



City of **HOBART**

**MEMORANDUM: LORD MAYOR
DEPUTY LORD MAYOR
ELECTED MEMBERS**

GOOD NEIGHBOUR AGREEMENT

Meeting: City Infrastructure Committee

Meeting date: 30 March 2022

Raised by: Lord Mayor Reynolds

Question:

Can an estimate be provided on the number and size of trucks visiting McRobies Gully as part of meeting the Council's Good Neighbour Agreement commitment to reducing truck movements?

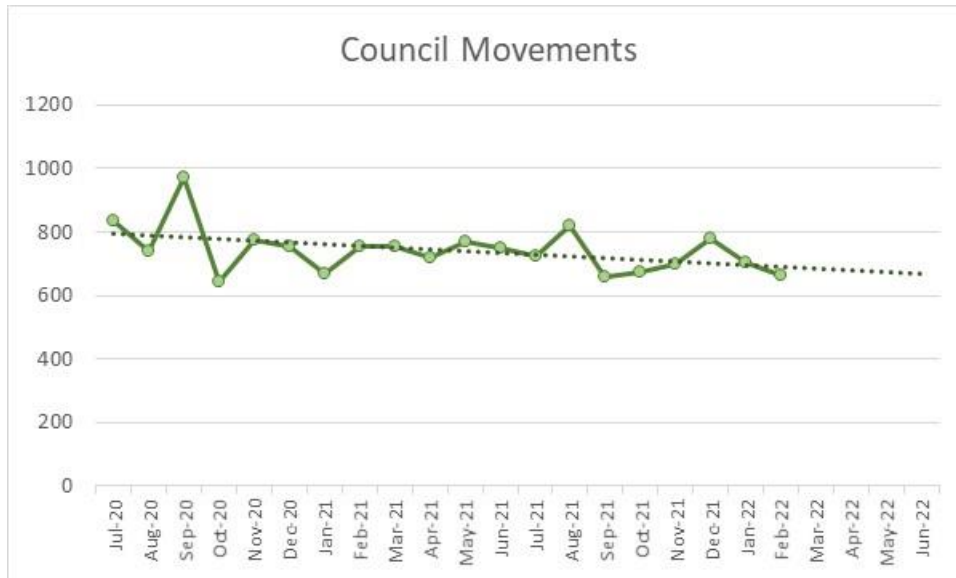
When will data reports be provided on Traffic and Noise management as promised in the Good Neighbour Agreement?

Has there been an increase in tonnage of fill and construction waste hauled by larger trucks at McRobies gully in last 2 years?

Response:

The City keeps a range of data in relation to the operation of the McRobies Gully Waste Management Centre, including vehicle movements to the site.

In terms of the traffic and noise management commitments made within the Good Neighbour Agreements, the site has been actively pursuing reducing the number of City vehicles using the McRobies Gully facilities, for some time.

