



MINUTES OF THE WASTE MANAGEMENT BOARD MEETING

Friday 9 February 2007

Level 4 Boardroom, Department of Environment & Conservation
The Atrium, Level 4, 168-170 St Georges Terrace, Perth

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

The Chair declared the meeting open at 9:00am.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr Barry Carbon	Chair
Ms Fleur Newman	
Ms Carolyn Jakobsen	
Mr Graham Slessar	
Mayor Patricia (Paddi) Creevey	
Ms Anne Nolan	
Mr Robert Atkins	For Director General, DEC

ATTENDEES

Mr Bernard Ryan	Manager, Policy and Evaluation	
Dr Jill Lethlean	Manager, Products Programs	
Mr David Healy	Manager, Stakeholder Programs	
Mr David D'Arcy-Burke	Manager, Communications	
Mr Tony Beeson	Manager, Waste Management and Recycling Account	
Ms Valerie Miller	Executive Officer	
Mr Richard Reeve	Project Coordinator	
Mr John McGowan	Project Officer	
Mr Sam Wilkinson	Snr Project Coordinator	
Dr John Ottaway	Principal Consultant (Assistant Director) Environment	For item 8.8

APOLOGIES

Mr Geoff Richards
Mr Michael Kerr

2. CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS

Nil.

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the Board meeting held on 15 December 2006 were confirmed as a true and accurate record.

Mr Carbon advised Members that Minutes of Board meetings will be made available for public viewing in the Library on the 4th floor.

RESOLUTION OF DISCUSSION:

3.1 The Minutes of the 15 December 2006 meeting were confirmed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

4. ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Members accepted and noted the actions from previous meetings. Members agreed that the listing provided a true and correct statement of Board actions.

5. ITEMS FOR DECISION ONLY

Nil

6. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND DECISION

6.1 Out-of-Session Item –

Reclaim Industries - Strategic Waste Initiatives Scheme - Tony Beeson

It was recommended to approve a 2006 SWIS grant to Reclaim Industries to investigate tyre recycling for \$125,000 on condition that all payments be made in arrears.

RESOLUTION OF DISCUSSION:

The Board Endorsed:

6.1.1 The 2006 SWIS grant to Reclaim Industries for \$125,000 on condition that all payments be made in arrears.

ACTION:

6.1.2 DEC to forward the Board's recommendation to the Minister for approval.

7. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND DECISION

7.1 The 'Way Forward' – respective roles and business planning - Michael Kerr

The Board had been asked to:

- 1) Determine its views on the respective roles of the Board/Authority, Minister and Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC) in waste management
- 2) Note that the DEC will develop a Draft Business Plan with Strategic Framework that is consistent with the outcomes of this agenda item, and emerging priorities, for the Board's consideration at the April meeting; and
- 3) Note the advice from key stakeholder groups on the Top Priorities for the Board

The Board discussed what its priorities should be for the short to medium term, until the establishment of the new Waste Authority. A number of priority areas were considered, namely:

- Tyres
- Green waste
- Markets
- What happens to recyclables
- Multi-bins
- Government practices
- Container Deposit Systems
- Strategic infrastructure needs
- Legislation and regulation
- Governance and structure of the waste industry

RESOLUTIONS OF DISCUSSION:

The Board:

7.1.1 Resolved to consider its priorities further at the March Board meeting.

7.1.2 Noted the advice from key stakeholder groups on the top priorities for the Board.

7.2 Organics Strategy and the Interim Standards for Organics Applied to Land – Jill Lethlean

The Board had been requested to:

- 1) Approve the attached final version of the Organics Strategy for public release;
- 2) Approve the final version of the Interim Standards for Organics Applied to Land for public release; and
- 3) Advise the Minister of the two documents and the opportunity to release the documents.

The Board agreed that the current draft Organics Strategy was not consistent with the Board's new priorities.

The Board agreed that the draft Interim Standards required further work prior to being released.

RESOLUTION OF DISCUSSION:

The Board resolved:

7.2.1 Not to approve the version of the Organics Strategy for public release;

7.2.2 Not to approve the final version of the Interim Standards for Organics Applied to Land for public release.

ACTION:

7.2.3 DEC to continue to work on the Interim Standards for Organics Applied to Land.

7.3 Household Chemical Waste Program – Future Direction - Jill Lethlean

The Board had been requested to:

- 1) Note the Proposal for the future delivery of the Household Chemical Waste program, and especially the Recommendations on the last page (p15);
- 2) Approve the Proposal, for release to the Municipal Waste Advisory Council for the purpose of negotiation; and
- 3) Note that DEC will work with the Municipal Waste Advisory Council to develop a draft Agreement on the delivery of a program to collect and dispose of household chemical waste.

