



**BRG Bi Monthly Working Group Meeting - No 8 - 27 May 2026**  
**Wednesday 27 May 2026**  
**10am – 11am**

The Bimonthly Working Group Meeting provides a formal governance forum under the Better Environment Plan, bringing together participating businesses, government and regulatory agencies to review performance, share data and coordinate action.

Through collaboration, there can be a sustained environmental improvement across the precinct.

**Attendees:**

- Paul Torre – EPA
- Dale Irwin – EPA
- Simon Muir – EPA
- Hannah Noorda – EPA
- Monique Constantini – City Circle Group
- Simon O’Shea – ResourceCo
- James Georgiou – Delta Group
- Jake Repacholi – Hobsons Bay City Council
- Ivona Buljat – Maribyrnong City Council
- Jeremy Aarons – DEECA
- Brian O’Neil – PRX
- Stephen Kerr – PRX
- Dr James Brett – Synergetics
- Lisa Field – BRG

Apologies – EPA Field Staff via Dale (EPA), Christian Buxton (EcoGypsum), Katie Gurrie (Pelligra)

**Basic Meeting Agenda**

**1. Welcome & Meeting Format – Stephen Kerr (Meeting Chair), PRX**

All attendees were welcomed, followed by an Acknowledgement of Country.

Stephen noted two genuine apologies for today’s meeting from participant businesses, Ecogypsum (Christian) and Pelligra (Katie). Christian is currently attending an EPA site visit. Both will have an attachment report/update included in the circulate minutes.

Good progress continues to be made across the group’s action items; however, the dust monitoring program is taking slightly longer than originally anticipated.

Future discussions will also begin to focus on upcoming tree planting initiatives.

## **2. BEP Group Actions Updates – Dr James Brett, Synergetics**

All dust monitoring sensors have now been installed. There were some initial hiccups, with several sensors requiring replacement parts or full replacement, however almost all units are now operating well.

BRG members are receiving valuable data from the sensors, assisting them to monitor dust generated both on and off site.

Incident notifications are also being received, although the number of alerts has remained relatively low due to favourable weather conditions.

In relation to integrating older dust monitoring systems, the Sunshine Groupe site has now been integrated into the SiteHive software platform alongside the newly installed sensors. Delta has opted to replace its existing sensors with SiteHive units, with this process currently underway.

Fifteen-minute alerts are in place to notify staff in the event of elevated particulate readings. Alert events will be logged, providing a clear record of incidents and any actions taken in response.

Data sharing between sites is currently being established and is expected to be completed shortly. This will enable relevant staff to receive alerts relating to elevated readings from sensors located near their site boundaries.

Policies and procedures for management of the dust monitoring system are expected to be available in draft form within the next couple of weeks.

Stephen requested that this work be completed by the end of June, and that a meeting be arranged with the EPA to support collaboration and provide further input into the policy framework.

**Action:** *Arrange an EPA meeting in late June regarding the dust monitoring policy manual and progress of the dust monitoring program.*

Planting program is currently receiving quotes.

Dale (EPA) provided feedback regarding the dust monitoring program, noting that the data being collected is highly valuable, particularly where it aligns with the General Environmental Duty (GED). Dale expressed interest in seeing how the data will be applied to assist with the management of on-site conditions.

James (Synergetics) agreed that, once fully developed, the monitoring logs should provide a strong record for understanding incidents and their impacts.

Simon (EPA) asked whether the policy would include requirements to notify neighbouring businesses where dust exceedances extend beyond site boundaries. James responded that the approach may vary depending on the nature of the issue and how easily it can be rectified.

**Action:** *Include within the policy a requirement to notify neighbouring businesses when dust exceedances extend beyond site boundaries and impact others.*

**Further discussions with participant businesses about dust monitoring:**

- Simon (ResourceCo) commented on spikes recorded by the dust sensors, noting that a number of readings appear to relate to atmospheric conditions, particularly during westerly winds. Simon advised that two primary contributing sources had been identified — broader atmospheric conditions and local road conditions, where spikes are often observed as vehicles pass through the area. Ongoing actions include maintaining wet and clean road surfaces, particularly given the significant level of work activity occurring on local roads.
- James (Delta Group) noted that some spikes observed at their site were linked to operational activities rather than atmospheric conditions. In one instance, the issue was traced to specific machinery, which was able to be modified relatively easily.
- Monique (City Circle Group) was unable to provide an update as she is currently transitioning back into her role.

