

NAMOI REGION AIR QUALITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (NRAQAC)

DATE: 28 MAY 2019

TIME: 2:05PM

LOCATION: GUNNEDAH SHIRE COUNCIL

MINUTES

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

	AGENDA ITEM	ACTION
1.	Welcome, introductions and acknowledgement of Country. Chair, David Ross spoke about the need to fill the Liverpool Plains representative position. Previous minutes accepted.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lindsay Fulloon and Rebecca Scrivener to discuss with assistance from Donna Ausling
2.	Business arising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leanne to provide an annual summary statement of Namoi air quality for 2018
3.	Presentations Leanne Graham, OEH: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review of Namoi Air Quality Summer 2018-2019 Response to question from the committee about 18 December 2018 specifically. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leanne investigate wind speed correlation for synoptic chart Link to air quality alert subscription: https://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/aqms/subscribe.htm

	<p>The presentations were followed by a general discussion during which Colleen spoke of the amount of dust generated by trucks entering and leaving cotton farms, particularly on 23 May about 11:20am, 17km NW of Gunnedah on the Boggabri Road.</p> <p>Rebecca Scrivener, EPA:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Spoke about the importance of the dissemination of information from this advisory committee to the broader community. This was followed by a general discussion about how committee members have been raising air quality as a subject with in their respective communities. Well done everybody! <p>Leanne Graham, OEH:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Windy.com plus app. 	
4.	<p>General business</p> <p>Possible agenda items for the next meeting include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A DPE presentation on their role - Peter Forbes from Boggabri Coal – Employee dust monitoring data 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leanne to add OEH data on the 3 agency sites • Windy presentation to be made available to the committee • Communication from members on the committee is to be a standing agenda item

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

Close: 4pm

Next meeting: TBA

Location: TBA