

ODOUR ABATEMENT TASKFORCE

Update on odour issues

The Department of Environment and Science (DES) is aware of significant odour issues in the Swanbank area and has commenced a formal investigation into the matter to ensure those responsible for the odour cease impacting the community as quickly as possible.

DES has increased inspections of waste operators in the area following the recent floods to deal with excess water and odour issues.

One of the landfill operators, Cleanaway, has treated water at its site this week to attempt to reduce odour, with limited success.

DES has now directed Cleanaway to:

1. begin transferring excess water to offsite locations authorised to receive liquid waste from today (Friday 1 April 2022) to urgently reduce water levels to allow for further treatment to reduce odour.
2. continue treatment of water on site, including immediately taking steps to better distribute chemical treatments across the water body.

DES is liaising with authority holders at authorised locations that can accept water to allow for the excess to be transferred to reduce the odorous water on site as fast as possible.

Water sampling has been undertaken by DES and Cleanaway, with results showing relatively low levels of contamination.

DES officers are continuing regular inspections around the Swanbank area to identify and address odour issues which can be common after flooding.

Community members are encouraged to report any odour issues as soon as possible by calling 1300 130 372 (option 3) or through the [online form](#) on the Queensland Government website.



Departmental staff undertaking a site inspection at Cleanaway