

**Environment Protection Authority  
Lake Macquarie Lead Community Reference Group**

**Minutes**

**18 December 2017, 5:00pm – 6:25pm**

**Chair:** Greg Piper

**Community Reference Group Attendees:**

Nicole Gerrard (School), Emma Hale (Community), Tony Cade (Community), Lloyd Hill (Business), Karen McCraw (Community)

**Other Attendees:**

Adam Gilligan (EPA), Alice Howe (LMCC), Chris Harle (LMCC)

**Secretary:** Adam Gilligan (EPA)

**Apologies:** Craig Dalton (Health), Richard Bastow (Ferrier Hodgson), Cr Luke Cubis (LMCC), Cr Wendy Harrison (LMCC)

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**Agenda Item 1 – Welcome**

Greg Piper, Chair (GP) welcomed all to the meeting and thanked everyone for attending.

**Agenda Item 2 – Apologies**

GP noted apologies from Craig Dalton, Richard Bastow, Cr Luke Cubis, Cr Wendy Harrison

**Agenda Item 3 – Minutes from Previous Meeting**

The Minutes from the previous meeting were adopted unanimously.

**Agenda Item 4 – Repository (including request by Boolaroo Action Group (BAG) to open Boolaroo Facility)**

GP tabled the request by the BAG to open a repository in North Lake Macquarie.

*Motion:*

1. *That the LMLCRG express to the EPA appreciation for the efforts of the EPA, Lake Macquarie City Council (LMCC) and Newcastle City Council (NCC) to establish an agreement for a lead contaminated soil repository at Summerhill.*

2. Expresses concern that subsequent requirements for the use of "bulka bags" to deliver material to Summerhill under the arrangements will diminish the utility of the site for this purpose and may exacerbate risks that materials are disposed of when opportunity arises (redevelopment) or see material disposed of illegally.
3. Requests that the EPA seek to have the "bulka bag" limitation imposed by NCC removed.
4. Requests, that if a resolution to the restrictions placed on the use of Summerhill as a repository is not found within 3 months, the EPA and LMCC seek to develop a repository within the LMCC LGA.

## **Agenda Item 5 – Further Funding**

GP advised the CRG that he would draft a motion for further funding.

*Motion:*

*That the Lead Community Reference Group advises the Minister for the Environment that while the recent announcement of \$23.5 million for management of contamination issues in NSW is appreciated, it believes that the portion allocated to northern Lake Macquarie and the four year funding term is likely to be inadequate and therefore requests that the amount and duration of the allocation be reconsidered to allow for an increase in amount and of the duration of the program.*

## **Agenda Item 6 – Review and Reporting Process**

AG committed to ongoing 6 monthly reporting to CRG members on the LEWG progress in consultation with LMCC.

## **Agenda Item 7 – Outstanding Items**

GP will prepare the final CRG report for the period July to December 2017 and forward to Barry Buffier.

**ACTION 1: GP TO PREPARE FINAL REPORT BEHALF OF CRG**

## **Agenda Item 8 – General Business**

There was no general business arising.

## **Agenda Item 9 – Committee Wrap-up**

GP thanked all for their contributions over the last 2 ½ years, especially the community representatives.

Meeting Closed: 6.25pm

## **ACTION ITEMS**

<b>NO.</b>	<b>WHO</b>	<b>WHAT</b>	<b>WHEN</b>
1	GP	Prepare final report	Before the end of 2017