After discussion the Board agreed to support the release of the draft proposal and negotiation of an Agreement with local government on the future delivery of household chemical waste collection and disposal. The Board preferred that the program be expanded to cover other components of household hazardous waste.

RESOLUTION OF DISCUSSION:

The Board:

- 7.3.1 Noted the Proposal for the future delivery of the Household Chemical Waste program, and the Recommendations on page 15;**
- 7.3.2 Approved the Proposal for release to the Municipal Waste Advisory Council for the purpose of negotiation.**
- 7.3.3 Noted that the Department of Environment and Conservation will work with the Municipal Waste Advisory Council to develop a draft Agreement on the delivery of a program to collect and dispose of household hazardous waste; and**
- 7.3.4 The Board agreed to inform local government it was supportive of the use of Waste Management and Recycling Fund (WMRF) funds towards collection depots to collect household hazardous waste.**

ACTION:

- 7.3.5 DEC to release the Proposal to the Municipal Waste Advisory Council for the purpose of negotiation;**
- 7.3.6 DEC and the Municipal Waste Advisory Council to develop a draft Agreement on the delivery of a program to collect and dispose of household hazardous waste; and**
- 7.3.7 DEC to inform local government of its support of the use of WMRF funded collection depots to collect household hazardous waste.**

7.4 Draft policy on disposal of tyres to landfill - Jill Lethlean

The Board had been requested to endorse the draft policy on disposal of tyres to landfill, which would be effective from 1 January 2008. Dr Lethlean provided information and discussed the proposal of end-of-life passenger and truck/bus tyres in landfill.

The Board considered that the policy was insufficient to encourage recycling.

RESOLUTION OF DISCUSSION:

The Board resolved to:

- 7.4.1 Not endorse the draft policy on disposal of tyres to landfill.**
- 7.4.2 Recommend to the Minister for the Environment that a new Regulation be drafted that requires tyres to be shredded and baled prior to disposal in landfill and that all disposal of tyres in landfill be banned within 3 years.**

ACTION:

- 7.4.3 DEC to forward the Board's recommendation to the Minister.**

8. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION ONLY

8.1 Significant Correspondence – WMRF - Tony Beeson

Mr Beeson provided the Board with information on Contract Terminations; approved by the Manager, Waste Management Branch and Final Evaluation Project Reports which were available for perusal; and table and summary of the projects.

The Board noted and discussed the above and observed that there were no resource implications, as these relate to existing approved funded projects.

It was noted that there had been no correspondence received from Spartel Pty Ltd since 20 April 2006. The Board resolved to recommend the termination of the project immediately.

RESOLUTION OF DISCUSSION:

The Board:

8.1.1 Endorsed the termination of Spartel Pty Ltd's GRW/57/01 project immediately.

ACTION:

8.1.2 DEC to advise Spartel Pty Ltd of the termination of the GRW/57/01 project.

8.2 Significant Correspondence – Ministerial - Tony Beeson

The Board noted the status of recent Waste Management Board correspondence received from or sent to the Minister. The Board also referred to the Ministerial correspondence and parliamentary statement by the former Minister for the Environment and reply from the Board Chair.

8.3 Container Deposit Systems for WA – John McGowan

The Board noted the information that had been provided by Mr McGowan on Container Deposit Systems for WA.

8.4 Landfills in Western Australia – Jill Lethlean

The Board noted the background paper on landfills in Western Australia.

8.5 Packaging – Jill Lethlean

The Board noted background paper on packaging waste.

8.6 National Packaging Covenant - Jill Lethlean

The Board noted the background paper on the National Packaging Covenant.

ACTION:

8.6.1 The Board requested a 10 minute presentation on NEPM-UPM at the next Board meeting.

8.7 Zero Waste Plan Development Scheme – Update - Tony Beeson

Mr Beeson provided an updated on the Zero Waste Plan Development Scheme. The Board noted the information that had been provided.

8.8 Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery Bills – Update - John Ottaway

Dr Ottaway provided the Board with a verbal update on the information provided on the draft WARR Bills.

8.9 Role of the Board with respect to secondary waste processing

Newspaper articles from a recent newspaper regarding the closure of the Canning Vale waste composting plant were tabled.

9. PRESENTATIONS - Nil

10. OTHER BUSINESS

11. NEXT MEETING

Friday 9 March 2007
Boardroom, Level 4, The Atrium, 168 St George's Terrace, Perth

12. CLOSE

The meeting concluded at 12:45 pm

APPROVED/APPROVED WITH AMENDMENT



Barry Carbon, Chairman
WASTE MANAGEMENT BOARD

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