

Organics Processing Plant Community Liaison Group Meeting

Agenda

6:30pm to 8pm, Tuesday 19 May 2026

Waitai Coastal-Burwood-Linwood Community Boardroom

180 Smith Street, Woolston, Christchurch 8062

Welcome to the Community Liaison Group (CLG), a community forum to discuss consent compliance for the Organics Processing Plant; discharging contaminants to air, discharging contaminants to water, and use of land to store organic matter and decaying organic matter.

Agenda

1. Welcome and introduction – Chair (5 minutes)
2. Confirm previous meeting's minutes – Chair (5 minutes)
3. Report back on actions from previous meeting – All (10 minutes)

Action 1: Abi Velkumar to confirm that Bruce King has been added to the email list for future CLG minutes.

Actioned – CCC communications team has confirmed that Bruce King is already on the Bromley mailing list receiving CLG updates through newsletter. To confirm, Email ID has been verified with Bruce King.

Action 2: Ecogas representative to be extended an invitation to next CLG meeting as per resident's wishes.

Actioned – Andy Bedford has been invited to attend May CLG, and has confirmed his attendance.

Action 3: CCC to facilitate PDP monitoring in the early morning to assess odour early in the morning due to resident's reports of significant odour at these times.

Actioned – PDP has commenced early morning scouting as a part of regular independent scouting, with findings reported in the monthly PDP scouting report.

Action 4: A new standing agenda item will be added to the future CLG meeting to discuss redress.

Actioned – A new agenda item, 'Bromley Residents Lived Experience' has been added.

4. Affected resident's felt experience reports and questions arising (10 minutes)
5. Christchurch City Council (CCC) report, including Ōtautahi Organics Processing Solution update, and questions arising (10 minutes). **Note: The report will be taken as read.**
6. Living Earth answer any questions arising from their CLG report (10 minutes) **Note: The report will be taken as read.**
7. Environment Canterbury (ECan) answer any questions arising from their CLG report (10 minutes). **Note: The report will be taken as read.**
8. Any further questions about resource consent compliance for the Organics Processing Plant (5 minutes)
9. Bromley Residents Lived Experience (Discussion and Recommendations) (10 minutes)
10. General business (5 minutes)
11. Concluding remarks – Chair (5 minutes)
12. An opportunity for residents to discuss other matters with the Community Board (5 minutes)

Attachments

- a. Previous CLG meeting minutes, Tuesday 17 February 2026
- b. CCC CLG meeting report, Tuesday 19 May 2026
- c. Living Earth CLG meeting report, Tuesday 19 May 2026
- d. ECan CLG meeting report, Tuesday 19 May 2026

Any questions or feedback can be sent to Bromley@ccc.govt.nz

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Minutes

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Executive summary of minutes

1. Welcome and introduction

Apologies noted from Paul McMahon (Christchurch City Council (CCC) Community Board Member).

The group welcomed two Environment Canterbury (ECan) staff members Lauren Hamilton and Brett Aldridge.

2. Previous minutes confirmed in their entirety without amendment

Bruce King reports he did not receive the minutes from the CLG meeting on 18 November 2026. He was assured this will not happen again.

***Action 1:** Abi Velkumar to confirm that Bruce King has been added to the email list for future CLG minutes.*

3. Actions from previous meeting

Action 1:

Thanks given to ECan Chair Deon Swiggs, who facilitated the attendance of ECan staff members Lauren Hamilton, Compliance, and Brett Aldridge, Director of Operations, to the present meeting.

Action 2:

Closed, no longer required.

4. Affected residents felt experience reports and questions arising

Chair Carl Pascoe has reminded residents that this CLG is about the Organics Processing Plant (OPP), and not any other odour generating activities in the Bromley area.

Residents reported that while the intensity of odour has decreased, it is still present most days, if not every day. At the start of January, two days were reported to be particularly bad, especially early morning, and on days when there is strong wind. Residents also reported that heightened temperatures correlate with more intense odour. They are certain that the smell is from the OPP, not sewage ponds, dump or estuary.

Residents again collectively reported concerns around general health and wellbeing due to potential health risks arising from the odour, especially as it has been almost seventeen years since OPP commenced operation.

A suggestion was made by Lauren Hamilton that ECan can go out earlier in the morning to attempt to substantiate the claim of worse odour in the AM, to enable next steps. These next steps are dependent on what they find at the time of site visit. Residents raised concerns about continued issues with lack of action and accountability, either related to Living Earth, ECan, or CCC.

Residents reported confusion about the lack of an Ecogas representative at this meeting, as they were under the impression that a member of Ecogas would attend the CLG meeting. It was unclear how this miscommunication occurred, as the Chair and CCC representatives were unaware of any communication to this effect.

The Chair clarified that an Ecogas representative, Andy Bedford, was invited to and attended the previous meeting to answer questions in relation to the new Hornby Organics Processing Facility, but this was not a standing invite.

Action 2: *Ecogas representative to be extended an invitation to next CLG meeting as per resident's wishes.*

The Chair has summarised that the situation regarding the OPP is as good as it is going to get. There was tentative agreement from residents, with the caveat that wind intensity and direction have a significant effect on the odour.

Bruce King reports of lost information regarding his original opposition to the OPP consent being granted and raised concern that the current structure of the plant is materially different to the original design of the plant as per his documentation.

A resident shared past observations about situations where odour-reduction measures were reportedly taken ahead of site visits, in ways perceived as favourable to both councils. Residents also brought up various concerns that are not the subject of this CLG.

Chair has summarised, that residents have long felt powerless in their efforts to achieve meaningful actions, resulting in a significant loss of trust in the regional council noting the recent email sent to the ECan councillors. While some improvements have occurred, many residents continue to carry the weight of years of frustration, anger, and lived experience. Despite this, there is emerging optimism, with indications that progress may finally be occurring for a community that has endured these issues for an extended period.

Residents also queried on absence of ECan's councillors to this meeting

Post meeting note: It was identified that the ECan councillors had not received the meeting invitation. A recurring invitation for all future meetings has now been issued to them.

5. Christchurch City Council report

Abi Velkumar reports business as usual, with tunnel composting and transport to Kate Valley continues as per previous meeting. This will continue until the new plant in Hornby becomes operational.

An independent odour scouting is happening as usual, and produced 2 reports in the last Quarter noting intermittent weak organic odour, which were reported as neither offensive nor objectionable.

Construction of the new Organics Processing Facility (OPF) in Hornby has started and is progressing well. Earthworks are almost complete, tank fabrication is beginning, and structural steel is being installed. Images of this were included in the report.

The new OPF will start taking council's Food Organics and Garden Organics (FOGO) from April 2027 and becomes fully operational in October 2027, after which the current OPP will be decommissioned and repurposed. Council is still exploring repurposing options internally, and once these are collated the Mayor and the Councillors will be briefed, and decisions on repurposing of the site will be progressed, with residents having an opportunity to be involved.

Lynette Ellis has clarified that initial construction milestones of the new OPF were missed due to delay in consent approvals, however, the construction programme is now being adhered to, so there is confidence that the timelines will not change from here.

Councillor Yani Johanson queried the timeframe for internal assessment of options for repurposing the OPP site. Alec McNeil reports this will likely be around June 2026. Once this is done, and has gone through council, the provisional plan will be put to the community for consultation. The Chair has reiterated the importance of ensuring this consultation opportunity is well communicated to the wider community.

6. Living Earth answer any questions arising from their CLG report.

Jaco Kleinhans presented this report and highlighted an issue with the dust results due to a laboratory error in December 2025. The samples could not be retested as they were burnt during initial analysis. This has been dealt with, and Living Earth (LE) has indicated this will not be repeated.

PDP odour monitoring is ongoing, no change. Site operations continues as previous, with compost spending 14 days in tunnels, and truck loading occurring on a daily basis. The only exceptions were public holidays over summer, where LE paused loading operations to avoid any odour discharge to nearby residences.

Biofilter assessment to be done in May 2026 as a usual maintenance work.

Jaco reports that trucks are generally unloading organic waste any time from 5am. Discussion was had regarding correlation of timing of this loading, and residents reporting the strongest odour.

Action 3: CCC to facilitate PDP monitoring in the early morning to assess odour early in the morning due to resident's reports of significant odour at these times.

Concern was raised about fire trucks attending the site in the recent months. Two residents read on social media about this. Jaco reported that no fire truck activities happened at OPP. Chair has reminded residents regarding the dangers of social media information being unverified.

Residents queried the lack of accessibility of odorometer reports. LE reports that the machinery failed some time ago and could not be repaired so is no longer in use.

7. Environment Canterbury (ECan) answer any questions arising from their CLG report.

Lauren Hamilton presented this report. Of 26 odour complaints over the last 3 months, 20 were not associated with the characteristics of the OPP. Lauren has agreed that they will send people out early in the morning to investigate odour reports.

There was 1 dust complaint (not relating to OPP), which is to be investigated in conjunction with CCC. It was reiterated that the dust issues are caused by a variety of sources, not the OPP alone. This was welcomed by residents, who reiterated their reports of dust issues, but has said that there has been improvement at select locations in the area. Yani has asked that dust monitoring could potentially be a joint venture between CCC and ECan.

Residents have again expressed their dissatisfaction regarding a perceived lack of consistent rule application by ECan for potential breaches.

8. Any further questions about resource consent compliance for the organics processing plant.

None raised.

9. General Discussion

There was extensive discussion between residents, CCC representatives, and ECan representatives regarding redress for the community as a whole, especially following the closure of the OPP.

Suggestions were made by various CLG members on how to record the lived experience of residents in an official capacity and building on this to prevent a similar scenario happening in the future.

There was discussion of the global pattern of similar occurrences in perceived low socio-economic areas, and the cultural and structural mechanisms that often allow these issues to remain unaddressed for a significant amount of time. A suggestion was made for a model similar to the post-earthquake recording of personal experiences to be utilised.

Residents have again expressed long term distress and frustration about their experiences over the years, and how dismissed they feel. There was reporting of the power imbalance between institutions and residents.

The Chair also identified the importance of ensuring redress is robust and collaborative, to try and ensure the fight regarding the OPP does not become a way of life for residents.

Action 4: *A new standing agenda item will be added to the future CLG meeting to discuss redress.*

Meeting closed.

Verbatim Minutes

Chair: Carl Pascoe

Christchurch City Council staff: Abinaya Velkumar, Alec McNeil, Rory Crawford, Lynette Ellis.

Christchurch City Council Councillor: Yani Johanson

Living Earth: Jaco Kleinhans

Environment Canterbury staff: Lauren Hamilton, Brett Aldridge.

Community members: Geoffrey King, Bruce King, Carol Anderson.

Apologies: Paul McMahon

Minutes: Saskia Graham-Bone

Carl Pascoe (CP): Welcome folks, to the quarterly gathering of the CLG. We'll start with any apologies, because I've had one from Paul McMahon, who has a sick child and a sick wife. He's on caring duties. Anyone else have any apologies from anyone? Nope?

We will go round, who you are, name you want to be addressed by tonight, and uh, what role do you have?

introductions

CP: So, welcome folks. We have the previous minutes to deal to; they have been circulated and put up online. They are in hard copy in front of you. Any changes, anything anyone wants to do to them. Bruce?

Bruce King (BK): I'd like a copy sent to me. The first time I've never had them.

CP: Sorry...

Lynette Ellis (LE): You didn't get a copy

BK: I did not get a copy of the minutes; I had to get Geoffrey to forward me his copy.

CP: So, the electronic...

BK: Yep.

Abinaya Velkumar (AV): Oh, we usually send those to the community board email, so... that they distribute it, from their end.

LE: We have your email address... well, you'll reconfirm it on there.

BK: Yep, I get the city council update on the sewage plant so... they must have my address.

CP: Alright, come back to the minutes. Anyone have any corrections, anything? In that case we will take them as read and okay them. Alright, moving on.

