NRG will remain an item on the action list for the KIC's Environment and Planning Committee. KIC has committed to undertake an update of the cumulative noise model

on a regular basis and will seek advice from the NRG on how often this should be carried out.

Action: Debbie to circulate a list of dates for future meetings and confirm a schedule of presentations for the remaining industries who have not yet presented their noise management plans. Members requested that Air Liquide present at the next meeting in March.

5. Dept of Environment & Conservation Update

Ken Raine reported that Michael Cake has been formally appointed as Noise Manager at the DEC. There is also an additional resource in the Noise Dept working on impact assessments. Ken introduced Kristin Priest, DEC Kwinana.

6. Community Update

Allan Gade reported that on 29 January he had received a number of complaints from community members regarding noise. Nick Jones, Town of Kwinana, reported that he had not received any calls regarding noise. Ken Raine requested that all concerns should be reported to the DEC or to KIC who will then advise DEC. He advised that the DEC carries out an annual report of noise complaints. This underlines the importance of the noise brochure, with its list of contacts. Community representatives had a difficult role at times, but were advised to direct complainants to the DEC.

7. Presentation

Peter Christian, Verve Energy, made a presentation on the noise management plans at Kwinana Power Station and Cockburn Power Station. He gave a brief overview of both stations and outlined a number of operational actions that have been taken to reduce noise. There had been some significant success and this was an ongoing effort. A copy of the full presentation will be placed on the KIC website.

Roger Dean, thanked Peter for his presentation.

8. Any Other Business

On behalf of the NRG, Roger Dean gave thanks to Tonia Swetman for her support during the term of the NRG. Members gave Tonia their best wishes for the future.

9. Key Messages for Communications

- Verve Energy's recent presentation to the NRG is now available on the KIC website. Visit www.kic.org.au under 'Environment'.
- A recent industry tour was conducted, providing NRG members the opportunity to query noise sources with KIC Members.
- NRG presented an update on its activities and achievements to the Town of Kwinana. A similar event is to follow with the City of Rockingham in due course.
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from new and proposed industry etc.

9. Close – Date and Time of Next Meeting

Details of the next meeting will be circulated to members.



ACTION PLAN

Updated 1 February 2007

Ref	Item	Action	By Whom
1.	Assigned noise levels - verification, understanding and methodology.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Declan Morgan to make a presentation at CIF meeting Feb 2006. COMPLETED. • DoE to present at KIC's EPC meeting on 14 February 2006 and provide a one page summary for distribution. COMPLETED. • Lynton Storer working with the Dept of Environment on the agreed assigned levels. • Declan and Tonia to met with Allan Gade and Ann Prince. COMPLETED. • Declan to make presentation at future CIF meeting on results of BarnOwl monitoring at Chalk Hill. COMPLETED. 	DM/LS
2.	Validation program (monitoring)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposal to be circulated to members for discussion. COMPLETED. • It was agreed to proceed with monitoring at one location. COMPLETED. • Lynton to provide an update on the monitoring program. COMPLETED. • Lynton to provide draft written report. COMPLETED. • Report distributed to members, comments to DH by 28 July 2006. • Members to agree if further monitoring is required. AGREED no further monitoring is required at this stage. 	
3.	Road/rail transport and other noise prevailing issues.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preliminary discussion to be held. COMPLETED. • 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. Draft to be circulated to members for comment. LETTER AGREED AND SENT TO DPI.	
4.	Expert advice - Lynton Storer - Dept of Environment - Industry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advice to be made available as required. ONGOING. 	All
5.	Communications strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Draft Communications Strategy to be presented. COMPLETED & AGREED. Press release to be prepared. Press release AGREED and DISTRIBUTED. To be reviewed at next meeting in August 2006. REVIEWED, UPDATED, AGREED. 	TS TS
6.	CIF Feedback	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update and key messages to be provided at the CIF on 6 December 2005. COMPLETED. Update and key messages to be provided at the CIF on 7 February 2006. COMPLETED. CBH to present at the CIF on 6 June 2006. ARG representatives to be in attendance. COMPLETED. Declan to provide NRG update including results of monitoring at October CIF meeting. COMPLETED. Chair to provide Key Messages to the CIF on 5 December 2006. COMPLETED. Chair to provide Key Messages to the CIF on 6 February 2007. INFORMATION HANDOUT DISTRIBUTED. 	RD RD DM RD RD
7.	Local Governments representatives to consider contribution towards the NRG.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In-kind support to be provided. 	LG reps
8.	Collation of industry noise reduction activity since 2001.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Some information has been received. Tonia to collate and present at a future NRG. Template for future NRG presentations to be established. COMPLETED. All presentations to be collated 	TS

		and a document developed for reference. ONGOING.	
9.	Noise Brochure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft produced. • Meeting arranged with DEC noise experts. • Draft to be available for next meeting in February 2007. 	TS RH
10.	Noise Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attend council meetings to make presentation on the achievements of the NRG and provide an open forum for discussion and education on noise issues. PRESENTATION MADE TO TOWN OF KWINANA. • Event currently being organised with the City of Rockingham. 	