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## CLM Sector Group minutes, Wednesday 13 February 2019

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Location:	Teleconference	
Present:	James Corbett James Court Michelle Begbie Paul Walker Rachel Rait Rowan Freeman Timothy Dee	Auckland Council BP Oil New Zealand Waikato Regional Council Tonkin + Taylor Babbage Consultants Environment Canterbury Aurecon
In attendance:	Nic Quilty	WasteMINZ
Guests:	Bruce Croucher Stan Howell	Ministry for the Environment (11.30am to 11.45am) Aurecon (10am to 10.20am)
Apologies:	Sarah Smith Wayne Plummer	Envira Consulting WasteMINZ Board Champion

### 1. Welcome, introductions and apologies

- The meeting commenced at 10.03am

**2. Health and safety standards for the CLM industry**

- At the WasteMINZ conference, Martin Robertson and Anna Carter discussed the lack of health and safety standards in the New Zealand contaminated land management industry.
- Stan Howell, who sits on an ALGA committee, attended the meeting to discuss the possibility of providing health and safety standards for the New Zealand contaminated land management industry.
- The Steering Committee gave Stan their feedback.
- ACTION: Stan will think about the next steps and come back to the Steering Committee.

**3. Previous minutes of 28 November 2018 – accepted?**

Resolution: That the Steering Committee receives and approves the previous minutes.

Moved: Rachel Rait

Seconded: Timothy Dee

Carried: Unanimously

**4. Actions arising from previous meeting of 18 November 2018**

Action	Allocated to	Deadline	Status
Forward Tim Dee the documents he has that were referred to in Anna Carter and Martin Robertson's presentation on 'Teaching old dogs new tricks; health and safety for contaminated land'	James Corbett	5 Dec 18	Completed
Forward Nic the WorkSafe NZ documents she has, to circulate to the Steering Committee, that were referred to in Anna Carter and Martin Robertson's presentation on 'Teaching old dogs new tricks; health and safety for contaminated land'	Sarah	5 Dec 18	Completed

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Discuss possibility of a workshop on guidance on land disturbance on contaminated sites (mentioned in Anna Carter and Martin Robertson's presentation) with James Court, to get more detail	Nic	6 Dec 18	Completed
Forward Nic a few keynote suggestions for the 2019 conference	Tim	30 Nov 18	Completed
Set up a teleconference with Michelle and James Court to discuss agenda items for meeting with MfE and what needs to be covered	Nic	4 Dec 18	Completed
Do up a table of parties the Steering Committee should be engaging with and circulate for Steering Committee to populate with their contacts	Nic	5 Dec 18	Completed
<p>Fact sheets:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Check that the links are current</li> <li>• In Fact Sheet 1, add a link to retrolens.nz under 'How do I find out about past uses of my land?'</li> <li>• In Fact Sheet 2, add a link to retrolens.nz under 'Information sources: Historic aerial photographs' and remove the reference to local councils.</li> </ul>	Nic	1 Feb 18	Not completed
<p>Forward contact for Andrew Rose at Housing New Zealand, so that Nic can approach for residential lead working group. Further information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Michelle is meeting with Andrew after this meeting and will ask him to be a contact.</li> </ul>	Tim	30 Nov 18	Completed
Establish who the contacts are for the Regional Waste and Contaminated Land Officers Forums are, identify when next year's forums are being held and advise Steering Committee at the relevant times	Nic	5 Dec 18	Completed
Liaise with Michelle over suitable times for next year's meetings (10am to 12pm on Wednesdays) and send out invites	Nic	19 Dec 18	Completed

### 5. Work plan

- The Steering Committee went through the work plan to ensure they were on track and amend any actions that needed to be changed.
- Action 1.2: Work with ALGA to investigate whether lead in soil from residential paint poses a significant risk to community health.
  - Nic: I will remove this action, as a working group has now been set up, with WasteMINZ is leading.