Actions from the previous time, thank you ECan staff for coming along. That was action one. Deon Swiggs facilitated the staff coming. I can ensure ECan staff here that you will be treated with respect and don't confuse yelling sometimes with anything... disrespect, alright?

Geoffrey is a little hard of hearing.

Carol Anderson (CA): So am I, I'm finding it a little difficult to hear you guys from across the room. I can't hear you

CP: Can't hear me?

CA: Yeah, sort of. Some people's voices just... carry better than others.

CP: You mean my dulcet tones?

CA: Yes, your dulcet tones.

CP: That's what I think

Geoffrey King (GK): And the accents, they're hard to understand.

CP: So, I'm delighted that ECan staff have agreed to come. There is not a requirement under the consent for ECan staff to come, it is an invitation and I'm glad you picked it up

Right, we start with affected resident's experience over the last three months. Let's stick to the compost plant, I understand the wastewater issues, because even in Spreydon, where I live...

CA: Try going down Sparks Road.. bleugh!

CP: Yep... it's about the area, Carol.

GK: Well, I've only had to vacate my house once at nighttime, that was at 1:15 on the 6th of December.

CP: And that was due to the compost?

GK: Due to the compost. Yeah, we're not talking about the...

CP: Well, that's pretty good, better than the summer before.

GK: Yes, it has been. To the intensity. But we still get it every day, if there's a nor' west or a sou' west, we still get it. And people just don't understand where it's coming from.

CP: Other... Bruce?

BK: In January, and I can't remember the exact date, but I think it was one of the first days, was the 6th, at 10 o'clock in the morning the compost plant absolutely stunk. And three or four days later, it did the exactly the same thing at the same time. But usually, every morning, when it's been blowing nor' east and it's been warmish, and I go out to get the paper at about 6 o'clock every morning, I can smell the composting plant.

GK: Yup.

BK: And the people who come down and say it's not offensive or stinky, they haven't read the report that says continuous abuse under suffering from this smell... it becomes abusive. It becomes offensive and abusive. 15 years of stinking atmosphere is not pleasant.

GK: Can I just interrupt? In one month's time, it will be seventeen years. Seventeen years of putting up with this. Affecting our health, and everybody does NOTHING.

CP: Your go Carol.

CA: It's only happened outside my house once in the past 2 months, that's the only time I've smelt it. Mind you, to be fair and clarify, I don't get up very early in the morning, apart from to let the dog out, and it's usually just...

mimes opening and closing door very quickly

... close the door. So I'm not outside, can't smell anything, I don't actually go outside. I went out early to drop the bins out one Monday, I think it was a Monday morning, and it just about knocked me flat. I could smell it badly, and I know it wasn't the dump, and I know it wasn't the ponds, because that's... I can differentiate between the two. I can't remember exactly no, but that's...

CP: So it was early morning, that's the worst time?

Residents nodding

CA: I think it is, actually. I think it is, maybe it's when they open the doors to let the guys in with the trucks, I don't know, yeah.

GK: But it's not as bad... what?

Lauren Hamilton (LH): We can do that, we can go out proactively, early in the morning.

GK: Yeah? And what you gonna do? **laughs**

LH: Well if it's substantiated then-

GK: Then what?

LE: Then it will be next steps.

LH: Yeah, then it will be next steps, Geoffrey.

GK: You don't, you don't even fine them. This guy **gestures to Jaco** ... who will you fine, the city council?

LH: Yea-

GK: Well, you don't fine the city council, you fine the operator because the city council only own it, they have a company that leases it off the city council.

LH: We can infringe both-

GK: Alright, yep, and then if you want to go further, who collects them, Waste Management? They own their outfit. Then Igneo, in Sydney, own that. Then another company owns Igneo... which I haven't found out, the name of this company in Japan, and the Mitsubishi Banking Corporation in Tokyo owns it.

BK: That's right.

GK: But you need to get into them! We've only got 2 years to go and then it's Hornby's turn. And where are the people from Hornby coming in to tell us about...

CA: It might be a bit wet over there at the moment.

CP: Sorry Geoffrey, I don't understand what your question is.

GK: Where are the people from Hornby? Ecogas, the people that are coming to speak to us tonight?

BK: Yeah.

LE and CP: They're not.

LE: This is not-

GK: Well, we were told they are coming to this meeting **bangs hand on table**

BK: That's right.

CP: Who told you?

GK: City council?

BK: Yeah, someone told us, that's why I'm here. I wouldn't be here otherwise.

CP: I'm not aware of it, Geoffrey, no one has told me...

GK: Well, I'm sorry.

CP: Ecogas came last time?

BK: Pardon?

CP: The Ecogas person was here last time...

AV: Yes.

SGB: Yes.

AV: Yes, he was here last time.

SGB: He is in the notes.

AV: Andy from Ecogas, yes, he was here last time.

LE: It should be in the minutes.

overlapping discussion

LE: Andy Bedford, from Ecogas, was here last time.

CP: The minutes record it.

GK: Well, where are... we thought they were coming tonight.

CP: Uh...

GK: I mean, they too, need to understand the law. They need to understand the Resource Management Act, the Environment Act, and the Worksafe Act. I mean, I went to the, I don't know if anyone here went to the ECan meeting with the Commissioner, two Commissioners, the lady and the man from Wānaka, he knows all about composting. Like he does, and... he's...

LE: Well, he does. I'm not sure where you're going.

GK: They don't understand the law either. The Worksafe law, he said it's only applicable and people can only write in, and I wrote in and they sent it back to me. Because I don't live within, pointing out problems, because I don't live within 300 metres of the plant. And only the people that live within 300 metres of the plant can be affected by the smell.

CP: Okay so-

GK: And what they don't, what gets me is that they don't understand that, and it's like when they went to Reporoa, they stood by the plant, yes they could smell it, and then they went and stood by the boundary, and all "we couldn't smell it on the boundary" because they were upwind.

CP: So, so there are two issues here Geoffrey. One is the whole issue around Hornby and what's going on out there is not the subject of this meeting. Secondly-

GK: Well tell me, what was the guy here last week?

CP: So, last time, Andy from Ecogas came to talk about where they were in the progress of their plant development. I was not aware that he was, it's not anywhere here that he was to be invited to this meeting, but if you would like that to happen for the next meeting, we will issue that invitation.

BK: Yes please.

GK: See they don't have a clue, as to what happens with the odour, and that's the big problem, and that's, since they got rid of the windrow's etcetera etcetera, it's been much better for us, but it hasn't been perfect, and we still smell it. And it's like the people down Cuthberts Road, they live 24*7 with the smell of the ponds, even before we had the accident.

CP: So, I understand that, I understand we have agreed at these meetings that there has been significant improvement in the operation here, in that, as I understand it from all that's gone on, that it's as good as it is going to get.

GK: Yes.

BK: Yep.

CA: It's generally when you've got a strong north east wind or something like that, that's when you get the full force of everything. It's not just, I mean, anything that come in on the north east, it's just going to affect. I just don't know why they put any of that, either the dump or the compost plant where they put it, knowing full well there were established residential areas there. And it's just... it's just crazy. North east is the prevailing wind, and the city can't stop it.

GK: the people that are in the north west wind shadow, even in Lyttelton, get it. You can smell it in Lyttelton. Is that right, up the Heathcote, up the hills, out to Redcliffs. And in the southerly, the New Brighton people get it. And we've got a useless councillor there that won't do anything. We've got a good councillor, he's tried his damndest to get it sorted, and he has to a degree. But the plant was foisted upon us seventeen years ago. A man came down, from Fenwick, came down from Auckland and paraded the system in front of Gary Moore and he said "Yes it's wonderful". It's ruined our lives, our lifestyle, and our health. it's been a big... agree Carol?

CA: Absolutely.

CP: And where we are now is as good as we are going to get.

GK: Yeah, yeah but listen. And another thing that bugs me with this whole system is the malfeasance. The lies, the deceit, and the deception. Now, I went to a meeting in the Bromley Community Hall a couple weeks ago over the ponds. ECan representative **name mentioned** was there, and I said to him about the odour, and he said, "it doesn't, it's been fixed, it doesn't stink". This is their attitude, in at 200 Tuam. Run by a monster. That's all she is, she's a monster, and you know it

CP: And that'll be the end of that piece.

GK: Yes, well, she's going. Just like the councillors are.

CP: So, is there anything else from the residents lived experiences? Bruce?

BK: When you drive down Maces, uh, Dyer's Road, most days you can smell the composting plant. Down Wickham Street, you can smell the composting plant. And I can't always smell it at home, because it's not blowing hard enough. Now, I walk my dog down there sometimes, and I can smell it, and if you think this is the best we are going to get I hope that, like I said at the start, this thing should have been operational this year, the new plant should've been operational this year. And now we're told it should be operational this time next year, and now we're being told it's October next year. What's the next date like going to come out? I'll be bloody dead before it's gone. I'm 76 this year, I...

GK: No you can't. We need the compensation, before you go. Don't worry, the lawyers are into it.

CP: Yep, which is not-

GK: And that includes ECan as well as the city council.

CP: So-

BK: ECan, I've got another thing, since we're talking about this. There were 10 people who objected to having that plant put there. My wife and I were two of them. I've asked ECan for the information I sent in, and the letter their letter they sent back to me. "Oh, it's disappeared." So that's how their information has been, I asked for that 5 or 6 years ago, and I also asked for the information because I couldn't get it from anywhere else. I got someone at ECan to send me the information of how the layout of the landscaping of that plant is meant to be done. "Oh, what happened, the trees died, they can't, oh, the compost killed them or something." So, they can't, they still have never done that plant as to the layout of the landscaping plant, I've got it at home, that they submitted, and ECan in their great overall monitoring of the place, they never inspected it but always came to our place and said "it doesn't stink" and you couldn't bloody be outside our house! I've had them in our backyard, and you couldn't smell it. And they were so high on their own perfume, you could smell them as well as the compost, the people who were coming to inspect. This is how we've been treated by ECan. And there's a certain person who left ECan, and went to the city council meeting and told them how ECan had treated the residents. But they can't do anything. I'm not picking on you people, but I'm just putting on the overall performance of ECan. It's been bloody like tits on a bull- no use at all.

And you see, we're talking about ECan. They promised to clean out the rivers. Let's just talk about this, they'll clean out the rivers down south. I went down there three weeks ago, and looked up the Rangitata and the riverbed was higher than the second bridge! So, lucky we haven't had a good strong rain down there, it'd be well and truly flooded again.

CP: So, we-

GK: ECan, if there were to be an investigation or monitoring starts going out, they would ring these people. I don't know, probably before you, when Carol was there. they would ring them, and tell them "We are coming out, turn the pumps off". The city councillors went to, this would be about 19, sorry 2015, 2014, the city councillors, in a bus. City council and-

BK: And the ECan councillors, they went as well.

GK: ECan councillors, did they? And they went to inspect the plant, Sue White and, I forgot what the other guy's name was, they rang them up and told them to turn the pumps off so there was no odour. Nicole Marshall, from ECan, went to the meeting, went to a meeting there, 2018-19. And when she got home, she had to... she had to take off her clothes off outside, go in, shower, wash her hair. That's how bad it stinks. You go down there to the front entrance, and the guys come downstairs or the women come downstairs and they absolutely stink from the smell of the odour in the building.

CA: Who was the person or councillor that went to a meeting there, at the actual plant, and then almost vomited? She has to walk out

GK: Ah... Alexandra Davis.

CA: That's right. She wasn't happy.

CP: So what we have, as we always have since I've been here. There has been for the residents, a complete sense of impotence in an ability to get anything delivered. The net result has been, and it was contained in an email which I wrote on behalf of the group, because they asked me to, which expressed the lack of and complete loss of trust in an institution the community call the Regional Council.

GK: Yep.

CP: There is still the sense, as you will hear tonight, of anger and frustration at being stuck. Nothing, while there has been improvements, people still carry years of experience. You can't take that away, just as you can't take away the experience of all of us about earthquakes. They have to live with it. There is some, looking like, light at the end of the tunnel for the residents of this area who have put up with this-

GK: And it goes out to Hornby.

