

NAMOI REGION AIR QUALITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (NRAQAC)

DATE: 13 AUGUST 2019

TIME: 1:05PM

LOCATION: LIVERPOOL PLAINS SHIRE COUNCIL

MINUTES

PRESENT	David Ross, Chair	
	Megan Prowse, Secretariat, EPA	Colleen Fuller, Community Representative Gunnedah LGA
	Lindsay Fulloon, Manager Regional Operations Armidale, EPA	Lynden Cini, Group Superintendent – Environment, Whitehaven Coal
	Rebecca Scrivener, Head Regional Operations Unit Armidale, EPA	Joel Curran, Compliance officer DPIE
	Leanne Graham, Senior Scientist, Quality Systems & Reporting, OEH	John Trotter, Environment Manager, Shenhua Watermark
	Scott Thompson, Senior Regional Air Quality Monitoring Officer, OEH	Wade Hudson, A/Manager Development & Planning, Gunnedah Shire Council
	Craig Dalton, Public Health Physician, Hunter New England Health	Leah Cook, Team Leader Compliance, DPIE
	Donna Ausling, Director Environmental and Economic Development Services, Liverpool Plains Shire Council	
APOLOGIES	Mitchum Neave, Aboriginal Community Representative, Gunnedah	Catherine Collyer, Community Representative Narrabri LGA
	Marcela Lopez, Manager Environmental Services, Narrabri Shire Council	Peter Forbes, Health Safety and Environment Manager, Idemitsu Australia Resources
	Kirsten Gollogly, General Manager - Health, Safety, Environment & Communities, Whitehaven Coal	

	AGENDA ITEM	ACTION
1.	Welcome, introductions and acknowledgement of Country. Previous minutes accepted.	
2.	Business arising Leanne Graham confirmed that there is no direct correlation between wind speeds and the number of 'lines on the map' but there is 'indicative correlation'.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leanne to follow up OEH data across three agency sites including the degree of web activity from visitors to the site – similar to data presentation provided to UHAQAH
3.	Presentations Leah Cook, DPIE: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Planning and assessments – outlines role of planning and compliance team and activities carried out in the Namoi basin Leanne Graham, OEH:	

	<p>– Namoi Seasonal Data – Autumn 2019 and accompanying hardcopy draft newsletter This presentation was followed by a general discussion about data for annual rolling PM2.5 averages being included in the newsletters now that we have one year of data to review.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committee members to read draft newsletter and distribute to their networks
4.	<p>General business There was a general discussion about NRAQAC information reaching the broader community. Donna spoke about how the LPSC has developed some social media strategies and created a new page on the website with links to air quality information. The LPSC has also experienced new people signing up to receive alerts. Donna said the LPSC are interested in learning more about infographics. Colleen spoke about the positive reception she has received from the Gunnedah hospital board. She said information she has provided about NRAQAC and air quality generally has been attracting positive attention.</p> <p>Lindsay spoke about his role as acting Director Hunter for ten weeks and the next steps for the NRAQAC. He detailed the desire to maximise value for the EPA from this process. Lindsay spoke about the next Upper Hunter air quality Advisory Committee meeting being a possible opportunity for the two air quality groups to meet. It is scheduled for 24 October in the Hunter valley. He further stated that it would be possible to travel via bus as a group.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lindsay to finalise details of a joint meeting on or near 24 Oct • Lindsay and David to design a planning workshop for final meeting of 2019

The presentations will be posted to this link to the EPA website: [Namoi Committee page](#)

Close: 2:45pm

Next meeting: TBA

Location: TBA