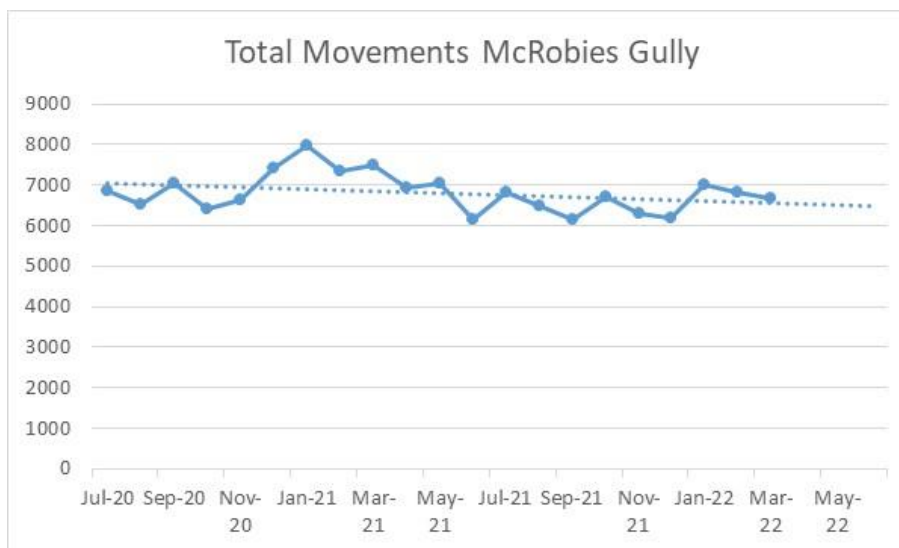


Decreases specific to the Council have been realised through a number of avenues, including:

- Diversion of kerbside green waste collections (formerly delivered to McRobies for composting, but now going to an external compost facility).
- Ceasing delivery of compost – bulk loads now supplied to an external contractor.
- Delivery of some kerbside waste, litter bin collections, and street sweeper vehicles to an alternative facility. This has resulted in 15-20% reduction in movements to McRobies Gully, and delivered efficiency gains due to the transport distance to a waste management facility. This applies for a significant portion of the waste collection and street sweeping rounds in areas close to the bordering municipality of Glenorchy, such as the Newtown and Lenah Valley areas when material is delivered to facilities north of Hobart. This also has reduced transport movements through the CBD & South Hobart.

The City will continue to investigate other avenues for recycling, re-processing, and disposal of City generated materials. For example, the City is currently looking into the delivery of construction & demolition material and earthworks from civil works to an alternative facility for recycling.

The number of vehicles in total to the Waste Management Centre site has seen a slight decrease over the past 2 years. This includes heavy vehicles, light vehicles and Council loads. It doesn't include visitors to the Tip Shop on site.



It should be noted that there have been some commercial projects that have seen an increase in large vehicle movements to the site in recent months. One large project in particular within the Hobart municipal area has seen truck and trailer loads delivered to the site. This project has now been completed, and involved site remediation of a key Hobart location.

It should also be noted that there will be a landfill levy introduced in Tasmania as from 1 July 2022. This will result in fewer vehicle movements to the landfill, as the intention of a landfill levy is to put a price premium on landfill disposal, make recycling processes more viable, and contribute to the funding of new or upgraded recycling and reprocessing infrastructure and programs. New avenues to treat materials will become available, and landfilling will become less prevalent.

Traffic has been reducing to the facility. In particular, the large truck and trailer combination vehicles will become very infrequent visitors to the site, rather than a regular visitor as has been the case in recent months.

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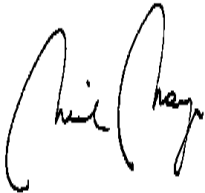
The City is in the process of publishing traffic movement data on its website. This will be available by 13 May 2022.

There has not been an increase in construction waste, however there has been an increase of cover fill material delivered to the site in the past 2 years. Clean fill from Council operations has increased, as has clean fill from commercial operators. The use of the larger truck and trailer configurations has primarily been the result of deliveries of material from one major project that delivered 12,500 tonnes that has now finalised. It is expected that large truck movements to the site will decline effective immediately.

The site requires clean fill to be able to operate in accordance with its Environmental Protection Notice, which requires waste to be covered daily. Good quality fill also enables the site to better manage the waste through preparation of banded cells that minimise tip face widths, reduce risk of litter escape, and enable better compaction of waste. Clean fill is also a significant source of revenue to the site. While the site

requires fill material and it does generate revenue, the level of material to the site (and in turn, large truck movements) is expected to decline significantly in future years.

As signatory to this report, I certify that, pursuant to Section 55(1) of the Local Government Act 1993, I hold no interest, as referred to in Section 49 of the Local Government Act 1993, in matters contained in this report.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Neil Noye', written in a cursive style.

Neil Noye
DIRECTOR CITY LIFE

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