CP: - and it moves to Hornby. people will have a range of opinions about the new system and plant. This meeting is simply about the local compost plant. There is, has been, since Lynette came into the picture, there was quite a significant shift Geoffrey in the attitude of the staff at city council; to make improvements.

GK: Oh.. no problems.

CP: Right. And they, as I understand it, and Lynette, you guys can confirm, it is still an ongoing process.

LE: Yep.

GK: And where are the ECan councillors tonight?

CP: You'll have to ask them, Geoffrey, I don't know.

GK: Why aren't they here, they're our representatives.

CP: Well Geoffrey, we can put that question to them.

GK: We have, listen, we have... we had a meeting at the city council, no sorry, ECan, 200 Tuam Street. The Speedy Gonzales guy, what's his name?

Yani Johanson (YJ): **name mentioned**

GK: **name mentioned**, he chaired.

laughing

CP: Speedy Gonzalez!

LE: I have a picture of a little mouse in my head.

BK: Well that's what he behaves like in meetings!

GK: Yep. Sunkle, he got up, picked up his bag and threw his chair into the table, and the table went like that **shakes table**. That's how hard he threw it. You were there.

BK: Yep, I was there. Des, Dead was there, the guy that owned Dogwatch, he was there.

GK: There was someone else, but the ladies were fearful, and said they would not go back to another meeting at ECan because of the behaviour of these two councillors, one of which became the Chairman! Doesn't look, not a good look, is it?

BK: ECan, ECan performed well that day. I gave a piece of paper on the table and he asked a question, so I stood up and he reckoned I was threatening him! I was going to point out on the map I'd given him, and that's when he threw the chair! That's how we've been...

GK: Don't worry, next Tuesday, go to the court. I appear... they reckoned I'd threatened them. That I wasn't supposed to be at meetings...

CP: Right, we're going to- yep, we're done on that. City council report.

AV: Thanks Carl. Thanks everyone for the attendance, we will take the report as read. Council's report has four sections. Firstly, update on the current OPP. The site remains clear and the compost continues to be transported to Kate Valley, so it's business as usual with tunnel composting and compost transport. Secondly, PDP continues to do their independent odour scouting until the plant becomes non-operational. In the last quarter, we have received two reports, with 8 scouting results. While intermittent, weak organic odour was detected, they were not reported as offensive or objectionable. The summary of the report is tabled in the agenda, and you can also access all the PDP reports on the council's webpage.

Next, update on future organics processing facility in Hornby. Construction has started and is progressing well. Earthworks are approaching completion, and tank fabrication is starting as well. Also, more than 240 cubic metres of concrete poured for the building foundation, and structural steel for the processing hall building is being installed. So, you can see the progress photos in the report as well. The plan is that the new OPF will start taking the council's FOGO with the transition period starting from April 2027, and the full operations by October 2027, which will lead to closure of the current OPP located in Bromley. The project milestone is tabled in the report, you can see that, and we are tracking to the construction programme, which is good. Finally, once the new plant becomes fully operational, the current OPP will be closed out and we will put that for repurposing. Council is exploring options internally, so once confirmed the elected members will be consulted and briefed with the options available, and then the staff will engage with the community board to see any possibilities on that. Yeah, with that, I am concluding the council's report, and we are happy to take up any questions.

LE: Can I just add, the milestones are behind because of the consenting delays we had. We always said we were running on a... but as far as the programme is concerned, once they got it, they are sticking to that programme. So, it took a little longer to start than we would've liked, but they are now sticking to their program, so they are meeting their programme, as they said to us. We are keeping an eye on them, and the team are keeping them honest.

CP: Right, Jaco, Living Earth.

Jaco Kleinhans (JK): Thank you very much, uh-

YJ: Oh, can I just ask a question?

CP: Sure.

YJ: In terms of the council update, is there a timeframe for the feasibility of the internal use of the site? So is there a timeframe for what happens next and when?

Alec McNeil (AM): Yeah, we spoke to the GM, and we are waiting on the Parks team, they are doing a bit of due diligence on the bit that is of interest to them, so we think that work will be completed and ready to be reported back around June this year.

YJ: June this year, okay.

AM: Yeah, so probably just after the Annual Plan is adopted, we will come back into the system with the paper. Just to update where we are at, but yeah, just waiting on Parks to get their assessment of the site done.

CP: So, is... this is for the existing site down here, and what's going to happen to it? You're asking about what does the project timeline looks like. When it's developed, if it's not fully developed, when would it be available for the community to see it and-

AM: We will give an update at the next quarterly meeting, and we will set a timeline then of when the paperwork goes out, when the decision would be, and-

CP: And, and a place where they can, consultation?

AM: Yeah.

LE: Yeah, and when that will come out to them.

CP: Because Yani' made the point quite often in these meetings that the community doesn't understand, because it's not communicated well in a way they would get it, where things are at and what's happening as a progressive move of a project like the tidy up of the site. What final use looks like. So, it's about reinforcing, making sure that it's clear to a regular person in the community. I use a test, a person in the community who knows absolutely nothing, could pick it up and go "that makes sense".

AM: Yeah.

CP: Yup, okay. Jaco?

JK: Thank you very much. The last report, we did, for the first time, have an incident with the lab. We, they did the test and made a bit of a mistake, and they did not record all the data, and they cannot retest because they put it through a furnace. So that's why the data for December shows a zero, see the graph dipping down. It does remain below for January. So, that is unusual, we have spoken to the lab and they have said to us that they will do better.

As Abi pointed out, the PDP monitoring is ongoing, no changes on that there. Site operations, we are still around 14 days in the tunnels. Truck loading, still happening on a daily basis. So, no significant changes to the operation at all. During Christmas and New Year, we deliberately did not take any material out of the buildings on the public holidays. It just requires coordination between the different teams and Kate Valley, so that worked well. Made sure the transport was ongoing, and then just additional finishing with carbon during the peak period. We will do an assessment of the biofilter again in May, as normal. Lower season, that we've got.

LE: I've just got a question, you talked about the PDP monitoring, we talked about the PDP monitoring. Do you think we could maybe request the PDP do a couple of early morning tests given what we've...

AV: Yeah, we can do that.

LE: Great, so we will take that as an action.

LH: Sorry, can I ask a question? When you are doing the loading of the trucks, is that in the morning?

JK: Yes, very early morning. We open up the tunnel doors anytime from about 5 o'clock, half past 5 on the... so Kate Valley has consent limitations, on when we can get into Kate Valley

LH: With the trucks?

JK: Yes, and also Daylight Savings time, because they need to go up the hill, they have very strict Health and Safety procedures, traffic management, so we need to plan around that.

LH: Okay.

CP: Bruce?

BK: I did ask a question once, and I can't remember what the answer was. Because the original consent was not for it to be anything from the composting, or even the waste from the dump collection to be transported by truck to Kate Valley. Is there a new consent been issued that bypasses that? It was meant to be put to a rail siding, just north of Amberley, where the old iron works used to be, where there is a rail siding. That's where it was meant to go, but the rail said it was going to cost too much so it was bypassed. But I've never seen a new application for a new consent to have it all the way by road, instead of rail to just north of Amberley, then after Amberley it's probably only another half an hour up to Kate Valley rather than whatever it takes from town.

LE: I tell you what Bruce, I don't think that's something we can answer tonight off the top of our heads, but we will make sure to come back with a written response.

BK: Thank you.

LE: Based on what is in the consent.

AM: Is that the Kate Valley consent?

JK: Yes, it'll be the Kate Valley consent, won't be an OPP consent.

LE: It's not the OPP consent; it's the Kate Valley consent.

BK: But it was the transport of anything to Kate Valley?

LE: Yes.

BK: Right, the other question I've got-

LE: That's a Hurunui consent, just to be clear. That's a consent with Hurunui District Council, and not with the city council or with ECan.

BK: There was a mention, in the Facebook pages, about a fire in the OPP this last month or so, then it was put down that it was only steam. What was the, why did the fire trucks turn up?

LE: Did they?

BK: That's what I read.

JK: No, they did not. I can tell you internally, in general, not in the last season but we have had in the past, lithium batteries go through the waste system. Someone decided they can compost their scooter batteries, which is in general an enormous problem for waste in general. But no, we have not had any fires, we have not had any fire brigades arrive on site that I am aware of, at all.

BK: I was just asking because it was...

GK: I read it too.

JK: Maybe next door, I'm not sure.

BK: Well it was said they went to the biofilter, what the mention was.

CP: One of the great things about social media is you can say anything you like on them, and you don't have to verify.

BK: I agree, that's why I was asking for the man himself.

CP: Yep.

GK: Tell me Bruce, who was it that got rid of the odour plume? The city council spent \$300,000 on an odour plume, that showed where the odour was going, and what the density of the odour was. Now, who got rid of that?

BK: Well, the answer that I got, when I asked about it before, was that it broke down, it changed hands, and they wanted new money to upgrade it. So, I have no idea.

CP: Lynette's a bit puzzled Bruce, Geoffrey.

BK: What?

CP: Lynette's a bit puzzled about what it is that you are describing.

Bruce: There was an odorometer that used to give you a readout of plumes and projected where the odour was to go and spread, and they days when they closed down Bromley School, it was

going right down to the school, so you know, luckily I've got those reports and I've still got them at home somewhere, and we had permission to get them from ECan, then all of a sudden ECan said "you can't have them from us", the city council wouldn't give them to us, and no one would tell us. We were told by the CEO of the city council that we'd have access to these plumes. So that's what Geoffrey was asking it about, it was over \$300,000 they spent on it.

LE: I am recalling conversations we've had in past meetings, and I believe the machinery was no longer able to be...

JK: It was discontinued.

LE: Yeah, it was discontinued, and we couldn't keep it operational. So, while yes, we spent a lot of money on it, it couldn't be kept going.

GK: Well it cost \$340,000 to set up didn't it?

CP: Anything else for Jaco?

BK: Yeah, but that was on their computer. It was on the...

LE: Well yes, but the monitoring equipment that created it, was discontinued. It was a long time ago.

CP: You've never seen it, have you, Alec?

AM: No, no.

AV: How long ago?

LE: It was a long time ago.

JK: The equipment is still...

LE: There, but it's not reliable.

JK: No, when I started I met up with them trying to get it-

GK: Well that's just...

Loud overlapping discussion

BK: Have you still got the magic wand you walk around with?

JK: Which one?

BK: You had little handheld wands that looked like a little torch, about this long **demonstrates about 20 cm length** I've seen a couple, they came around to our place with them.

laughter

Bk: With, what was his name, Marriott?

GK: Dennis Marriott.

BK: Yeah.

CP: This is starting to sound like Harry Potter. Wands and...

BK: That's exactly what it is like. There's more mystery than anything else in the place.

GK: His predecessor, Marriott, used to come around... what?

CA: Daniel O'Carroll.

GK: Yes, or no... um

BK: Lance Flack?

GK: He used to get on the radio and,

BK: Under somebody else's name

GK: Yeah, and...

Bk: Daniel O'Carroll, yeah.

CP: Alright... we'll move on. ECan, your report please.

LE: ECan is doing their report now.

CP: It will come to you Geoffrey.

LE: Pick it up after.

GK: No, what I was going to say is O'Carroll and Marriott, they used to come around with cameras, and film, film our houses, film his house **gestures toward Bruce**. His weather station.

BK: Yep. They did.

GK: They did. And to me,. they went into the park to film my house, walked up the drive, filmed it...

LE: Safe to say we haven't.

GK: What?

LE: We haven't, Jaco hasn't. We, absolutely, that's stopped.

JK: I don't do photography.

laughter

GK: I'm just saying that's what we had to put up with.

LE: We understand

CP: Okay, ECan, your turn.

LH: I'm going to take the report as read. We have done, there were 26 odour complaints over the window, over this recording period. 20 of them were not associated with the characteristics of the Living Earth. What I was going to say is based on what you are saying, we are going to go out in the morning at 6 o'clock as well, to go out and confirm whether the changeover is actually causing an impact-

GK: No point, because you do nothing.

