



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

Minutes

24 November 2016, 5:00pm – 5:55pm

Chair: Greg Piper

Community Reference Group Attendees:

Anne Sullivan (Community), Nicole Gerrard (School), Lloyd Hill (Business), Emma Hale (Community), Tony Cade (Community), Cr Luke Cubis (LMCC)

Other Attendees:

Adam Gilligan (EPA), Chris Harle (LMCC), Richard Bastow (Ferrier Hodgson), Craig Dalton (NSW Health)

Secretary: Jackie Teal (EPA)

Apologies: Karen McCraw (Community), Cr Wendy Harrison (LMCC)

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 Karen McCraw and Cr Wendy Harrison.

Agenda Item 3 – Minutes from Previous Meeting

The Minutes from the previous meeting were adopted unanimously.

Agenda Item 4 – LEWG Report Update

Adam Gilligan (AG) advised that the LEWG Report to Government is currently being professionally edited. A Briefing Note has been prepared for Minister Speakman to inform him of the recommendations. The report is planned to be with the Minister the week commencing 12 December and will be made available to the community. The EPA's Media Release will be published on the EPA website.

Agenda Item 5 – General Business

Meeting with Department of Planning & Environment (DPE)

AG advised that LMCC and EPA have met with DPE to discuss the implications for DPE regarding the recommendations. He advised that DPE are generally supportive of all of the recommendations.

Bunderra Site

GP raised concerns that delays with the Bunderra residential site may be speculated by some as contamination related. As this is not the case, GP requested an update particularly for the benefit of community representatives. Richard Bastow provided background information and advised that the matter went to the Land & Environment Court with judgement passed down on 11 November 2016 in favour of Pasminco and LMCC. AG circulated a link to the judgement which can be found below.

<https://www.caselaw.nsw.gov.au/decision/5823c12ce4b0e71e17f552d1>

Agenda Item 6 – Next Meeting Date and Agenda Items

Next Meeting: Pasminco Site Visit and Meeting
Wednesday 14 December 2016 - 5:00pm

Meeting Closed: 5:55pm