



## Agenda Items & Minutes

Topic	Host
<b>Welcome Committee Members and Visitors</b>	Philip Reichert
<b>Apologies</b>	Philip Reichert
<b>Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting</b> Approved by Loraine Bull and seconded by Philip Reichert.	Philip Reichert
<b>Project Status Report</b>  Chunxing have achieved endorsement from Latrobe Council and approval to start construction from the EPA on the 22nd and 23rd December. Chunxing had to meet the conditions of the incorporated document to commence construction prior to the 14th January 2022. Chunxing have been focused on this over the last month and achieved enough construction work to meet that requirement.  Robin advised we had 14 days to achieve construction requirements and were fortunate to have a local contractor start work over the Christmas period, and started on the 4th January. The contractors constructed the hardstand and water diversion bunds.  Leanne Norwood asked which contractor was completing the work, Robin advised Stable Engineering.  Chunxing are now completing detailed design and tenders for the soil consolidation, building fabrication, concreting and building erection. Works on site should recommence around April as per the Construction and Environmental Management Plan. We have engaged a consultant to assist with the civil design for the soil consolidation. The soil consolidation tenders will be sent out on the first week of March 2022.  Three tanks have been set up on site. One is gravity fed connected to the sewer. One is for potable water for dust suppression during soil consolidation. The third one is a standby tank in the event there is any ground water present during the concreting works that needs to be removed.  Drains will be installed to monitor if there is any groundwater rising on the site. The slabs and bunds are designed to ensure no water runs under the slabs. This is part of the water management system.  Chunxing will need to submit another twenty additional reports to the EPA. The EPA have been sent the new schedule of works. The next set of reports will be made prior to building erection, and includes the dangerous goods design and the fugitives emissions venting system, and should be completed by September 2022.	Robin Krause

The next section will occur prior to commissioning the plant, including final plant design, pollution control, hazardous operations, safety management, and fire services, and will be submitted prior to September 2023. Chunxing is planning commissioning of the plant in January 2024.

Lorraine asked if any contracts were in place yet. Robin advised we were still in the tendering process. The soil consolidation tender would be issued in the next two weeks, with an expected start date in April 2022.

Philip Reichert asked if there was any update with the air monitoring towers. Robin advised a local land owner near the Hazelwood North Primary School has agreed to placement of an air monitoring tower on their property. However this position is East of the school, and negotiations are continuing with a landowner to the west of the school to ensure it is in line with the facility. The monitoring tower will be erected prior to concreting works beginning on site. Tentative tenders have been placed with the supplier of the air monitoring equipment.

Mark Richards asked if Latrobe Magnesium had corrected their surface water flowing onto the Chunxing site. Robin advised that was completed, and that we also have ground water diversion bunds. Robin advised we would not be getting any contaminants from the Latrobe Magnesium site.

Mark asked when the wheel wash and shaker grid were due to be installed. Robin advised when we started soil consolidation in April. The shaker grids have been manufactured, Chunxing are pricing a fiberglass shell, and the pumping arrangements are being reviewed. Two pumps and a kilometre of piping will be installed to connect the three tanks, and control movement of water on site.

Mark asked when the committee could visit site. Robin advised we would organise a site tour prior to the next CLC meeting.

Robin advised initial excavations have shown that the soil compacts and water runs off well, and surface water should drain as expected into the stormwater pond.

Leanne asked when the committee and community would be able to access the recent soil testing report. Robin advised Chunxing had received approval on the 22.02.2022. and when it was posted onto the EPA website we would release it, possibly in the next week.

Bronwyn Woodward asked where the site air monitor would be placed. Bronwyn advised that the wind was generally westerly (easterly winds) and the site currently chosen would miss most of any potential emissions. Robin advised it was in direct line with the Hazelwood North Primary School. Robin advised Chunxing would assess the placement of the monitors. Bronwyn said the school was not the only issue, but the entire community should be a concern.

Stacey Clark advised the EPA didn't publish reports, they only acknowledge the approvals. Robin advised the report could be published on the Chunxing website.

Philip asked if a final decision on placement of the air monitoring could be considered over the next few months prior to construction as a lot of time has already been spent discussing their placement. Robin advised he expected this would be the case.