BK: Geoffrey! Give the new people a chance please.

LE: Thank you

LH: So we will do that. And the other priority we are going to do, jointly with Christchurch City Council, is around the dust, because we have only had one dust complaint over that period as well, so we are going to do some dust, work together as a team. So we are going to look at all construction sites in the area to ensure-

GK: Since the windrows have been shifted, I don't get the black dust.

BK: Don't you?

CA: Well I flippin' do.

BK: I do.

CA: It's all over my patio.

BK: I do, get it every day.

LH: We've only had 1 complaint about it...

CA: Sorry to interrupt your report, but I had a young guy come and clean my windows, because I just hadn't bothered cleaning the windows. As fast as I cleaned them, they were filthy again. I paid him \$150 to do it, that was a bit much, but he did it. And he said "I've never seen colour like this come off a window!" I said "Hmm, have you done much around this area?" and he said "No". I said "Welcome to Bromley."

BK: The last time I complained about the dust, some clever person told me that the dust was blowing at right angles and changing from the direction of the wind, and coming to my place. From a construction site that was south of my place, and the north east is over there where the thing is, so... that was the answer I got.

CP: So, Yani, I think it was you last time that was quite clear about, there is a whole raft of dust issues in this.

YJ: I mean, I am heartened to hear ECan say they are going to put some focus on it. They were going to do something similar to what they did in Bromley, I think, in the west of the city. For whatever reason, that just stopped. Council-

LH: We need the LTP to get funding to do these monitors and stuff like that.

YJ: Yup. So I think that...but, we have a council and ECan forum that got cancelled last Friday, but it's something I've raised at council. How can we work together with ECan around that dust monitoring? Because... I mean, it's good that these guys are monitoring but there is a whole load more that needs to happen, and it should be being done

CP: Because there are a potential number of sites. Bruce?

BK: I walked down Maces Road yesterday, about 8 o'clock with the dog, and I must say that KB's, or Kevin Blair's yard is the cleanest I've seen it in the last ever time it's been there. It was spotless, and most days you could see the dust cloud when people drive down there but...

CA: All the car yards there...

GK: There's another yard down Dyer's Road, where you go get your soil and... when there's a nor' wester, you need to put your headlights on to get through it. That's how bad it is.

CP: What do you think made him clean up his yard, Bruce?

BK: I wonder if he got a little ticket. I used to know them quite well.

LH: We are actively monitoring the area, so...

BK: That was the last place I complained about dust.

CP: Right.

GK: You mentioned before, when I said we don't... you don't... when I mentioned before about the fining them and you said yes, they get fined.

LH: Yes.

GK: The Environment Canterbury requirements for breach of contract, well, breach of consent, notice of non-compliance. \$600,000. For the offence, and \$10,000 a day it continues, and... it's in ECan's rules. If you don't uphold your rules.

BK: That's right.

CP: Yep, you made that point. Again.

CA: I don't think that anyone has had a chance to uphold anything yet.

GK: No, but, I'm just saying. I'm not growling at... I'm just saying.

Brett Aldridge (BA): That's the maximum fines a court can impose.

GK: The problem at ECan is **name mentioned**.

CP: Done. Geoffrey.

GK: You all know it.

CP: Geoffrey.

GK: Need to get rid of her.

CP: GEOFFREY. Enough.

GK: I'm just saying.

CP: Okay. Is there anything else? Paul's not here. We have, there's an opportunity Yani, if you want to have a chat with everyone and wider issues.

YJ: Well yeah, can I just raise one thing?

CP: Sure.

YJ: So, as a councillor that has been here since 2007, and did not vote for the plant to go where it went... The council delegate it to staff to choose between two options, the one that seemed very sensible, and one that just seemed unfathomable... hearing from the community, it seems to me that one of the key questions at some point that we will need to address is what does restitution look like? And you know, I'm not talking about direct individual compensation, because I get there is a process underway around that, but it still feels to me that seventeen years, and it's going to be close to two decades. Twenty years of hell. What is it we should be doing to recognise the harm we have caused, and try and improve the quality of life for people in this area. And we've been doing a little bit of stuff around transport and no speed bumps Geoffrey, don't worry-

LE: Not on Maces Road. No speed humps on Maces Road.

YJ: Not on Maces Road.

CA: Never mind Maces Roads, St John's Street...

YJ: And I know it's not directly related but, just in terms of the bigger picture of what we do going forward, there is some budget around some of the transport stuff, so we will circulate that when we get the chance. But it does raise to me the question of, two-fold, what does restitution look like, recognising the harm of what we have cause, and then secondly, surely there has to be some sort of learning, case study, review, of how this was enabled to happen, and exist for so long. Because otherwise people will be very concerned that these mistakes will be made again. And I hear what you are saying about Hornby, Geoffrey. I probably have a slightly different point of view, but, I went to those hearings and they have been granted consent, and that community and that area is going to have to live with those consequences, of that process. But I do think it is important to recognise, at some stage, how this went so wrong, and how so much harm was enabled.

GK: Hey, this outfit got consents also, and look what's happened. Seventeen years, and we are still getting it.

YJ: Yeah. And I do just want to, in conclusion, I mean I just want to acknowledge the community has gone through hell, on multiple levels. The organics, the earthquakes, the flooding, the... you know, the stench, the boil water notice. The ants. A number of things. Can I just acknowledge, like, ECan, in the more recent response to things like the... I know we can't change what's happened in the past, but I am heartened by the way in which the three organisations, living Earth, council

and ECan are being more transparent, and ECan in particular, there have been other responses where they have shown up on people's doorsteps within 20 minutes.

We never had that for the organics plant, and we can't go back unfortunately and change it, but I do think the fact you are looking at the dust, looking at being more responsive, looking at going out earlier in the morning if that's the issue. I am heartened by that, and I am also grateful for Living Earth for recognising the holiday period is a special time for people. Unfortunately for this holiday period, the stench ruined those days for most people around here, but I just want to appreciate that Living Earth did make a lot of effort to minimise their impact on people, so, just want to reflect on, you know, what's been doing on, and leave those thoughts...

CP: To support where you are going Yani, with this. I do some work in another sphere, which is around the survivors of abuse in state care, who have been harmed by the state organisations or faith-based organisation. And the language we use there is not restitution, but it is about redress. And I think it's, and I think what you are raising is an issue that I'm not sure we are able yet, as a community, to get our head around properly, which is redress is different from compensation. People... you can go to court and fight for your compensation, you can prove your loss, get your cash, right. And a whole lot of survivors of abuse in state care are... being given that part of the opportunity. But there is a whole other area which is about the healing stuff. The redress that brings an understanding to a community that those organisations have held the power, have a way of saying sorry in a way that is meaningful to their community. It would be interesting over the next few months, 18 months or a year that we've still got to hang out together Geoffrey... right, where we could open a conversation about what... you're never going to get it all back, but what is it that would work for you, as a community, that might be able to be responded to you by the institutions, ECan and the city council, that would go some way towards recognising and honouring, and doing the redress piece.

YJ: I mean, I'm happy for redress to replace restitution, and just... concur. And thank you for that. I just... my concern is that once this process gets closer to the end, that gets forgotten about, and this just... we just all basically disappear and forget. The problem has been fixed, and I'm grateful for that but I don't want it lost, the harm that's been caused, and the need for redress. So thank you Carl, and I'll leave that...

CP: Bruce?

BK: Yani said he didn't know how it happened in this day and age. Everywhere around the world, where they put plants like that, they put them in so-called lower socio-economic areas of the city. Now, that can be proved all around the world, if you look into things, which I did. I'm ACC for a few years. I looked into all that stuff, and it's true. Now, they go to those areas because people are so concerned about going to work, and not interrupting and upsetting the local government, so they can stay quiet and survive where they are, on their own little patch.

CA: They just want to survive.

BK: That's right. And when I've been around, I did a lot of proactive counselling, or cold-calling on business' around the area over the years. People, when you go to them, and you could walk in

there and you could smell it, you'd say "done anything about this stink?" and they'd say "no". I'd say "why not?" and they would say "we don't want the council to come down and give us this." That's their words back to me. They used to think if we complained about the council, they'll be picked on by the council.

GK: Yes!

BK: That's the attitude that happens all around New Zealand, basically around the world.

GK: It's true.

BK: Especially if you're in the United States, you can't upset the President, but it's the same here. Now, we have, over the years of dealing with this, people are dealing with the council, the CEOs, Geoffrey, Yani, I, and the other guy, we went and had a talk with Karleen Edwards.

YJ: Paul.

BK: Yes. That's the guy. We had a talk, and she said "what do you want done?". So I presented four things. Those four things were investigated by the council, and we've got a report. But the only ones the council wanted- the council employees, not the councillors, wanted investigated, were the only two of the four, that any thorough investigation was done. And that's because they never thought past their short sightedness, like they had blinkers on their eyes of what they wanted to do, so that's what they were going to do. Then over these 13 years I've been going to the council meetings, I've seen the council employees steer the councillors by only doing the in-depth studies... They've done the four I suggested twice, and the last time was even more... they only really fully investigated one. And it's just a load of crap. They are not open to any suggestions other than what they see. And that's what we've found here. We've been called liars to our face. When we had the proof to prove the council people, the council employees were lying. We've got either trespassed or banned from these meetings. And when I can prove that one guy, what I got banned for, I could prove he was lying, I got banned again. I was promised a meeting with the mayor at the time, never got one. Because they are all bloody liars, they stick together.

GK: Yep.

BK: Now, I have found, over the time of the councillors, the council employees we are dealing with, Lynette and the young guy prior to her, the one that used to come along.

LE: David.

AV: David, yes.

BK: David, they have been every good to deal with. Otherwise, we have had people sit in this room and call us liars. I've even had employees of Living Earth, when I wasn't next to my wife, come up and threaten my wife. If I'd seen him do that, he'd have been flat on the bloody floor because I was a lot fitter in those days than I am now. So, that's how we, as general residents have been treated. Starting from, sorry to say, the CEOs of the so-called people who are there to help the people, the residents. They don't help residents, they look after their own self and, I don't know who else, I won't say any more. But I'm thoroughly disappointed to say we have democracy; there

is no such thing as bloody democracy. I would fight for it, but I won't fight for it anymore. Because I haven't got the money to fight for it any more. We were going to take a joint thing, against both the city council and ECan, and we were told we needed \$300,000 before they'd even look at us.

So that's how they win. Put it in a low socio-economic group, no one has got that type of money. If I won bloody Lotto I'd go and do it, let me tell ya. I'd be the first person to go do it. If I had nine million bucks, I'd still go spend the \$300,000 against these pricks. Sorry, I'm not talking to you personally, I'm talking about the previous ones. I don't know how you are. When you've had them come here and say "we can't smell the compost" and I'm sitting on my freshly mown lawn, "oh, I can smell freshly mown lawn." This is the inspectors we've had from ECan come over.

GK: And he still works at ECan.

BK: Yeah.

CP: So you've lopped that round Bruce, to where Yani was. The challenge for the two organisations, the city council and ECan is, given what you hear, how do you make some movements towards redressing the damage that got done to some people?

BA: And I wonder...

CP: And it's not just the plant and the smell, it's the relationship.

BA: It's not the only community. I wonder, you know, with where you were going, if the start of redress is in the form of a learning opportunity where we do get around the table, we do hear the history, and we do hear the problems that occurred. And we do genuinely learn how to stop this from happening again. Because the interesting thing is, I don't think there is any intention from these organisations to do what they do, but they do it. And it's, in some ways because it is a machinery of a sort, sometimes than the people, it gets tied up in bureaucracy at the end of the day. I wonder whether that is the start of the redress you were talking about, because actually genuinely hearing the grievances, and genuinely going "okay, how do we learn from that". Because we can't go back and undo history, but we can use that history to learn. And that, I would be a part of that.

