

Date:	15 July 2026
Location:	Tamala Park



OMKSWG Minutes

Odour Management Key Stakeholder
Working Group (MRC)

Date of meeting:	Wednesday 15 July 2026
Location:	Mindarie Regional Council (MRC) Administration
	Tamala Park
Attendance:	Operations Manager (OM)
	Environmental Supervisor (ES)
	Communications Specialist (CS)
	Environmental Officer (EO)
	Data Assistance Officer (DA)
Apologies:	Chief Executive Officer (CEO)
Minutes released:	20 July 2026
Reference:	GF-26-0000047

1. Previous meeting minutes

Review and approve/make necessary amendments to the minutes taken at the previous OMKSWG meeting:

Detail	Status
Minutes from the previous meeting (June 2026) were approved on 6 July.	Complete

2. Operational updates

MRC operational updates relating to odour management

2.1. Landfill operations

Detail	Status
Any changes to day-to-day landfill operations which are relevant to odour management (active working area, cells, levels, compacting, cover, etc.)	Ongoing/ Completed
Operations in the central/south portion of the landfill continues with landfilling – in this location - in its final stages. Landfilling will move northwards to bring the central area up to final (capping) profile.	Ongoing
Daily cover of limestone at end of each day's operations.	
EcoSorb and zeolite continue to be used as appropriate and required.	Ongoing
Mister unit is in use in specific locations	Ongoing
Conditions on the landfill have been noticeably better than during previous winters – so far. While there has been less rainfall experienced than during the previous two winters, preparations by MRC (such as sculpting of the landfill surface to encourage surface water runoff) has also had a noticeable positive effect.	Completed

2.2. Landfill infrastructure

Detail	Status
Any changes/updates in the installation or review of infrastructure on the landfill (new wells, pipelines, leachate evaporation, etc.)	Ongoing/ Completed

Preparations/measures for winter weather conditions continue. Meetings being held with key MRC personnel.	Ongoing
The Temporary Rainfall Barrier (TeRB) on the landfill surface has now been removed entirely, to allow for landfilling to continue bringing this area up to final profile height. MRC has applied additional intermediate/temporary cover in other areas of the landfill to offset the removal of the barriers.	Complete

2.3. Other operations

Detail	Status
Any other operational updates not covered above which are relevant to odour management	Ongoing/ Completed
Following approval by the regulator (DWER), construction of the leachate tank farm is continuing. (see section 3.2)	Ongoing

3. Odour management/environmental updates

Updates on the management and mitigation of odours at Tamala Park

3.1. Landfill gas (LFG) and LFG power station

Detail	Status
Any updates/changes to the management of landfill gas and/or the LFG power station	Ongoing/ Completed
Installation of additional horizontal wells in the locations previously identified will continue throughout July.	Ongoing
July meeting with the operator of the LFG power station will take place later this month.	Ongoing
LFG power station operator is continuing to provide more granular data on LFG well extraction points.	Ongoing
MRC, alongside the operator of the LFG power station, have now progressed to detailed plans for the installation of the next round of permanent vertical gas wells in the central part of the landfill. This is a long-term project expected to continue into mid-2026.	Ongoing
MRC and the LFG power station operator have relocated a primary LFG collection 'manifold' to an area closer to final landfill profile height. This is to ensure best possible LFG collection in this area.	Complete

3.2. Leachate management

Detail	Status
Any updates/changes to the management of leachate	Ongoing/ Completed
As part of its response to EPN item number 1, DWER has indicated that it would be willing to permit a resumption of leachate evaporation, at Tamala Park, subject to conditions. At DWER's request, MRC has provided further information (submitted in October 2025) and is awaiting a response. Therefore, no evaporation can take place. Any resumption would – ultimately – be a return to <i>business as usual, maintenance level</i> evaporation, as took place prior to February 2023. While a positive step, this would not be sufficient (in isolation) to reduce leachate levels in the landfill.	Ongoing
Weekly monitoring of landfill batters to identify and prevent leachate 'seepage' (DWER EPN item 2) as part of day-to-day landfill operations.	Ongoing
Following approval of the application by the regulator (DWER), MRC is continuing with construction of the leachate storage 'tank farm' which will sit to the south of the active landfill. Once complete, the tank farm is designed to act as a holding area for leachate before disposal/reduction through evaporation. Project near practical completion by the end of this month.	Ongoing
MRC is reviewing areas of the landfill mass for leachate 'reinjection' (circulation). This process is not an ideal long-term solution, as rainfall continues to increase the amount of liquid within the landfill.	Complete