Paul (EPA) commented on the issue of road dust and confirmed that the EPA's own data aligned with these observations. Paul suggested that street sweeping activities should ideally occur late at night or in the early morning. He also noted that the use of dust netting may assist in reducing area-wide dust impacts and could be considered as a future initiative.

Simon (EPA) asked whether atmospheric spike events identified by ResourceCo could be communicated to other Better Environment Plan (BEP) members, providing an opportunity for collaborative responses across the group. It was agreed that this process should also be incorporated into the policy document.

Queries were raised regarding the activation and use of visual footage, photographs and video monitoring associated with the dust monitoring system.

**Action:** *James Brett to provide an update regarding the activation and operation of visual footage and photographic monitoring systems.*

**3. Communications Updates – Brian O'Neil, PRX**

In relation to marketing and communications activities - Brochure Update Complete – turning to website now.

Video production company secured with intent to film in June.

Signage procurement for BRG participant sites – recognising participation in the BEP.

Active on social media – Lisa to provide further update.

Participating in forthcoming VWMA state conference – focussed session on building community trust.

Local media [article on goat rehoming](#) - strong messaging around revegetation program and the need to rehome goats for this to succeed.

#### **4. Community Liaison Update** – *Lisa Field*, Brooklyn Recycling Group

Minutes from the last Stakeholder meeting held on 18 March were circulated and uploaded to the BRG website.

**Meetings and Engagement** - Arranged an online stakeholder meeting with Sycle, who are leasing the Jones Road property owned by Pelligra, providing a valuable exchange of information and perspectives (24 March) – all supporting good neighbourly relations.

Delivered a presentation online at the BCRG on 25 March, covering the work that is being done to mitigate dust and support amenity outcomes.

Participated in multiple meetings involving BRG participant businesses, James Brett and the PRX team, alongside DEECA and EPA representatives.

Arranged and hosted a site tour for DEECA participants, involving all 5 participant businesses (21 May) – informative for all.

Preparing to present / support presentations at upcoming events:

- Victorian Waste Management Conference – 1-2 June
- Victorian Health Air Forum – 11 June

**To support the planting preparations** - conducted several site visits to assess and manage goat movements and assess fencing, including arranging a site visit with multiple stakeholders (23 April) and the goat catcher, all to support an effective containment strategy and successful planting program. As a result, two successful goat containment operations have removed approximately 80 goats from the area (35 in the first operation and 45 in the second), with an estimated 22 goats remaining within the precinct.

**Communications** - continued to showcasing BRG practices relating to dust management, amenity improvements etc - across LinkedIn, Facebook, and the website blog.

Uploaded a third short-form video focused on dust suppression techniques on the website – [Home page](#).

Uploaded the Year 2 brochure - <https://brooklynrg.com.au/documents-brochure-yr-2>  
Produced two quarterly CLO summary reports (as required by the BEP year 2 plan) and published them on the BRG website under [Resources](#).

Distributed 1 [electronic newsletter in April](#) and converted both the April and February BRG electronic newsletters into PDF format for website publication – under [Resources](#). Community members can [subscribe](#) to receive future editions - But uploading a PDF offers another way to stay informed. Newsletter archive:

**Amenity and Road Advocacy work** continuing, with several reports raised with Brimbank City Council regarding dumping incidents, particularly within the Market Road precinct and along Somerville Road (12–15 May), and also highlighting issues at the Wright Street and Market Road intersection: long grass, accumulated road dust, and broader opportunities for environmental and visual improvements.

Provided input into the Brooklyn Industrial Precinct 2026–27 Annual Action Plan and Budget, advocating for increased focus on asset renewal and maintenance (4 May).

Continued discussions with Melbourne Water regarding future planting work along the creek corridor, identified as a priority area once goat removal activities are completed.

In the interim, planning is underway for another BRG community planting event at 174 Old Geelong Road in partnership with Melbourne Water and Friends of Lower Kororoit Creek – date tbc.

**Complaints and other community interactions** - through discussions with EPA was directed to follow up with a local business who have raised concerns, but unfortunately, they were not willing to meet – but I've tried to keep the door wide open – and even again speaking with BRG businesses.

Request for pallets from a local Junior Landcare did not result in actually gifting them these from our businesses, but I was able to linked her to a source – so a nice positive engagement.