LH: I think we spoke about that quite a while ago, actually doing a "lessons learnt", almost a year ago.

LE: It's a bit bigger than that.

LH: Yeah, but it is about starting there.

AM: Well yes but, you see, it's wilful blindness. There is plenty of academic research that talks of the phenomenon Bruce and Geoffrey are articulating and speaking to. You know, it's well recorded what happens in these stories. I think what you guys are after is an actual, official record of your lived experience, and the range of people involved, if they are still accessible. Putting that together in a report, and actually recording that so it's documented and not forgotten. And then, what lessons or learnings come out of that for organisational response to events. Is that what you're thinking, or am I off the mark?

CA: To a degree. Some years ago, we had a meeting, us three with someone. I can't remember if it was ECan or council, but we had Alistair Humphrey...

CP: The public health guy?

BK, GK, CA: Yeah.

CP: The one who fell from grace a little?

BK: Yes, I think.

CA: He came to the meeting, and I, until I came to live over here and after the plant was set up, I never really had much in the way of health problems. Mind you, I was a bit younger 30 years ago. But I developed this really bad cough, and there was no medical explanation for it. I didn't have bronchitis, didn't have asthma, I wasn't sick. Didn't need antibiotics, didn't need anything. The doctor checked me over thoroughly and said "Well, I don't know what's causing it" and I said "I do." And, that was that. He told me flat out that I was absolutely imagining it. He virtually patted me on the head at that meeting and completely dismissed it. And I thought... Well, I won't tell you what I thought because it wasn't very polite. But it was just... it's gone on, and it's still going on. I still cough, all the time, and all I can see is that it's the toxins, the dust, in the air.

LE: Is it that we... because we have got a few more meetings before we don't have to have them anymore. You know, we are going to get there, what if at the next meeting we put a bit more time into this conversation that Yani has started tonight about what that looks like? I agree with the suggestion down here that we do think about how do we frame this, and what works for you as a community, and we are going to listen.

GK: Well, a lot of people don't do anything. They just live with it.

LE: Yes, but you all haven't lived with it.

CA: We haven't, because we-

GK: There are always a few who do that, and then there is us three here, and two others in our three.

LE: Andy.

CA: And Vickie Walker.

GK: And uh...

LE: Is that a plan?

BK: It's a good plan Lynette.

LE: You have some time to muse on it, before the next discussion.

GK: You know what's worse than the smell? The lies, the deceit, the deception, the abuse.

LE: Yep.

GK: Bullying, and in my case, assault.

CP: So, I think there might, I think for me... I work in communities a lot of the time. The two parts are the recognition and redress for the stuff you've just been talking about, the damage done to human beings and the relationship with lies and, all those things. So there's that piece. The second piece is to have the experience recorded.

CA: A little bit like we did for the earthquakes.

CP: Yes.

CA: people could go and sit somewhere and tell their story. And it was quite cathartic

CP: Yep. It helps, generally it helps. And the other piece is, for me, that I keep reflecting on; we have a small group of people who have spent almost 20 years of their life fighting.

GK: Yes.

CP: What happens when the cause of the fight stops?

CA: **laughs** we go "pew"

CP: Well, no. There is some research around this stuff...

BK: You find something else.

CP: You find something else to fight, and you suddenly... and that in itself is not necessarily helpful for the generation to come.

CA: It becomes a way of life.

CP: That's right. So those aspects, to wrap up in a conversation, might be useful.

YJ: I guess Carl, I also said the core components of that. There are things we can't control, and there are things we can. And when it comes to choosing investment, I am reminded of what happened in Richmond after the earthquake, and Flockton Basin after the flooding. The council put a works package together of street renewals, and renewed a whole neighbourhood. There was a case in Philipstown as well, the CHIP scheme, I think Hamish bought it in, where they actually went and undergrounded the roads, renewed all the roads in that community, in recognition of that being a place that needed something done. And the thing that struck me, when visiting individual residents, is that this is a paradise. It's their beautiful homes and their beautiful gardens, and their right to live in their piece of paradise has been taken away.

CA: Exactly.

YJ: But we can control the environment, we can do maintenance. We can improve the quality of the footpaths, and the roads, and the parks, and the neighbourhood, if we choose to. So, to me, there's almost like another component, which is what does that investment look like going forward?

CP: One of the theme's that I've heard in the meetings Yani, and you would have heard it more often than me, as you go around your community, is the strong sense in the community that Bromley, this area, wears everyone else's, . East, it's always... and so the notion that you want to, I might even steal a line from Trump, to "turn the East into the Rivera" of Christchurch. What would that look like, where it became the most desirable suburb to live in?

GK: **with vocal affectation** Brimley.

CP: Hm?

GK: **with vocal affectation** Brimley.

CP: *Brimley!* You're now Mr Bouquet!

BK: First of all, we can change the name of the sewerage plant from the Bromley Sewage Plant to the Christchurch City Sewage Plant. It used to be called the Aranui Sewage Plant, so then all of a sudden it's changed to Bromley now, and it's more in Aranui than it is in Bromley!

GK: There's nothing wrong with Bromley.

BK: I know!

CA: It's a very nice suburb in Kent.

GK: I bought two sections. I sat on them for 12 months, I went down there morning, noon, and night. Summer, winter, spring, autumn, to see what it was like. Alright? It was quiet. Sometimes you'd hear the odd bang from the industrial site, but you never heard anything. 2009, we had this foisted upon us. In peak hour traffic, half past eight, nine o'clock, I can be outside Ballantynes, in a carpark, in twelve, fifteen minutes, because of the traffic flow. You go to Russley, Yaldhurst, whatever over there by the airport, and the traffic is about two kilometres long, crawling. I couldn't stand that! We are handy. I like the beach, I like going to Lyttelton, because I like the shipping. I was brought up opposite the Grey River Harbour, because my parents had a hotel there. And I like going to there. So I'm handy to there, handy to the beach. I... there are three large supermarkets, Pak n' Save, New World, Woolworths, all within 2 kilometres, whatever. Everything is just so handy. But it's in *Brimley*.

CP: Okay, point made. On that note, I'm going to say we will finish tonight, but we will have on the agenda more of this sort of conversation about what redress can look like, to make you more proud of the suburb.

Meeting closed.

END.

Organics Processing Plant Community Liaison Group Meeting

CCC CLG meeting report

6:30pm to 8:00pm, Tuesday 19 May 2026

Waitai-Coastal-Burwood-Linwood Community Boardroom

180 Smith Street, Woolston, Christchurch 8062

Interim solution at the Organics Processing Plant in Bromley update

The site remains clear with compost continuing to be transported to Kate Valley Landfill to be used as a landfill capping material.

Pattle Delamore Partner's proactive Living Earth odour monitoring report update

Council's external environment experts Pattle Delamore Partners (PDP) continue to conduct their proactive odour monitoring of Living Earth and produce reports on their findings. Since the last Community Liaison Group meeting, PDP have:

- Written three reports, covering Sunday 1 February to Thursday 30 April 2026.
- Totalling twelve dates of odour monitoring and for those twelve dates:
 - Residential zone – Very weak (1) to Weak (2) compost odour detected, as shown in the table below.
 - Industrial zone – Weak (2) to distinct (3) compost odour detected alongside the industrial zone, as shown in the table below.

In summary, no offensive or objectionable compost odour was detected in the Bromley residential or Industrial zones.

All of PDP's proactive reports can be found on Council's OPP webpage under "Odour monitoring reports" <https://ccc.govt.nz/services/rubbish-and-recycling/organicsplant/>

Comparison of PDP's proactive odour monitoring, ECan's Smelt It reports and site activity

Date	Pattle Delamore Partners Proactive odour monitoring (FIDOL assessments in italics) compost odour detections in bold italics	ECan Smelt It reports	Living Earth Site activities		
			Operations	Tunnels loaded out	Wind direction
05/02/2026	- Residential – 12:46 to 12:51, 13:52 – No compost odour. - Industrial – 12:59 to 13:51 – Weak (2) to Distinct (3) compost odour; determined to be neither offensive nor objectionable.	-	04:00 -17:00	05:35 -13:00	05:00 -10:30 NE to NE, 10:30 -17:00 NE to SE
09/02/2026	- Residential – 13:56 to 13:59, 14:28 to 14:32 – Intermittent weak (2) compost odour; determined to be neither offensive nor objectionable. - Industrial – 14:02 to 14:22 – Intermittent weak (2) compost odour; determined to be neither offensive nor objectionable.	-	04:00 -17:00	06:30 -12:00	05:00 -10:30 NW to NW, 11:00 – 17:00 NE to SE back to NE
10/02/2026	- Residential – 13:20 to 13:24, 14:22 – No compost odour. - Industrial – 13:28 to 14:19 – Intermittent weak (2) to Distinct (3) compost odour; determined to be neither offensive nor objectionable.	-	04:00 -17:00	05:20 -10:01	05:00 -11:00 NE to SE, 11:00 -17:00 SE to SE
18/02/2026	- Residential – 15:30 to 15:34, 16:01 to 16:05 – No compost odour - Industrial – 15:38 to 15:57 – Weak (2) compost odour; determined to be neither offensive nor objectionable.	-	04:00 -17:00	N/A	05:00 – 07:00 NW to NE, 07:00 -17:00 SE to SE
23/02/2026	- Residential – 14:27 to 14:31, 14:56 to 15:00 – No compost odour - Industrial – 14:35 to 14:52 – Weak (2) compost odour; determined to be neither offensive nor objectionable.	-	04:00 -17:00	05:00 -11:56	05:00 – 09:00 SW to NW , 09:00 to 10:00 SW to NE, 10:00 -17:00 bouncing between NE & SE
11/03/2026	- Residential – 05:30 to 05:36, 06:37 – Intermittent weak (2) compost odour; determined to be neither offensive nor objectionable. - Industrial – 05:40 to 06:25 – Intermittent weak (2) compost odour; determined to be neither offensive nor objectionable.	-	04:00 -17:00	04:55 -10:10	05:00 -11:00 NE to NW back to NE, 11:00 -17:00 NE to SE
19/03/2026	- Residential – 13:46 to 13:51, 14:18 to 14:22, 14:46 to 14:49 – No compost odour - Industrial – 13:55 to 14:14, 14:24 to 14:42 – Weak (2) to some distinct (3) compost odour; determined to be neither offensive nor objectionable.	-	04:00 -17:00	07:58 -13:21	05:00 to 11:00 NE to NE, 11:00 -17:00 NE to NE
23/03/2026	- Residential – 15:30 to 16:39, 16:18 to 16:34 – No compost odour - Industrial – 15:43 to 16:16 – Weak (2) compost odour; determined to be neither offensive nor objectionable.	-	04:00 -17:00	05:45 -14:18	05:00 - 07:00 NW to NE, 07:00 -12:00 NE to SE, 12:00 -17:00 SE to SE
02/04/2026	Residential – 05:01, 06:35 to 06:55 – No compost odour	-	04:00 -17:00	05:00 -14:20	05:00 -11:00 SE to NE; 11:00 -17:00 SE to SE

	Industrial – 05:06 to 06:25 – <i>Weak (2) compost odour; determined to be neither offensive nor objectionable.</i>				
10/04/2026	- Residential – 14:55 to 15:16, 15:46 to 15:53 – <i>Intermittent very weak (1) to weak (2) compost odour; determined to be neither offensive nor objectionable.</i> - Industrial – 15:18 to 15:43 – <i>Intermittent weak (2) compost odour; determined to be neither offensive nor objectionable.</i>	-	04:00 -17:00	04:55 -12:50	04:00 -07:00 NW to NW, 08:00 -17:00 NE to NE
17/04/2026	- Residential – 14:14 to 14:22, 14:58 to 15:02 – No compost odour - Industrial – 14:35 to 14:54 – No compost odour	-	04:00 -17:00	04:56 -12:20	05:00 -11:00 SE to NE, 11:00 -17:00 NE to NW
30/04/2026	- Residential – 14:32 to 14:40, 15:08 to 15:12, 15:24 – <i>Intermittent weak (2) to distinct (3) compost odour; determined to be neither offensive nor objectionable.</i> - Industrial – 14:55 to 15:03, 15:13 to 15:22 – <i>Intermittent very weak (1) to weak (2) compost odour; determined to be neither offensive nor objectionable.</i>	-	04:00 -17:00	05:45 -14:00	05:00 – 09:00 SW to SW, 10:00 – 17:00 SW to NE

Organics Processing Facility in Hornby update

The granting of the ECan resource consent for the new Ōtautahi Christchurch Organics Processing Facility in South Hornby was confirmed in September 2025, and construction at 17-21 Aruhe Road Hornby, started in October 2025 and is progressing well.