Mark asked for details on the placement of the monitors. Robin advised we would have one close to the school and one on site.

Bronwyn advised she had consulted outside of Chunxing regarding the entire Industrial Zone 2 area monitoring of dust/emissions, and was interested that the Chunxing air monitor be placed in the most advantageous position.

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Lorraine commented that the main concern of the community regarding the emissions was the continuous exposure of the children at the school, for example compared to the population of the hospital which was transient. Lorraine has seen wind studies completed, but was unsure if they had been completed for ULAB. Robin advised there are 13 monitors throughout the Latrobe Valley installed by Attentis, and that monitoring results are available on their website.

Stacey advised Australian Paper (Waste to Energy Project) did a large study on wind direction and impact to sensitive areas in the Latrobe Valley.

Robin advised that monitoring between the Chunxing site and the school will provide an understanding of where other contaminants are coming from. Chunxing are also installing wind direction monitors. Robin also advised we are continuing to negotiate with landowners close to the school to achieve the community expectation of having an air monitor in line with the school.

Leanne concurred with Bronwyn that the entire community, not just the school, would be interested in what other emissions would be deposited in the area. Robin suggested we look at the other monitoring stations already established in the Latrobe Valley for information. Leanne advised they don't measure lead. Robin advised Chunxing would be monitoring dust content and conducting laboratory analysis for lead once a month. Continuous online monitoring of gas would be conducted.

Mark posted the following links regarding air monitoring, <http://lvamninc.com.au/> & <https://www.epa.vic.gov.au/for-community/airwatch?siteId=70584bae-a7e7-4ae9-adf5-1e8e92b15386> . Mark believed the general consensus was that the expectation from the community was that the sensors should be placed near the school.

Stacey suggested that licencing conditions Chunxing would be likely to expect were on stack monitoring. EPA would not necessarily be interested in monitoring at the school. If there were unexplained exceedance of dust quality at the school the EPA would be looking at the data from the Chunxing onsite monitoring. If there were no breaches at Chunxing, the EPA would be investigating other potential sources of contamination.

Mark advised the EPA conducted regular testing while Hazelwood Mine was operational. Mark advised Chunxing are now providing a greater level of monitoring than had been conducted in the area in the past.

Robin advised Chunxing was very grateful to the Latrobe City Council and the EPA in assisting in getting through to the construction phase of the project, within a limited timeframe. It has also allowed Chunxing to complete the detailed design work, and looks promising in meeting the commissioning date in January 2024.

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<p><b>Community Questions &amp; General Business</b></p> <p>Stacey suggested it may be appropriate to review the membership and meeting times of the CLC to ensure meeting information is continued to be distributed to the community. Stacey also suggested we look at how the agenda was structured. Tania advised the Terms of Reference outlines how meetings are conducted and have been signed and approved by our community members. CLC members are given the opportunity to provide agenda items 4 weeks prior to every meeting. Leanne is concerned that some members may not be interested in continuing, and perhaps these places should be made available to new members. Tania advised the Hazelwood North Primary School currently has no representation. Shane Mynard suggested we contact committee members to assess if they are interested in continuing in representing the community. Mark suggested committee member may have different interests in different phases of the project.</p> <p>Robin agreed that Chunxing should contact committee members to assess their commitment to the role. Robin thanked Philip for being our guest chair for the meeting, and would like him to continue as our interim chairman. Stacey asked if Richard Elkington had resigned. Tania advised Chunxing has been unable to get in contact with Richard and were concerned about his wellbeing. Mark advised he had met up with Richard in the previous week and he was in fine health. Stacey advised Chunxing required an independent chair. Tania advised she would consult the Terms of Reference regarding the appointment of the chair.</p> <p>Philip commented that covid restrictions need to be considered for future meetings.</p>	<p>Robin Krause</p>
<p>Agenda items for next meeting by Wednesday 30 March 2022 to <a href="mailto:tania.brown@jschunxing.com">tania.brown@jschunxing.com</a></p>	<p>Philip Reichert</p>
<p>Next Meeting Wednesday 27 April 2022 7.00pm. Venue to be confirmed.</p>	<p>Philip Reichert</p>
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