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- Action 1.3: Work with ALGA to raise awareness of the risks associated with lead in soil from residential paint and encourage practical solutions.
  - Nic: I will change this action, as a working group has now been set up.
- Action 2.1: Advocate that the Ministry for the Environment support the Certified Environmental Practitioner (Site Contamination) Scheme:
  - Nic: Michelle, James Court and I met with Bruce Croucher and Phillipa Guthrey in December last year, and I gave an update to the Steering Committee shortly after. James Court has drafted some information to go on MfE's website, to show their support for the scheme. Michelle and I are currently reviewing it.
  - James Court: I have tried to keep it high level. Feel free to amend as you see fit.
- Action 2.2: Encourage practitioners who have recently become Certified Environmental Practitioners (Site Contamination) to present at WasteMINZ events.
  - Nic: If anyone knows of anyone who has become recently certified, forward their details to me.
- Action 6.1: Identify young professionals who could present at WasteMINZ events (webinars, workshops, conference) and liaise with them to identify topics.
  - Nic: If anyone has graduates at their organisations that are interested in presenting at a WasteMINZ event, advise Nic.
- Nic: Once I have made the above amendments, I will forward the updated work plan to the Steering Committee.

### 6. Key stakeholders Sector Group should be engaging with – who, why and how

- Nic: We need to prioritise the key stakeholders, identify why we should be engaging with them, what's in it for them, who will contact them and how.
- The Steering Committee discussed the key stakeholders.
- ACTION: Nic will forward an updated key stakeholders list to the Steering Committee for their approval, with the additional columns, 'why we should be engaging with them' and 'benefits to the stakeholder' for the committee to populate.

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### 7. Upcoming events

- 19 March: Webinar with Marcus Herrmann, RILEY Consultants: Evolution of NZ contaminated land regulatory regimes and management strategies - <https://www.wasteminz.org.nz/event/webinar-evolution-of-nz-contaminated-land-regulatory-regimes-and-management-strategies/>
- 28 March: CLM networking event in Christchurch - <https://www.wasteminz.org.nz/event/contaminated-land-networking-christchurch/>:
  - Samantha Webb, Environment Canterbury: Identification and assessment of timber treatment site discharges in Canterbury
  - Gareth Oddy, ENGEO: Asbestos in urban soil; pitfalls and progress
- 9 April: Webinar with Michael Watson: PFAS – stakeholder engagement and the Defence Force
- 23-26 September: WasteMINZ conference

### 8. Potential webinars

- The Steering Committee discussed potential topics and presenters.

### 9. Residential lead working group

- Nic: A working group has been formed, which comprises consultants, local government and the Canterbury District Health Board. The group's first teleconference was on 25 January, when they discussed the group's potential objectives, issues, communication, promotion and potential actions. The group's next teleconference is on 28 February.
- Steering Committee:
  - Any actions need have credibility behind them.
  - At the panel discussion at WasteMINZ's conference, it became apparent that there was a lot of hysteria over this issue.
  - The early objectives of the working group are to build dialogue with health groups and the health industry, work out what data is out there and what we still need. The current risk models aren't working or aren't appropriate. The group is early on in their thinking.

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### 10. Update from MfE

- Bruce:
  - We are working at trying to get Guidelines 1 and 5 completed, taking on board the comments from consultation and, hopefully, getting those documents out as soon as we practically can; hopefully the middle of the year. James is working on Guidelines 1 and 5.
  - We still need to do further consultation on the HAIL guidance. We probably won't finalise this until late this year or early to mid-next year.
  - We are looking for opportunities to work with other parties around bioavailability and XRF. It will be a co-operative process with consultants, councils and industry partners. The Ministry will need to be involved and will do its part of that work, which will include consultation, publishing documents and ensuring the existing guidance is changed. Again, that's a piece of work that we will need to kick off in the second half of this year. Timeframes will be set by the groups that want to take on the work.
  - On the PFAS front, we are continuing to support the all of government group with the various pieces of work.
  - With Kim leaving we have lost a resource, so I have had to pick up the Contaminated Sites Remediation Fund. We are not currently recruiting for a replacement for Kim.
  - We need to talk to the regional councils about Guideline 4, as this is a document that they were working on and we are not sure where they are at.
- Steering Committee: Has anything changed with the intended outputs of the all government group or are they the same as previously communicated?
- Bruce: Some things will change. We are finding that councils and industry are switching to where they want to be. It's a business as usual model and there are a few things that we need to do to support that, for example, what we do about disposal of PFAS in contaminated soil. Some landfills are refusing to take these materials which is making it difficult, if not impossible, to dispose of PFAS contaminated soils in a region. There are obviously pieces of work that will be coming out to support that.
- Bruce: There is a bit of work around the PFAS National Environmental Management Plan (PFAS NEMP 2.0). There is definitely an Australian context to it but we can adapt it. We don't know the consultation timeframes for the document as it's being run by the EPA in Australia and New Zealand. We are expecting a meeting to be scheduled for next week, when we will talk about the release of the document for consultation. Bruce will forward the document to Nic when it is released.
- Bruce: We are funded for our PFAS work up until June. We think that the all of government group will be winding up at the end of June.
- Steering Committee: Where is the PFAS sampling guideline at?