The construction phase of the project is on schedule, and the new facility is forecast to start taking Council FOGO in April 2027. Once operations commence, a transition period will begin during which the new Ōtautahi facility will progressively take on more of Councils organic waste (FOGO) with the new facility expected to be fully operational, and processing all of Councils organics in October 2027. This will lead to the eventual decommissioning of the current Organics Processing Plant.

The below table reflects the timeline of the development of Ōtautahi Christchurch organics processing facility. Further information can be found here: [Ōtautahi Christchurch organics processing facility : Christchurch City Council](#) and [Ecogas website](#)

Projected timeline of the Ōtautahi Christchurch organics processing facility's development:

Project milestone	Baseline delivery date	Current Status	Completed/ Expected delivery date
Contract award to Ecogas	December 2023	Completed	December 2023
Preparation of design and consent application	January to July 2024	Completed	June 2024
Resource consents lodged	July 2024	Completed	July 2024
Land Consent granted	October 2024	Completed	October 2024
Construction tender released	September to December 2024	Completed	December 2024
Resource consent hearing and decision incl. 15days Appeal period	-	Completed	September 2025
(FINAL) consent granted	February 2025	Completed	September 2025
Construction starts	February 2025	Completed	October 2025
Construction	February to November 2025	In progress	October 2025 – February 2027
Equipment installed	February to May 2026	-	During Construction period
Commissioned	May 2026	-	March 2027

Starts processing organics	June 2026	-	April 2027
Facility Fully operational	December 2026	-	October 2027

Key: **Completed**, **Open**, **Delayed**

Future use of the Organics Processing Plant site in Bromley

Council is currently exploring the internal use of the site. CLG will be updated on next steps as this progresses.



Living Earth's Organics Processing Plant Community Liaison Group Report

February 2026 to April 2026

Prepared by: Sam Munn

5 May 2026

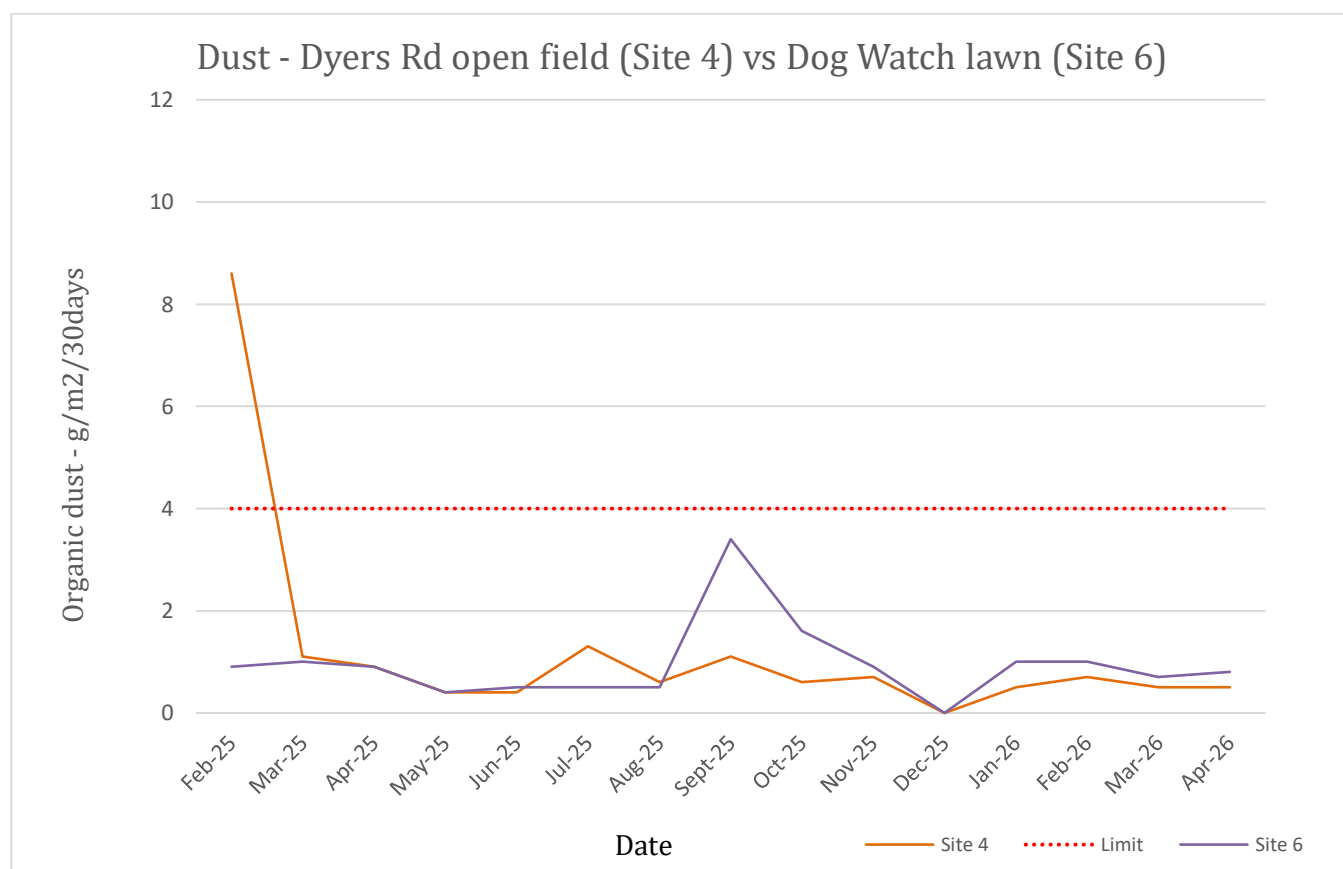
The consent conditions of CRC 080301.1 are detailed in this report, and comments are provided on the status. Key matters are discussed below:

Dust (Condition 25)

No dust complaints were received during this period.

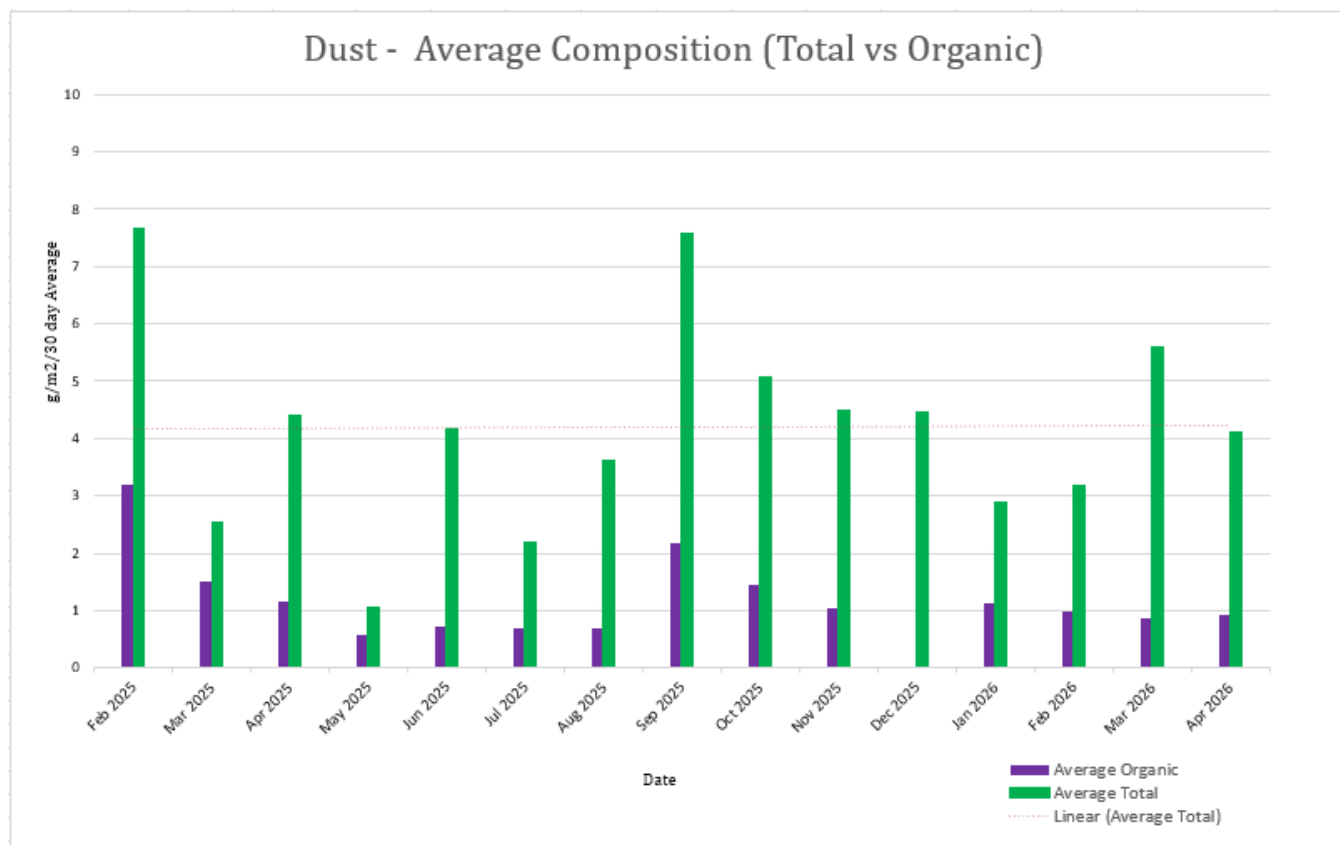
Dust control and monitoring procedures remain in place. Dust monitoring is conducted by an independent contractor. Dust monitors located closer to the site boundary and on site remained below the $4\text{g}/\text{m}^2/30$ consent limit for the three month period.

Graph 1 below compares the 30-day average for two of the offsite dust monitors: Site 4 (Dyers Road open field control) and Site 6 (Dog Watch lawn). These results show dust levels remain similar downwind and upwind of site.