## **5. BEP Participant Update**

**EcoGypsum** – Gypsum & Fertiliser – *Christian Buxton*

An apology was noted from Christian, who was unavailable due to an important meeting with the Environment Protection Authority Victoria.

Christian provided a written report outlining a range of on-site improvements and progress toward fully operational dust sensors. The full EcoGypsum report will be attached to the meeting minutes – see end of report.

**City Circle Group** – *Monique Constantini*

Monique transitioning back to work, and was not able to provide a complete update about site improvements at CCG.

### **Post Meeting updates:**

**Dust Monitors:** The sensor located near Delta's boundary has now been repaired. The sensor positioned on Bunting Road has continued to experience battery life issues, with SiteHive arranging for a replacement unit to be sent out.

**Dust Control:** A chute has been installed at the end of the conveyor system feeding the stockpile to assist with dust suppression. In addition, Synergetics has been engaged to undertake a risk assessment focused on dust and silica generated from site activities.

Also noting that Lee Malia who would have normally presented at the BRG Stakeholder Meetings has left his position with CCG; Monique is the HSEQ Advisor for Recycling and a new HSEQ Manager will be commencing next week.

**Delta Recycling – James Georgiou**

Completed installation of conveyor covers & drop chute on mobile crushing plant. Further dust suppression has been added to the mobile crushing unit, using additional water sprays.

Results show a clear reduction in visible dust while plant is in operation.

It was mentioned in our last meeting, that we're looking to upgrade our wheel wash system due to some apparent cracks in some of the flooring.

We have now made a decision to go with one particular model from PR Water .

This is a \$100K investment, and we're currently working through procurement.

**ResourceCo – Simon O'Shea**

ResourceCo has now returned to full operations, with all water infrastructure systems installed and operational.

The team is continuing to work closely with Ecogypsum to better understand and identify the primary sources of dust impacts in the area across their shared boundary.

Data from the dust sensors is helping to identify where dust is originating, with current indications showing that roads and high-traffic areas are contributing significantly.

A considerable amount of work is therefore being directed toward road management and high vehicle movement areas.

It was noted as a positive outcome that the crusher does not appear to be contributing to elevated dust readings, with monitoring data showing no significant spikes linked to crusher operations.

Dust covers are also being installed on chutes, with these works scheduled to commence in early June. The covers are currently being manufactured in China.

**Pelligra – Katie Gurrie, apology**

Stephen (PRX) provided an update on Katie's behalf, noting that Katie appreciated the opportunity to meet with the DEECA team and have a face-to-face discussion.

Pelligra is still developing an understanding of how the Better Environment Plan (BEP) will work with their Brooklyn sites.

Jeremy (DEECA) thanked Lisa for organising the site tour and also acknowledged the participating businesses for making themselves available and contributing to the discussions.

## **6. EPA Updates**

Dale advised that EPA has now relocated to Footscray and is continuing work to close out a number of current programs. Further work is still required in relation to proactive duties dust program.

EPA continues to use drones as part of its monitoring activities, with a focus on sites known to have issues or where reports and complaints have been received. Dale noted that, in the next financial year, the EPA's focus will again include both odour and dust management.

It was also noted that the Environment Protection Authority Victoria has met with Pelligra regarding its involvement in the Better Environment Plan (BEP).

Hannah introduced herself to the group and noted her role in relation to engagement activities. Noting to present at this meeting.

## **7. Local Government Updates**

Ivona – no official updates from Maribyrnong City Council, but will consider for the next meeting.

Jake emailed a letter to Simms Metal, asking they also join the BRG BEP and they did reply back stating they are following best practise guidelines. Jake commented that the joining of the BEP would also be a best practise move on their behalf.

Jake continues to encourage others to join the BEP, as council see value in this.

Fresh Air Innovators project is going ahead and will result in a new temporary air monitor going into the Brooklyn Tennis courts. This will equip local students to monitor and learn about air quality.

An asthma research report was released recently, generating a bit of media attention. Further discussion around the dimensions of this report. See links for details. [Report link.](#) [Media article.](#)

## **8. DEECA Updates**

Jeremy notes that the Fresh Air Innovators Project that Jake mentioned is funded by DEECA.

## **9. Areas of Future Collaboration All**

Stephen asked the Environment Protection Authority Victoria whether any changes had been observed in dust data following completion of the Big Build program.

