

Dear YRA Members,

You will recall receiving correspondence from the YRA Committee on the 7th of November 2017 in regard to "Ormeau / Yatala Air Quality" which had three attachments and a link to the Bio-aerosol Report that YRA had been waiting for some many months. In that communication, DEHP suggested a planned a meeting with the YRA Committee to discuss the outcome of the reports. At that time, it was the decision of the YRA Committee to wait till after the State Election / Christmas Holidays to have that meeting and to also give all YRA members a chance to read the correspondence and to reply to the committee with their suggestions / comments.

20/02/2018

Some members of the YRA Committee met with DEHP and Air Quality Scientists for the planned meeting. A specific written list of 7 questions was also handed to DEHP for their detailed reply.

23/02/2018

A message was sent to all YRA Members in regard to an UPDATE on the above meeting and noted that minutes of same were to be handled by DEHP and submitted to all attendees for their comments prior to the acceptance of the minutes. As well that email asked for any YRA Member wishing to attend two workshops conducted by DEHP in regard to "REWARD and RECOGNITION SCHEME for the QUARRIES" to advise their interest in these events in March.

06/03/2018

First draft of the minutes of the 20th Feb meeting received from DEHP

08/03/2018

A YRA committee member attended two formal meetings called by the DEHP (08 and 26 March 2018) to discuss consultation processes between the quarry industry in general and local communities. The outcomes of these meetings are still yet to be finalised but the YRA did make it very clear that our community will continue to keep demanding that the government install real time monitoring stations in the Yatala/Ormeau areas as a matter of urgency.

23/03/2018

Following a delay in reply to DEHP (YRA Committee Members attending the 20th Feb meeting being interstate for a period of time) the YRA Committee advised DEHP of the inconsistencies in the minutes and sort to clarify same by a revision of some items. YRA also asked for answers to the 7 written questions handed to DEHP at the meeting on the 20th Feb 2018.

27/03/2018

DEHP advised that they would consider the revisions to the minuted wanted by the YRA Committee Members whom attended the meeting on the 20th February 2018

18/04/2018

DEHP forwarded the revised minutes for the meeting on 20th Feb 2018

19/04/2018

The YRA Committee still considered the minutes have lots of inconsistencies and asked for revision again. Also asked for answers to the 7 questions.

17/05/2018

YRA chased a reply from DEHP to the minutes and 7 questions

18/05/2018

Response from DEHP on the minutes (see attached) as well as a copy of the email received from DEHP shown below in *Italics Blue* that has been slightly edited to provide just specific information that is relevant.

"I am sorry that it has taken this long to provide a response to the list of questions that were presented from XXXX that relate to the bio-aerosol report.

We have again followed up with the Science Division (formerly DSITI) of the Department and I believe that the response to the questions will come through to you on Monday (21 May).

With respect to the minutes, you will find in the attached minutes that we have accepted the suggested changes from the YRA that were made on 9 April 2018.

In a long meeting, with much discussion, it was a challenge to capture the minutes and there remains some misalignment in understanding between some aspects of what discussed. However, our intent with the meeting was to work constructively with the community and to understand and work toward the resolution of the issues in a transparent manner. To avoid any further back and forth we have accepted the requested changes with the view that we channel our future efforts toward progressing keys issues for the YRA, such as the establishment of a continuous permeant air quality monitoring station and closing the outstanding information gaps.

As mentioned above, I will send through another email on Monday with the response to the questions"

19/05/2018

YRA response to DEHP on the minutes as well as asking for a reply to the 7 questions

22/05/2018

DEHP responded to the 7 questions (see attached) as well as a copy of the email received from DEHP shown below in *Italics Blue* that has been slightly edited to provide just specific information that is relevant.

Please see attached a response to the questions that were raised by the YRA at the meeting on 20 February 2018 regarding the bio- aerosol report.

We acknowledge that the YRA is not opposed to industry operating in the local area and previously when I have spoken with XXX he has made it clear that many YRA members are themselves business people or involved with industry.

Your expectation that industry is operating responsibly and managing their emissions and that we as regulators are diligent in checking to ensure that compliance is achieved is reasonable.

I understand that the next step will be for the YRA to draft a letter to the Minister.

As you can all see from the above series of dates, this matter is not resolved and your YRA Committee feels that there are so many glaring omissions in answers from the parties that more time is needed before any answer can be made to the Ministers responsible for Environment / Health / Mines.

For Example: Despite asking the question at the meeting on the 20th of February 2018 and shown on the list of written questions, DEHP has still not explained why the company that compiled the Bio-aerosol report doesn't appear to have a registered ABN number and they refer to JJSC consulting as an individual rather than an entity.

Reference Item #3 of the Actions page (in the minutes of the meeting held 20/02/18). Why after 3 months is there no reply? YRA committee members have asked several times for a copy of an investigation that was carried out by the DEHP in late 2014/early 2015. Why is there a reluctance by the authorities to provide this answer?

We therefore ask you all to view all the previous documents, those also included in this email and respond to your committee by email to yra@yatala.info with any comments you need added to the answers to DEHP and the State Government. YOUR input is vital for all parties and in any response to the yra@yatala.info email address your name, etc., will be kept totally confidential unless you give written approval for same to be used.

You will note that this email has been copied to DEHP, Deputy Mayor Councillor Donna Gates - Division 1 GCCC, Michael Crandon MP – State Member for Coomera and Hon Bert Van Manen – Federal Member for Forde also so they are aware of the information sent to all YRA members. We want transparency in all our communications with you and the authorities and that is what we all ask in return.

Best regards,

Cavell Dorman – YRA Database Coordinator / YRA Committee Member

For and on behalf of: YRA Committee



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