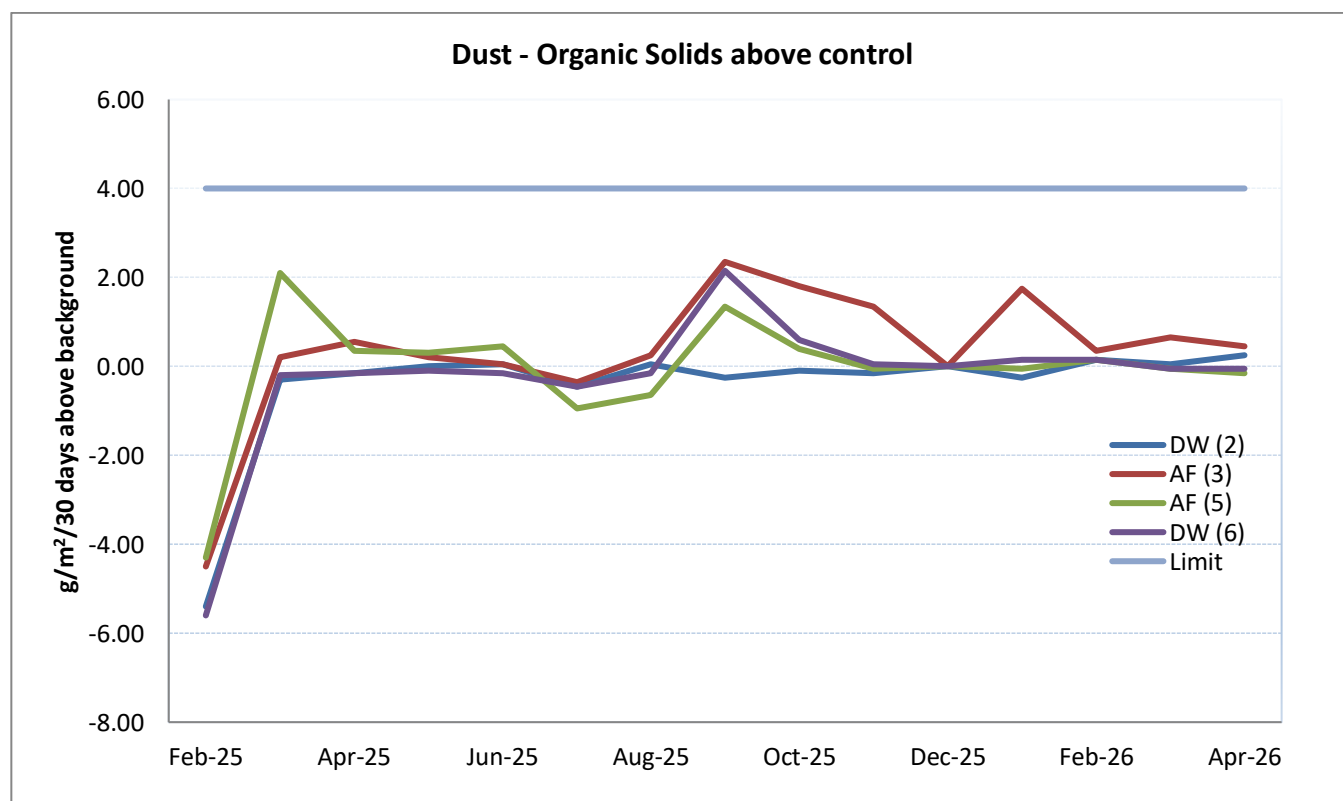


Graph 1 - Off site dust monitors Site 4 and Site 6, located along Dyers Road and downwind of the site.

Graph 2 below compares the 30-day average for total dust and organic dust that can be associated with activities related to the OPP. Although the total dust has exceeded the $4\text{g}/\text{m}^2/30$ consent limit on some occasions the organic composition of that dust has always remained below the consent limit.



Graph 2 - Average dust composition comparison of average total dust vs average organic component.



Graph 3 – Organic Solids compared to background level (background at zero for the purposes of this graph)

Odour (Condition 27/Condition 14)

Daily site odour assessments are conducted by staff with calibrated noses, and proactive odour assessments completed by external odour consultant Pattle Delamore Partners.

All relevant LE staff have had their noses calibrated at WaterCare in Auckland in 2024 & 2025 and are still current.

No non-compliance reported during this quarter.

On-site Operations

1. KSO is processed in the tunnels for at least 14 days and then loaded directly into trucks and sent off site for further processing and screening. This is still current.
2. Truck loading is happening directly outside the OPP with water misters operating.
3. We achieve an approximate 40% to 60% reduction in volume through the current tunnel process.
4. Extra carbon and EM are being used in the process to ensure feedstock recipe is correct for the current season.
5. No tailings are produced or stored onsite.
6. All green waste is processed in the OPP.
7. No material is stored, moved or screened onsite.
8. On average we have been carting 9 to 12 truck and trailer loads of pasteurised and stabilised product offsite, 4 days a week. We avoid carting compost on weekends and public holidays.
9. Screening shed decommissioning is ongoing.
10. We are bringing in extra carbon to maintain an optimum C:N ratio for peak season. We are on the tail end of peak season now with input tonnages slowly decreasing.
11. Biofilter maintenance is planned for June 2026.

Description		Compliance (Y/N)	Findings Comments & Problems
1	The discharges shall be only odour and dust from an organics processing plant and green waste composting facility located at 40 Metro Place, Bromley, Christchurch at map reference NZMS 260 M35: 8627-4087 and indicated as "Applicant's Site" on plan CRC080301A attached as part of this consent.	Yes	No discharge except odour and dust occurs from the facility other than storm and wastewater that are covered under different consents.
2	The organics processing plant shall process not more than 90,000 tonnes of organic material per year.	Yes	The plant operates under the set limit.
3	The discharges of odour and dust shall only occur from the following sources: a. From construction activities associated with the establishment of the organics processing plant; b. From an odour extraction system on the process building that discharges to air via biofilters; c. From composting of organic material in managed windrows; and d. From screening, blending, packaging and stockpiling of matured compost.	Yes	a. n/a during this period b. The biofilter has been working with no issues. c. No windrows during this period. d. These activities have stopped.
Construction of Organics Processing Plant			
4	The consent holder shall provide to the Canterbury Regional Council a Construction Management Plan to be submitted for approval before commencement of the works on site that includes but is not limited to the following requirements: a. Regular watering of dusty surfaces during dry windy conditions; b. Restricting traffic speed within the site to less than 15 kilometres per hour; c. Covering loads of excavated soil whenever visible dust occurs from this source; d. Locating stockpiles in areas that are less likely to be affected by prevailing winds and at least 50 metres from boundaries; and e. Stabilisation of exposed areas as soon as possible after work is completed.	Yes	No construction during this period
Organics Processing Plant			
5	The consent holder shall provide to the satisfaction of the Canterbury Regional Council a Facilities Operation Manual before operating the organics processing plant.	Yes	A copy was provided in 2012 as required under the consent.
6	The material processed shall only include the following: a. Green waste; b. Food waste; and c. River weed.	Yes	No other items are accepted.
7	Organic waste containing putrescible material {food waste} shall be processed in a tunnel compost system	Yes	All vehicles with putrescible waste are emptied

	contained within the process building.		inside the processing hall and processed in the tunnels.
8	Organic waste not containing putrescible material may be composted in managed windrows.	Yes	This is no longer done.
	Tunnel Compost System		
9	The tunnel compost system shall consist of a process building, outdoor uncovered windrows and screening and stockpiling.	Yes	Tunnel system is the only process used.
10	The process building shall: a. House all receiving, shredding and blending of organic waste that is to be composted in the tunnel composting process; and b. Be operated under a negative pressure system with all discharges to air being treated via a biofilter.	Yes	a. All receiving, shredding, and blending of materials is completed in the process hall before being loaded into tunnels. b. The negative pressure of the biofilter fan (tunnel exit) is typically maintained at -100Pa and monitored via a computer control system.
11	The incoming organic material shall be placed into the tunnel composting system on a daily basis within 24 hours of receipt.	Yes	This is completed. OPP operates on public holidays in line with the kerbside collection trucks. We are open and processing on all days that collection occurs.
12	The tunnel composting process shall have a duration of not less than seven days, which includes an allowance of up to half a day for tunnel emptying, cleaning and filling. During the tunnel composting process, the temperature of all the compost shall be maintained at greater than 55 degrees Celsius for a minimum of three continuous days or less at higher temperatures, so that pathogen destruction has occurred in compliance with New Zealand Composting Standard NZ 4454. At the same time or after the tunnel composting process, the compost shall be aerobically treated for 14 days or longer, during which time the temperature must always be over 40 degrees Celsius and the average temperature must be higher than 45 degrees Celsius.	Yes	During this period typical time was 19 days in the tunnel.
13	Records shall be maintained showing compliance with Condition (12). Such records shall be available to Canterbury Regional Council on request.	Yes	Reports were recorded via a computer control system recording time and temperature.
14	The maturation composting stage shall be an uncovered windrow system that allows the process to meet Condition (27) of this consent.	Yes	This is no longer done at this site.
	Green waste Windrow Compost System		
15	Organic wastes not containing putrescible are to be shredded, blended and formed into windrows within 24 hours of receipt.	Yes	All green waste is processed in the OPP.
16	Any organic waste which contains putrescible material is to be redirected into the tunnel composting system.	Yes	
17	Not more than 30,000 tonnes per annum of green waste shall be composted in full in the outdoors windrows.	Yes	
18	The uncovered windrows shall meet the following criteria: a. The windrow shall be maintained in an aerobic state throughout; and	Yes	We no longer have windrows; all these conditions are met within the tunnel composting system.

	b. The state of the windrows shall be monitored for oxygen, temperature and moisture as follows (and records retained): a. Oxygen: Weekly for the first four weeks after the row is constructed and thereafter if the row is suspected of turning anaerobic; b. Temperature: Weekly; c. Moisture Content: Every second day		
	Odour Extraction System – Organics Processing Plant		
19	The odour extraction system on the process building shall be designed by a person competent in this area of technology to industry best practices.	Yes	n/a during the period
20	The odour extraction system shall be of sufficient capacity to prevent any fugitive discharge of odours from the process building under all operating conditions.	Yes	n/a during the period
21	The discharge shall exhaust via a biofilter with an average loading of not greater than 80 cubic metres of air per hour per cubic metre of bed material	Yes	Biofilter size 20.7m x 42.5m size. Maximum airflow ex fan is 90,000m ³ /hr. If media is > 1.17m deep, then 80m ³ /hr/m ³ of media cannot be exceeded. Bed depth is typically 1.3 – 1.5m. fan speed typically <90% of max. The fan can be limited in the control system to maximum speed as required. Fan operation is measured, controlled, and monitored by a computer control system.
22	The odour extraction systems shall operate at all times during processing of raw materials or products.	Yes	Operates 24/7 and is monitored by a computer system.
23	The bio filters shall be maintained in such a way as to effectively reduce odours from the organics processing plant so Condition (27) is met. This shall include but not be limited to: a. Maintaining satisfactory moisture levels in the biofilter. b. Maintaining an appropriate pH range, typically 4 to 8. c. Maintain aerobic conditions at all times. d. Replace the biofilter media at an appropriate time, determined when any of the above operating parameters, odour levels, or, airflow backpressure are unable to be maintained within their operating limits.	Yes	a. Average moisture tested for the period is 68% (this is high and will be remedied by changing the material in June) b. Average pH recorded for this period 6.5 c. Oxygen levels >20% d. Back pressure monitored for bed media condition within acceptable range. Media replacement planned for June 2026
	Dust Control		
24	The consent holder shall implement the following measures to minimise the generation and discharge of dust: a. Use water sprays with any mechanical handling of compost when conditions are likely to generate dust.	Yes	a. Mistlers and water trucks are used b. Site is asphalt sealed c. No piles outside

	b. Provide an impervious base to all outdoor composting areas. c. Limit the height and slope of outdoor piles to less than five metres in height. d. Bulk carriers removing material from site shall be covered. e. Use water tankers and/or sprinklers to dampen down areas of heavy vehicle access when wind speed exceeds five metres per second (five-minute average) during dry conditions. f. Suspend all product load-out and windrow turning operations during dry conditions when the wind speed measured by the on-site meteorological station, blowing from between 10 degrees and 130 degrees, exceeds 10 metres per second for two consecutive five-minute averages. Recommencement of load-out and windrow turning operations may occur if recorded wind speeds from that sector are less than 10 metres per second for two consecutive five minute averages.		d. Monitored on-site, data reported each minute. e. The asphalt is watered and swept regularly to remove any residual debris.
25	a. Within 12 months of this consent coming into effect the consent holder shall establish and maintain suitable tree windbreaks around all areas where compost is stored. b. Notwithstanding condition 25(a), a further line of tree shelter shall be established along the boundary with Affordable Storage Limited and the boundary with Dogwatch Sanctuary Trust, to fill in gaps in the existing tree shelter plantings where establishment or growth has been poor such that a continuous shelter belt more than 1.8 metres high has not been formed. These additional shelter trees shall be planted within six months of commencement of the change to conditions. All shelter trees shall have a minimum height of 1.8 metres and shall be maintained and irrigated until they reach a height of at least five metres. Any dead, diseased or damaged trees shall be replaced immediately. The trees shall be protected from the prevailing wind during at least the initial three years of establishment of the trees by wind cloth fencing or similar in order to optimise tree growth. c. A plan showing planting and landscaping works to be undertaken to comply with Condition 25(b) shall be prepared by a suitably qualified person and shall be submitted to the Canterbury Regional Council within three months of commencement of the change to conditions.	Yes	The open area is regularly cleaned.
26	On-site vehicle speeds in the outside windrow, compost storage and compost screening areas shall be restricted to not more than 15 kilometres per hour. A sign, capable of being read at a distance of five metres, shall be erected at the main vehicle entrance to the outside storage area to inform all drivers of this requirement.	Yes	Signs in place, all drivers, and contractors inducted with specific mention made of consent compliance.
27	The discharges to air shall not cause odour or dust which is offensive or objectionable beyond the boundary of the site on which this consent is exercised.	Yes	
28	Notwithstanding Conditions 24 and 27, all product load-out, heavy vehicle operation and windrow turning activities shall cease at any time when these activities cause visible suspended particulate matter beyond the western site boundary, including at properties occupied by Affordable Storage Limited, Dogwatch Sanctuary Trust or their successors.	Yes	Monitored daily. No outside operations significantly reduce risk, and area is lined with water cannons and misters.
29	The consent holder shall maintain records of any odour or dust complaints received by the consent holder. These records shall include: a. Location of complainant when odour or dust was detected.	Yes	Complaints made to Environment Canterbury are recorded by Environment Canterbury.