Paul (EPA) advised that there had been no significant change in PM10 data to date and that it was still too early to draw definitive conclusions. Paul also noted that while much of the

major construction activity had been completed some time ago, elevated readings were generally observed during peak construction periods.

Paul further advised that James Brett will be presenting on the BEP at the Clean Air Society – Dust Seminar Series, on 16 June. The presentation is expected to provide a valuable opportunity to showcase work, network with researchers etc. Stephen requested that presentation slides and/or feedback from the event be shared with the group.

Stephen also invited Jeremy to present AQIP updates at the next Bi-Monthly Stakeholder Meeting.

**Action:** James to share his slides or feedback following presenting at the Clean Air Society Forum. BRG to invite Jeremy to speak about the AQIP projects at the BRG Stakeholder Meeting on Wed 5 August.

#### **10. Date of next meeting**

**Wednesday 5 August 2026 – 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM (Online)**

Enquiries – Meeting organiser

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**Attachment provided by Christian Buxton**

**Summary Report – Gypsum and Fertiliser Sales Activity - Better Environment Plan Update**  
*Prepared for EPA, Council and Stakeholders*  
*Reporting Period: March – April 2026*

This report provides an overview of recent operational activity, production performance, environmental management initiatives, and site improvement works associated with gypsum and fertiliser processing operations under the Better Environment Plan. The report has been prepared to inform the EPA, Council, and relevant stakeholders of ongoing efforts to improve environmental outcomes, operational compliance, and site management practices.

#### **1. Operational Summary** **March 2026**

Operations during March were undertaken under normal EPA forecasting conditions, with no Industry Warning Days recorded during the reporting period. Production was achieved on 14 of the standard 20 operational days for the month. Downtime experienced during March was primarily associated with proactive dust management measures and planned plant upgrade works.

## **April 2026**

During April, two EPA Forecasting Industry Warning Days were recorded on 15 April and 30 April due to adverse wind conditions. Production was consequently limited, with operations conducted on 5 of the standard 20 production days.

In addition to weather-related operational restrictions, the ongoing fuel supply crisis significantly impacted agricultural demand patterns. Farmers demonstrated a strong preference for urea products during this period, which resulted in reduced gypsum sales activity across the market.

Operational downtime during April also enabled continued investment in dust management initiatives and infrastructure upgrades designed to improve long-term environmental performance.

## **2. Plant Improvement and Environmental Works**

Substantial works have continued on-site to improve operational efficiency and environmental management outcomes. Key upgrade activities include:

- Installation of a Hassan crusher and Trommel screening system;
- Ongoing integration and commissioning works associated with the new processing equipment;
- Construction of containment walls surrounding the feed hopper area;
- Planned installation of roofing structures over the feed area to further minimise dust generation and improve weather protection.

Current estimates indicate that full integration of the new plant systems will be completed within approximately two months. These improvements are expected to significantly enhance processing efficiency while reducing dust emissions and improving material handling practices across the site.

## **3. Dust Monitoring and Environmental Compliance**

As part of the Better Environment Plan commitments, the site has continued to invest in dust monitoring technology and environmental oversight systems.

Recent initiatives include:

- Installation of two additional Hive dust monitoring units;
- Integration of the new monitors with existing DustTrak systems;
- Resolution of technical integration issues previously experienced between the Hive and

DustTrak monitoring platforms.

The upgraded monitoring network will provide improved real-time environmental data and enhanced capacity for operational response during adverse weather conditions.

## **4. Land and Biodiversity Management**

The site continues to participate in the “Goat Watch” monitoring program to support local biodiversity and land management initiatives.

Through ongoing monitoring and capture efforts:

- Approximately 65 additional goats have been captured and successfully rehomed during the reporting period.

This program supports broader environmental stewardship objectives and demonstrates continued participation in regional ecological management activities.

## **5. Conclusion**

Despite challenging market conditions, operational interruptions associated with EPA warning days, and broader agricultural market impacts, the site has continued to prioritise environmental performance improvements and infrastructure investment.

Key achievements during the reporting period include:

- Continued implementation of dust management initiatives;
- Significant investment in upgraded processing infrastructure;
- Expansion of environmental monitoring capabilities;
- Ongoing participation in biodiversity and land stewardship programs.

These works form part of the site's ongoing commitment to the Better Environment Plan and to maintaining constructive engagement with the EPA, Council, and community stakeholders while improving long-term operational and environmental outcomes