

**BOARD OF THE  
ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION AUTHORITY**

**TO: THE CHAIR AND MEMBERS**

Minutes of Meeting No 178  
20 September 2006 - 5.15 pm

Whyalla Foreshore Motor Inn  
Watson Terrace, Whyalla

**1.1 MEETING OPENED**

The meeting was opened at 5.18 pm by the Deputy Chair in Dr Vogel's absence.

**1.2 PRESENT**

Dr Paul Vogel (Chair)  
Mr Stephen Hains (Deputy Chair)  
Ms Megan Dyson (Member)  
Mr Mike Elliott (Member)  
Mr Michael Nagel (Member)  
Mr Greg Panigas (Member)  
Ms Yvonne Sneddon (Member)  
  
Ms Nada Popovic (A/Executive Officer to the Board)  
Ms Corinne Kelly (Secretary to the Board)

**1.3 APOLOGIES**

Mr Andrew Fletcher (Member)  
Mr Allan Holmes (Member)  
Dr Paul Vogel (late arrival)

**1.4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

**2. DEBRIEF - WHYALLA CONSULTATION**

Issues arising from the Whyalla consultation are as follows:

- note the progress made by OneSteel in managing the red dust issue;
- the Whyalla Consultation was beneficial as the Board and the EPA were able to hear local issues first hand;
- the EPA needs to be sensitive to context when considering landfill sites in a dry land (low risk) environment such as this region;

- the 'one size fits all' criticism will be referred to the Board's Landfill Sub committee;
- resultant employment losses from landfill closures are an issue for country regions - under the objects of the Act, proper weight should be given to economic, environmental, social and equity considerations;
- it was suggested that all 'dry land' councils be invited to a briefing/consultation;
- there is room for improvement with EPA communication, eg notifying those impacted by our licensing changes and targeting groups for specific communications;
- the EPA missed an opportunity to 'sell' the EPA and this will be considered for future events (presentation/video).

Dr Vogel entered the meeting at 5.30 pm and assumed the Chair.

### 3. STRATEGIC PLANNING SCOPING

Following discussion the Board resolved to:

*plan a Board Strategic Planning session in early 2007 to allow the CE an opportunity to work with the Executive in late 2006, post budget.*

Carried

### 4. COMPLEXITY OF LEGISLATION

The Board discussed the need for 'user friendly' legislation and options for improvement to cater better for its stakeholders.

Ms Sneddon and Dr Vogel will meet to discuss a strategy and a subsequent discussion with Parliamentary Counsel.

**Action: Dr Vogel/Ms Sneddon**

### 5. EVENTS AND CONSULTATION PROGRAM 2007

A Discussion Paper was requested for the 17 October 2006 meeting, that takes into consideration the feedback and experiences of the past two year's consultation and provides proposals for 2007.

**Action: Ms N Popovic**

### 6. CLOSE

The Chair closed the meeting at 5.55 pm.

7. **DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

The next Board meeting will be held at 3.00 pm on Tuesday, 17 October 2006 in the EPA Boardroom, 7<sup>th</sup> floor, 77 Grenfell Street, Adelaide.

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Dr Paul Vogel  
CHAIR  
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Ms Corinne Kelly  
SECRETARY TO THE BOARD