

ODOUR ABATEMENT TASKFORCE

Update on odour issues

Cleanaway New Chum site update

The focus of onsite remediation continues to be the transport of water off-site to the Bundamba sewerage treatment plant via authorised points (manholes).

Aerators and deodorisers continue to operate across the site and the exposed pond area continues to be dosed with chemicals to improve the water quality and reduce the odour.

From Friday May 27 to Tuesday 6 June about 1350 truckloads of water were transported off-site.

Rain and showers early this month, has meant ground water continues to flow into the exposed pond. Sunshine and the daily loop of water transport trucks has meant the water levels are slowly decreasing.

Community reference group

Expressions of Interest (EOI) are open for community members to nominate for the Cleanaway New Chum Flood Remediation Community Reference Group (CRG).

CRG members will be asked to provide input into Cleanaway's decision-making process regarding flood remediation and assist with the development of a Community Benefit Fund for New Chum.

To nominate, answer four questions about how you will facilitate community awareness of the remediation works, if you have objectives you would like to achieve through CRG membership, how you would like to see the CBF used within the community and the CRG Terms of Reference.

Read the full scope of the CRG and nominate by visiting the Cleanaway [website](#).

EOIs can be submitted by Wednesday 23 June.

Air quality monitoring

The 'static' [air quality monitoring](#) data has been updated to include hydrogen sulfide (H₂S) data from 10 DES air monitoring sites in the local area from 15 April to 2 June.

Results from a further six community monitoring sites (canisters) have also been published. The latest results are from canisters at homes in Nicholis Dr and Benjamin Dr in Redbank Plains, Forgan Smith Drive and Avoca Crt in Collingwood Park, Vale St, Bundamba and High St, Blackstone.

The canisters measure 74 different volatile organic compounds (VOCs). VOCs are a group of carbon-based chemicals that easily evaporate at room temperature. Many common household materials and products, such as paints and cleaning products give off VOCs.

Residents at these locations have been emailed their results and a [fact sheet](#) to help understand the results. The report sent to residents for each individual air canister can be complicated to read – it is essentially the raw data from the lab.

To help interpret the data, the department has a ‘traffic light’ system on our [website](#) to indicate if results for any VOCs detected at individual residences are below the relevant health guidelines.

There are now 19 canister results live on the website from homes in New Chum, Collingwood Park, Redbank Plains, Bundamba, Riverview and Blackstone. All results to date, have been below the longer-term guidelines which are based on minimising risks to human health.

How you can get involved with community air monitoring

Air quality monitoring in the community is an important part of the department’s regulatory response to the odour issues at the Cleanaway New Chum site. Read the [FAQs](#) to find out more about the data.

If you live locally and would like to participate in the air quality monitoring, contact the Pollution Hotline on 1300 130 372 for more information. It’s easy—simply make a phone call and a canister will be delivered to your door. There is no cost to residents to participate in the program.

Stay up-to-date

The dedicated [Cleanaway New Chum odour issues](#) web page features updates from Monday to Friday and previous editions of this newsletter. It also includes [frequently asked questions](#), the links to [air quality monitoring results](#) and [live hydrogen sulfide air data](#).

If someone you know is interested in receiving regular email updates, you can forward them this email and they can subscribe to the [OAT Update newsletter](#).

Report odour

While we are working to address the current situation, we encourage all community members to continue to report odour issues to assist us with our ongoing response efforts.

Phone: 1300 130 372 (option 3) or [report online](#).