



**Used Lead Acid Battery Community Liaison Committee Meeting**  
**17-Apr-24**  
**7.00pm**  
**Online**

**Minutes**

**Topic**

**Host**

<p><b>Welcome Committee Members and Visitors</b></p>	<p>Philip Reichert</p>
<p><b>Apologies</b> Refer attached attendance sheet</p>	<p>Philip Reichert</p>
<p><b>Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting</b> Approved by Lorraine Bull</p>	<p>Philip Reichert</p>
<p><b>Progress Report - General Status</b></p> <p>Submission to EPA with preliminary meeting with EPA and they have come back requesting clarification on some technical details within the submission. We will be working through them in the next month. Clarifications include stormwater management, battery braking technical documentation, the air monitoring on the main stack, and the handling and disposal of products and waste.</p> <p>All reports have been made to EPA, with the exception of the final report from Fire &amp; Rescue. We have had questions from Fire &amp; Rescue Victoria which we have answered and we are expecting within the next month a decision on endorsement of the fire systems which will then be submitted to EPA as the final report. EPA have the Fire Engineering Proposal in the interim.</p> <p>Air monitoring: Rent is being paid on the air monitoring station. Infrastructure will not be installed until after EPA approvals are granted. We will then have approval to construct and will then be able to construct the air monitoring station across from the school</p> <p>On site management: We are continuing to manage stormwater that falls across the property via the 2 ponds and discharging to trade waste as per our approval and trade waste agreement. Water levels are being maintained to ensure capacity on site to contain any large stormwater events and enable treatment.</p> <p>Question Philip Reichert (Chair): How long do you anticipate to answer the EPA queries? Answer ULAB Project Coordinator, Robin Krause: By the end of the month.</p>	<p>Robin Krause</p>

Question Philip Reichert (Chair): How long to EPA then need? A month?  
 Answer ULAB Project Coordinator, Robin Krause : We hope less than that but we're unsure.  
 Answer EPA, Stacey Clark: This speaks to the rigor and thoroughness of these technical reports and their technical expect EPA has assisting with the review. For community this is the reason this process is taking a while.

Question Community Member, John Ellingham: Where the clarifications sought by EPA significant or minor?  
 Answer ULAB Project Coordinator, Robin Krause: No, there were no significant clarifications. It is more detail on the technical aspects of the process and how we handle products and waste within the building and how we manage them leaving the facility.

Question Community Member, John Ellingham: Where there any questions in relation to flue gases or unusual products from the process?

Answer ULAB Project Coordinator, Robin Krause: No, we covered discharge from the stack well in the submission. The clarification was regarding response when a transient from normal.

Battery braking process: ULAB Project Coordinator, Robin Krause played the animation on the battery braking process with the group and explained the process. A copy will be provided with the meeting minutes.

**Any other questions from the community members for discussion**

Thank you to Latrobe City Council, John Petrakos for the contact details at the other agencies in regards to roads.

Community Member, John Ellingham noted that in the local community paper (Latrobe Valley Express), Tramway Road was raised as a concern.

A discussion was held in regards to the road and Lorraine Bull suggested raising it with Vic Roads. Philip Reichert (Chair) referred back to John Petrakos email regarding contact for the community to raise with other avenues.

Latrobe Valley Sustainability Group, Lorraine Bull: Can the animation image be added to the website?

Answer Pure GM Services, Rachel Irvine-Marshall: Yes, I can have it added to the website with the meeting minutes.

Question EPA, Stacey Clark: If no update, should we consider postponing the next meeting?

Philip Reichert (Chair): Prefer to continue with the meeting if the news is no news.

**Next Meeting**

19th June 2024 - to confirm if online or in person prior to meeting

Philip Reichert