3.3. Trials for odour management

Detail	Status
Notes on ongoing trials of new tech, methods, products etc.	Ongoing/ Completed
Three-month trial to test new, un-fragranced odour neutraliser technology, has been extended until the end of winter 2026, after which its effectiveness will be reassessed.	Ongoing
Investigations are ongoing into the potential of a naturally occurring water/liquid absorbent material during winter. It will be trialled over the next six months in conjunction with existing odour-mitigating solutions. Delivery of material expected imminently.	Ongoing

3.4. Reports, investigations and surveys

Detail	Status
Updates on internal or external reports, surveys and investigations	Ongoing/ Completed
MRC is undertaking periodic surveys of the landfill to confirm estimates/projections relating to landfilling, compaction rates, sequence plans and usage of cover. Outputs of surveys are used to inform void space modelling, which – in turn – will guide landfill closure projections.	Ongoing

3.5. Regulatory

Detail	Status
Updates on anything relating to regulators or external agencies which govern activities on site (such as DWER)	Ongoing/ Completed
Environmental Protection Notice (EPN) from regulator (DWER) received by MRC on 28 November 2024. This followed period of consultation between MRC and DWER. 11 items in total. All relevant items (1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8 and 10) are now complete. Information on the DWER 'Environment Information Service's states that: <i>"The Department has completed an audit of the</i>	TBC

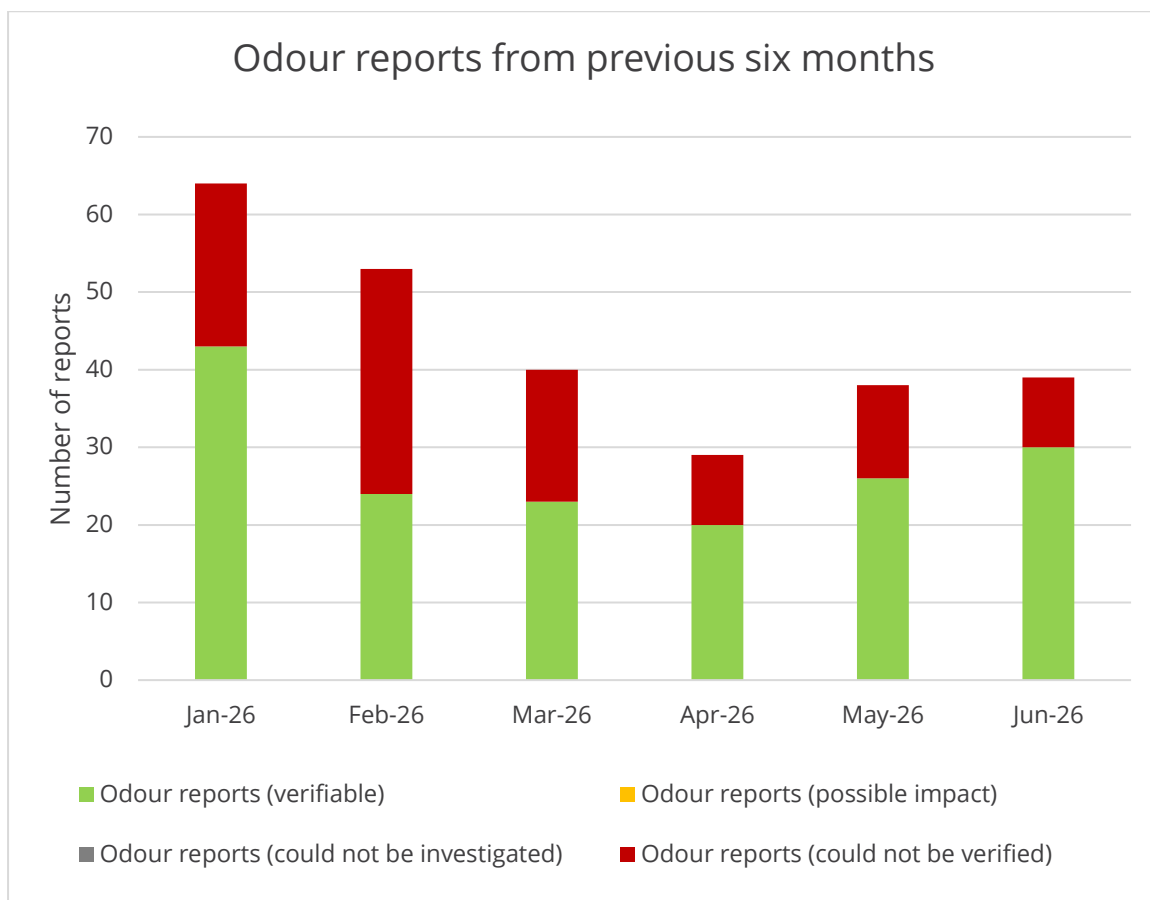
<i>EPN response following the submission of all reports and information addressing the requirements of the EPN. The Department considers all the requirements of the EPN have now been met, however, the Department is receiving technical expert review of the technical reports submitted to satisfy the EPN and has requested further clarification of calculations and data used."</i>	
MRC receiving monthly report from DWER detailing number of odour reports received by the regulator. This is a reciprocal arrangement.	Ongoing
Response from DWER to EPN item number 1 - see section 3.2	Ongoing
DWER has approved one of two applications, which were submitted by MRC in June/July 2025. The approval will allow for construction of a leachate storage 'tank farm' on site, close to the current quarry area. While this approval is a welcome step, it requires the approval of the second application (leachate management area/SPC) in order to be effective. Both works applications are essential to closing the landfill, as planned, by 2028/29, allowing for final capping (sealing the completed landfill) to be undertaken within the existing landfill footprint. The outstanding application is currently under consideration with the regulator. Additional information was provided to the department on 30 April 2026, and further correspondence seeking an update on this matter was sent in late June 2026. MRC is still awaiting a decision on this matter.	Ongoing