	b. Date and time of odour or dust detection. c. Weather conditions, including wind direction, at the composting facility when odour or dust was detected. d. Strength of the odour complained of, assessed on a scale of 1 to 5 by the complainant with the following rating system: 1 odour noticeable but not persistent; 2 odour clear and persistent; 3 odour unpleasant and persistent; 4 odour strong, offensive and persistent; 5 odour very strong and offensive. e. The amount of dust complained of, assessed on a description of the visible quantities and extent of dust deposits on a scale of 1 to 5 by the complainant with the following rating system: 1 noticeable and not extensive; 2 clear and minor coverage; 3 nuisance and moderate coverage; 4 objectionable and extensive coverage; 5 significant extensive deposits, offensive. A description of the appearance of the dust shall also be recorded. f. Any possible cause for the odour or dust complained of; and g. Any corrective action taken. Records demonstrating compliance with the above condition shall be provided to the Canterbury Regional Council on request and shall be summarised as part of the Annual Environmental Report required under Condition 36.		
	Monitoring		
30	The consent holder shall undertake site-boundary odour assessments at least once per day, in a manner consistent with Work Instruction WI30 Issue 6, dated 1 September 2010, submitted with the application, or an equivalent later document. These assessments shall occur at no fewer than eight locations around the site boundary, including at least one location downwind of the composting tunnels and the maturation windrows. In the event of strong odours being detected, that may create adverse effects beyond the site boundary, then the consent holder shall take all practicable efforts to mitigate the odour using measures that may include the use of masking agents, capping the source, and returning odorous material to the tunnels. Records shall be kept that include the date and time of the assessment, meteorological parameters at the time, odour descriptions and odour intensities at each monitoring location. Staff members responsible for these assessments shall have calibrated noses, determined by suitably qualified persons at an accredited laboratory. These staff members shall be recalibrated for odour sensitivity at least once every three years.	Yes	Completed.
31	The consent holder shall, prior to unloading a tunnel, undertake an odour assessment of the compost material, in a manner consistent with Work Instruction WI4 Issue 6, dated 1 September 2010, submitted with the application, or an equivalent later document. In the event of strong odours being detected, that may create adverse effects beyond the site boundary, then the consent holder shall return the assessed material to the tunnel and shall not empty the tunnel until it has been determined that the material is no longer odorous to the point where it may create an adverse effect beyond the site boundary. Staff members responsible for these assessments shall have calibrated noses, determined by suitably qualified persons at an accredited laboratory. These staff members shall be recalibrated for odour sensitivity at least once every three years.	Yes	Odour assessments are completed on a continuous basis when tunnels are being emptied.

32	a. At all times during exercise of this consent, wind speed and wind direction shall be measured by an anemometer established on the site. b. The anemometer shall be installed at a height of at least five metres above ground level at a location free from any obstruction that has potential to significantly affect wind flow. c. Wind speed resolution of measurement shall be not more than 0.1 metres per second and wind speed accuracy of measurement shall be at least within +/-0.2 metres per second. d. The anemometer shall be established, located and operated to the satisfaction of the Canterbury Regional Council. e. Wind speed and direction shall be continuously recorded with an averaging time for each parameter of not more than five minutes. f. These data shall be: (i) recorded using an electronic data logging system; and (ii) provided to the Canterbury Regional Council upon request.	Yes	Weather station is located on site.
33	a. Dust deposition monitoring shall occur in at least two dust gauges sited near to the boundary with Affordable Storage Limited or successor and the boundary with Dogwatch Sanctuary Trust or successor and at least one further control dust gauge. The location of the dust deposition gauges shall be determined by a suitably qualified person and shall be provided in writing to the Canterbury Regional Council. The method of monitoring shall be ISO DIS-4222.2 or a similar method to the satisfaction of the Canterbury Regional Council. Samples shall be collected monthly and the monitoring results shall be included and summarised in the Annual Environmental Report required under Condition 36. b. Dust control measures shall be implemented to maintain the rate of dust deposition at the consent holder's boundary, measured in accordance with Condition 33(a), at less than 4g/m²/30 days above the background concentration measured at the control site. Any exceedance of this trigger level shall be reported to the Canterbury Regional Council, including the likely reasons for exceedance and any remedial action undertaken.	Yes	A total of eight dust gauges are used as controls (2), onsite (3) and offsite (3). Offsite gauges are in the immediate neighboring properties, and these are used to monitor compliance against this consent. <i>A note to mention, that we have removed monitoring location 7 (pump station by Dog Watch) and location 8 (in the green waste drop off area). Location 8 is no longer Living Earth site, so no longer relevant, and location 7 is obsolete to the purpose.</i>
Management Plan			
34	(a) The consent holder shall prepare and implement an Environmental Management Plan (EMP) that addresses the control of discharges to air from the site. (b) The EMP shall be prepared and provided to the Canterbury Regional Council: attention: RMA Compliance and Enforcement Manager, within three months of the granting of this consent variation and within one month of the completion of annual reviews. (c) The EMP shall be reviewed annually. (d) The EMP and any revisions shall include all measures necessary to achieve compliance with the conditions of this consent. (e) The EMP shall include, but not be limited to: a. A description of the dust and odour sources on-site; b. The methods to be used for controlling dust and odour at each source;	Yes	

	c. A description of consent and monitoring requirements; d. A system of training for employees and contractors to make them aware of the requirements of the EMP; and e. Identifying staff responsible for implementing and reviewing the EMP.		
	Community Liaison Group		
35	a. Within one month of the commencement of the change of conditions, the consent holder shall invite local residents and interested people to attend a meeting to establish a Community Liaison Group. The invitation to attend and establish a Community Liaison Group shall be extended to include: (i) all property owners and occupiers with boundaries adjoining, or but for the presence of roads, with boundaries immediately next to the site; and (ii) all parties who made a submission on the application to change consent conditions. b. A representative of the consent holder shall attend all meetings of the Community Liaison Group. The Canterbury Regional Council shall be invited to send a representative to attend all meetings. c. The consent holder shall ensure that members of the Community Liaison Group are provided with the opportunity and facilities to meet at least once every three months. d. The main purposes of the Community Liaison Group shall be to: a. Identify and address any adverse effects of discharges to air from the site, including possible remedial action; and b. Discuss the results of all monitoring and reporting required under this consent.	Yes	Ongoing Community Liaison Group meetings are held as required, including this meeting.
	Reporting		
36	The consent holder shall, no later than the 30 th of June of each year, provide an Annual Environmental Report to the Canterbury Regional Council setting out all monitoring and reporting results required by conditions of consent and their interpretation by an appropriately qualified person, including dust deposition monitoring and complaints recording undertaken in relation to this consent over the previous period. Where the result of any test or monitoring undertaken in relation to this consent exceeds the relevant limit/trigger level or does not comply with the relevant condition, then the steps that were taken to rectify the non-compliance shall be specified.	Yes	
	Administration		
37	This consent shall not be exercised concurrently with CRC930514.	Yes	

38	The Canterbury Regional Council may annually, on or about the last working day of March each year, serve notice of its intention to review the conditions of this consent for the purposes of: a. Dealing with any adverse effect on the environment which may arise from the exercise of the consent; or b. Requiring the adoption of the best practicable option to remove or reduce any adverse effect on the environment; or c. Complying with the requirements of an operative regional plan.	Yes	
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Environment Canterbury Odour and Dust Report 01 February 2026 – 30 April 2026

Prepared on 5 May 2026 for the Community Liaison Group Meeting 19 May 2026.

Living Earth odour monitoring

During the reporting period, 166 Smelt-Its were received referencing compost-type odours in the Bromley community. Of these, 160 also described additional odour characteristics not typically associated with Living Earth's operations.

Of the six reports describing only "*compost, silage, herbal, cut grass*" characteristics, three were considered unattributable to Living Earth due to distance from the site. The remaining three reports are outlined in the table below.

Date	Time	Smelt-It received (odour characteristics)	Attendance / Response
1/2/2026	7:00 am	Compost, Silage, Herbal, cut grass	Received afterhours - Not attended
9/4/2026	4:17 am	Compost, Silage, Herbal, cut grass	Received afterhours - Not attended
20/4/2026	11:00 am	Compost, Silage, Herbal, cut grass	Not attended

Environment Canterbury did not receive any phone calls, Snap Send Solve reports, or emails reporting compost-type odours in the Bromley community over this reporting period.

No pollution events were recorded in relation to Living Earth, and no odour from the site was substantiated as offensive or objectionable beyond the property boundary.

Adjusted Approach to Odour Reporting and Response

Due to a significant increase in odour reports associated with the Wastewater Treatment Plant from January 2026, the approach to processing and responding to Smelt-Its was adjusted to manage the volume. Individual Smelt-Its were not logged as pollution events during this reporting period; instead, officers undertook regular proactive odour monitoring.

While this approach enabled a focus on higher-risk odour sources, it is possible that some reports relating to other sites, including Living Earth, were not individually assessed. Environment Canterbury is continuing to refine its processes to ensure odour-related concerns raised by the community are appropriately addressed.

Compliance Monitoring of Living Earth CRC080301.1

No specific compliance monitoring of CRC080301.1 was undertaken during this quarter. Routine dust monitoring undertaken by a consultant on behalf of Living Earth was compliant.

Ecogas consenting progress

Resource consent CRC250284, held by Ecogas Limited Partnership, was granted on 18 September 2025. All parties are continuing to work together to transfer site activities under the new consent.

Other odour monitoring in the Bromley Community

During this quarter, Environment Canterbury received 2558 odour reports via Smelt It, Snap Send Solve, email, and phone. The majority of reports (2389 of 2558) described sewer and/or faecal characteristics and were therefore attributed to the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Environment Canterbury staff undertook 22 odour monitoring rounds in the Bromley area during the reporting period, totalling approximately 14.5 hours of proactive and responsive monitoring.

More information can be found on the [Odour Monitoring in Bromley](#) webpage and the [CCC page on the WWTP](#).

Dust monitoring in the Bromley Community

During this quarter, Environment Canterbury received one report of dust within the Bromley community that was unrelated to Living Earth. The report was received after hours and was not substantiated.

Environment Canterbury and Christchurch City Council have engaged on a more collaborative and proactive approach to dust management in Bromley, addressing both dust generation and sediment tracking from sites. Engagement with several site owners to discuss good practice and potential improvements is ongoing.

Bromley Reporting Area

The data used in this report relates to incidents received within the Bromley area, as outlined by the pink area in the map below. For consistency of reporting, only Smelt Its within the pink boundary are considered.

