

**MEETING NOTES OF THE NATIONAL STOCK EFFLUENT WORKING GROUP**  
**at**  
**MIA premises, Wellington**

**9.00am Friday 26 August 2010**

**Present:**

Fiona Knight	Convenor,
David Burt	Federated Farmers
Phil Critchley	NZ Police
Mike Noon	AA
Luke Urlich	AA
Kevin Cresswell	Meat Industry Association
Isy Kennedy	Environment Waikato
Murray Riley	NZ Transport Agency – funding
Ken Shirley	Road Transport Forum (items 3C – end)
Adele Arnold	Dairy NZ (telephone, items 3-6)

**Apologies:**

Trish Burborough	MAF
Roger Fisher	Ministry of Transport
Ian Cox	South Waikato DC
	NZ Transport Agency - highways

ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION
1. Introductions and apologies	<p>Noted the departures from the Group – Oliver Suri, Tony Friedlander, Lew Metcalf, and Will McGimpsey. (Fiona had emailed thanks on behalf of NSEWG). Noted that MoT not progressed the actions on containment of stock effluent on trucks.</p> <p>Introduced the new faces, and noted that MoT and Fonterra had yet to provide new representatives. Expressed particular appreciation for the work of Lew Metcalf from Fonterra in achieving changes in their policies..</p>	Fiona to write to Lew and cc John Hutchings and Lindsay Burton
2. Meeting Notes of 10 November 2009	Notes were confirmed.	
3. Matters arising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Agreed effluent is both an environmental and road safety issue</li> <li>• Quantity of complaints could be a KPI on how well effluent is being controlled</li> <li>• Need to maintain a profile about effluent during the upcoming local body elections</li> </ul>	Phil to check if Police Comms centres can help identify numbers of

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Can effluent be added to RCA road network inspection forms?</li> <li>• What about having an 0800 number for effluent complaints, even if only for around gypsy Day</li> <li>• Noted that industry groups are pushing the message to stand stock – Dairy NZ, MIA</li> <li>• Liveweight still being used for sales. Need to get some research on how much animal loses in value by being stood. Then we can target farmers. Farmers are simply throwing away feed. Action to develop a key message that all groups can promote. Noted that factsheet now on NZUAG website. It is good business practice not to dump waste</li> </ul>	<p>complaints Fiona to check costs and validity of 0800 number</p> <p>Fiona, Kevin, David to develop key message</p>
3A. Regional council updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Noted current activity from Northland, Auckland, Waikato, Manawatu-Wanganui, Southland regions</li> <li>• Only infringement option for RCs is under RMA –discharge to land</li> </ul>	
3B. In-transit disposal sites	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Update on sites</li> <li>• Noted the funding issues are still a problem</li> <li>• Fiona to speak with NZTA Regional Directors as they sit on Regional Transport Committees. Ian and Murray to assist. Then get them on board to speak with RCs and TAs to encourage more action.</li> <li>• Still awaiting advice from Geoff on how best to work with regional councils</li> </ul>	<p>Ian to update maps for website Fiona, Murray, Ian to meet NZTA RDs Geoff to advise on working with RCs.</p>
3C- road transport problems	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Noted that despite trucks having fitted tanks, some of these were not being maintained properly. Drivers were not using disposal facilities - even driving right past them.</li> <li>• Operators still not giving correct advice on pick-up times.</li> </ul> <p>Need to seek advice from road transport practitioners on what can be done about this, and how to get farmers to stand stock before collection.</p>	Ken/Fiona to speak with RTFNZ members
4 MIA/ RTFNZ Forum February 2010	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kevin reported on useful discussions</li> <li>• Still finger pointing across the tables</li> <li>• Draft strategy for meatworks and standing stock well received at the meeting but not good feedback during the open consultation period. Now under review</li> <li>• Build on the three Es concept – Education, Engineering, Enforcement</li> </ul>	
5 MAF research on standing stock	Noted this is only for sheep at present, and is focused on animal welfare. While initial research reported that farmers do stand stock, not supported by anecdotal evidence form road transport sector	Ask MAF to attend next meeting to report progress / possibility of extension.
6 Research proposals	<p>Discussed two research proposals, one to find out barriers to standing stock the other to setting up disposal sites.</p> <p>Agreed NSEWG priorities are:</p>	

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Get the network of disposal sites in place</li> <li>2. Education campaign across all sectors</li> <li>3. Ensure funding and national priorities support this</li> <li>4. Start compliance monitoring/ enforcement</li> </ol> <p>Isy advised research proposal to study what pollutants are contained in the actual effluent from trucks. \$20,000 allocated but may not happen soon.</p> <p>To research the problems for farmers standing stock, noted benefits of focus groups and particularly targeted questions. Need to ask the participants for their advice on how best we can deal with the problem and get the right message across. Best to start with qualitative research and then quantify it. David indicated Fed Farmers might be able to help and will report back to the next meeting on internal discussions</p> <p>Research on why disposal sites not being finalised: noted proposal for NZTA. Need to confirm if this is going ahead or not.</p> <p>Otherwise agreed (moved Kevin/Mike) Fiona to coordinate following process to present results at next meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Isy develop spreadsheet and populate with Waikato data</li> <li>• Fiona to check all other RCs for similar data and TAs where necessary</li> <li>• NZTA to compile its own internal review and reasons why</li> </ul> <p>Budget to be maximum of \$10,000. Results will also help update the maps with new proposed sites.</p>	<p>David to research within Fed Farmers/ their Meat and Wool Council and report back on discussions and advice.</p> <p>Fiona, Isy, Ian/Murray to complete actions so that report can be reviewed at November meeting</p>
<p>Waikato Regional Strategy</p>	<p>Isy presented draft strategy, now adopted by the Policy and Strategy committee and the RTC. Biggest issue is the funding of sites and maintenance, so EW is looking at managing the process itself.</p> <p>Noted that sites vary considerably from those listed in the North Island study – it's a little dated now? EW developing new formula- want all councils involved and paying, with no chance to decline.</p> <p>Good idea to discuss with truck-stops and oil companies whether they can include disposal facilities at truck-stops and diesel sales outlets. Ken Shirley already doing this.</p> <p>Congratulations to Isy on the achievement of and continuing commitment to the strategy.</p> <p>Recognised that we need to get politicians onside – use LGNZ Zone meetings. Isy willing and available to speak at these in the new year.</p>	<p>Fiona/Geoff to get Isy on Zone meeting agendas</p>

7 Use of private effluent facilities	Noted the success in Southland of using private facilities at regional council cost. Was cost effectiveness and covered off the key need for gypsy season. NZTA now comfortable that such costs can be subsidised	
8 Recycling effluent	Received report from Steve Westgate of Northland Regional Stock Effluent Working Group pondering how best to recycle effluent. Agreed not in the focus of NSEWG at present but concept is supported.	Fiona to thank Steve
9 Website usage	Noted good usage of the website. Maps need to be updated.	Every-one to give Fiona feedback on what else could be on the website.
14. General business	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. RMA Guidelines may be out of date due to the amendment to the Act. Agreed to do a quick review of the document against the Act</li> <li>2. Participate with a stand at next year's field-days eg from EW, Fed Farmers etc Prepare promotional materials, gimmicks, maps of sites for truck drivers, magnets etc</li> <li>3. Noted that campervans are becoming an issue for councils, especially with the Rugby world Cup in 2011. Remind people at the next RCA Forum?</li> </ol>	<p>1 Fiona to review RMA Guidelines for in-compatibility with RMA.</p> <p>2 Fiona to research supplies of magnets being held around the sectors</p>
15. Date of next meeting	November 2010	Fiona to email