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- Bruce: It's one of the many things that I need to get on with. The people who gave feedback on the last version will be given an opportunity to do this again and we will look to put up on our website. It is a significantly changed document.
- Steering Committee: Is anything happening around setting the limits for discharges around PFAS at landfills?
- Bruce: This was raised at the last working group meeting. Those limits are set by regional councils in consents for the landfills and this is dictated by what wastewater treatment plants will accept. Peter Dawson (EPA) and I are talking and Peter may do a similar think-piece for wastewater acceptance criteria. Until we have actually had some time to think about this, I don't know what it will look like. We won't be putting out a guideline value in our documents. Each landfill is different and this is a role for regional councils.
- Bruce: We are currently still having CSRF funding rounds, but it is something that is going to be less resourced than in the past. We are expecting to run funding rounds at the end of March, it depends on the resources our end. It will still be running, but it is likely to be at a slower pace as less people will be working on it.

### 11. Working with MfE

- The Steering Committee talked about how could work with the Ministry going forward.:
- ACTION: James Court will send through a draft structure that is in its very early stages.

### 12. Potential agenda items for Regional Waste and Contaminated Land Forum and what could be presented

- Michelle and James Corbett will present on what the Steering Committee is working on and opportunities to connect/align on at the Forum's meeting on 11 March.
- The Steering Committee discussed what should be presented.

### 13. General business

- Nic: At the last meeting, you asked if I could update you on what the other sector groups are doing that might be of interest to this sector group:

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- H & S Sector Group:
  - I will be forming a working group to develop a section covering the disposal of low concentrations of asbestos-contaminated soil at a landfill to be consulted on and then added to the *Waste industry guidelines to manage the collection, receipt, transport and disposal of asbestos of land* (that were released in the middle of January)
- Disposal to Land:
  - Finalising a thought piece on the challenges of increasing and extending the waste disposal levy
  - Ensuring WasteMINZ is part of the working group for revisions 2 and 3 of the Technical Guidelines for Disposal to Land

### 14. Next teleconference

- 15 May, 10am to 12pm.

### Action items from this meeting:

Action Point	Allocated to	Deadline
H & S training programme: Think about the next steps and come back to the Steering Committee	Stan	15 Feb 19
Fact sheets: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Check that the links are current</li> <li>• In Fact Sheet 1, add a link to retrolens.nz under 'How do I find out about past uses of my land?'</li> <li>• In Fact Sheet 2, add a link to retrolens.nz under 'Information sources: Historic aerial photographs' and remove the reference to local councils.</li> </ul>	Nic	1 Mar 19
Residential Lead Working Group: Ask Andrew Rose at Housing New Zealand if he would like to be on the group and advise Nic	Michelle	19 Feb 19
Work plan: Remove action 1.2, amend action 1.3, and then forward updated work plan to the Steering Committee	Nic	19 Feb 19
Work plan: Advise Nic if you are aware of anyone who has recently become Certified Environmental Practitioners (Site Contamination), as they may be interested in presenting at a WasteMINZ event	Steering Committee	22 Feb 19



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Work plan: Advise Nic if any of the graduates at your organisation are interested in presenting at a WasteMINZ event	Steering Committee	22 Feb 19
Work plan: Forward the updated work plan to the Steering Committee	Nic	22 Feb 19
Key stakeholders: Forward an updated key stakeholders list to the Steering Committee for their approval, with the additional columns, 'why we should be engaging with them' and 'benefits to the stakeholder' for the committee to populate	Nic	25 Feb 19
PFAS National Environmental Management Plan (PFAS NEMP 2.0): Forward the document to Nic when it is released for consultation	Bruce Croucher	?
Structure for collaboration with MfE: Forward draft to Nic for Steering Committee to review	James Court	27 Feb 19

**Meeting closed at 12pm**