4. Odour reports

4.1. Reports from the previous calendar month

The following is an overview of the information recorded by MRC in relation to odour reports received from the community for **June 2026**.

Reports	Number
Total number of reports received	39
<i>Of which</i> impact from Tamala Park could be verified by climatic data	30
<i>Of which</i> impact from Tamala Park was possible (but not verifiable) based on climatic data	0
<i>Of which</i> impact from Tamala Park could not be investigated due to lack of data provided in report	0
<i>Of which</i> impact could not be verified by climatic data	9
Number of reports from a residential address which had not previously reported to MRC	2
Unique reporters (number of <i>households</i> which reported an odour impact)	18



4.2. Location of odour report by suburb/area

Suburbs	Number
Burns Beach	0
Clarkson	19
Mindarie	11
Kinross	9
Location not provided	0
Total number of complaints	39

Map of complaint locations overleaf.

Figure 1 June 2026 Community Odour Reporting



4.3. Description of odour experienced

When making an odour report through the MRC website, reporters are given the opportunity to describe the smell they experienced. An update of this information, received in the previous month, is outlined below:

Description of Smell	Number
Garbage/Rubbish (Natural gas, rotten vegetables, garlic, sulphur)	30
Acidic/Rancid (Sour, vinegar, off-milk)	2
Gas/Chemical (Rotten eggs, ammonia, fishy)	6
Burnt/Smoky (Burnt rubber, exhaust fumes, grilled meat)	0
Sewerage (Faecal, manure, sewery)	0
Putrid (Dead animals, rotting meat)	1
Not described in complaint	0
Other/listed in comments	0
Hydrocarbon/solvent (Rubbery, plastics, solvents)	0
Sweet (Fruity)	0
Total number of complaints	39

5. Correspondence

Detail	Status
Nil	N/A

6. MRC communications and/or community engagement

Detail	Status
Communications updates including changes to website, media coverage, guides or procedures for staff, etc.	Ongoing/ Completed
Many statements/comments relating to the closure of the landfill and the matter of odour impacts have appeared in the media and on social media in recent weeks. MRC issued various media statements to present a more factual position of landfill and associated work applications by publishing an opinion from the Chairperson on its website. The Deputy Chairperson also spoke to ABC Radio Perth earlier this month.	Complete

MRC will continue to ensure that the importance of the works approval applications to a timely, environmentally safe closure of the landfill is presented accurately.	
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7. Other relevant updates/general discussion

Detail	Status
Anything else which does not fall neatly into one of the above categories	Ongoing/ Completed
Nil	N/A

8. Next meeting

The next OMKSWG meeting will be held in August 2026 at Mindarie Regional Council (MRC).