

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN BRANCH

COMMITTEE MEETING

8:15am, Thursday, 28/6/2026

Green Industries SA Boardroom, Waymouth St, Adelaide

MINUTES

1. Welcome and apologies

Attendees: Tiana Nairn, Brian Johnston, Fiona Chambers, Wendy Bevan, Geoff Webster, Marina Wagner, Lisa Lepore (WMRR), Michael Richardson, Kristian LeGallou, Toby Terlet, Leonard Leyland, Henry Bowesman, Melisa Bailie, Grace Barila, Ali Roush, Rob Gregory, Amy Henshaw, Anthony Brazzale, Adam Gray, Jessica Wundke (GISA), Danny Mitroussidis, Maria Madsen, Kat Heinrich

Apologies: Phil Hitchcock, Andrew Smith, Fraser Bell, Josh Hull, Steve Sergi (EPA), Michelle Jones (EPA), Don Richardson, Paul Lightbody, Melissa Salt, Sarah Bruns, Mitchell Bacon, Mark Rawson, Lacey Webb, Matt Scales (GISA), John Phillips, Cameron O'Malley, Brianna McGee (LGA), Amandine Johnson (EPA), Ben Leonello (EPA), Michel Diratani, Lachlan Jeffries, Leah Maxwell, Serena Yang (GISA), Gayle Sloan (WMRR)

The meeting was opened at 8:15am.

2. Previous minutes and actions arising

The minutes of the branch meeting held on 28/5/2026 were accepted, noting a point to be added to the GISA update that the consultation version of the SA Circular Economy Resource Recovery Infrastructure plan (CERRIP) will be completed later this year ready for consultation from early next year. Moved: Marina. Seconded: Rob. Actions arising addressed throughout the meeting.

3. Committee Discussion

3.1 Battery Campaign Update – Tiana Nairn

- WMRR received a letter from Minister Bourke announcing \$1M in funding for education campaign to support efforts to get batteries out of bins. This letter has been circulated with the SA Branch Committee.
- Good time to acknowledge the good work done by many to reach this point.
- Next EPA battery focus group meeting will be held on the 6th of July.

Green Industries SA Update – Serena Yang

- Jess thanked Tiana for the collated battery education campaign feedback provided.
- The Department of the Premier and Cabinet (DPC) will be leading the education campaign, due to its broader nature and it will be developed in conjunction with the communications unit. WMRR's input mentioned above has been forwarded to DPC. Research will be starting in July.
- Green Industries SA received 17 submissions in response to the recent call for Expressions of Interest for battery and hazardous waste collection including 13 regional, 2 metropolitan & 1 peri-urban. The EOIs covered a range of collection methods including collection events and permanent

hazard waste collection sites. EOIs are currently being evaluated and will go through approvals processes.

Committee Questions/Discussion

- Will WMRR have direct input to DPC? At moment its via GISA, TN noted one of the points raised in WMRR's feedback was to have continued engagement.
- GISA have strong involvement in providing input into what the campaign looks like and what the messages will be.
- One of the biggest issues to address in education is about embedded batteries (identification and disposal).
- Is \$1M just for education and collection? Just for education.

3.2 Reflections on Environ Conference – Attendees

- Pleasing that Minister Bourke provided an update on batteries and demonstrated a strong understanding of the key issues facing the industry, including batteries and product stewardship legislation.
- Enjoyable panel sessions with good discussion.
- Broad range of topics covered in conference.
- Enviro is considered a challenging and difficult conference as harder to define than other conferences but people came away positive feedback on the quality of speakers and topics.
- Small number of delegates for a national conference.
- The program strongly focused on circular economy policy, with less emphasis on the waste industry.
- Good quality speakers
- Organisers had to deal with a number of challenging issues with speakers including visas, travel permits, approvals for attendance (after agreeing to speak), illness and more.
- Lisa Lepore will note the feedback provided in today's meeting and confirmed that delegates will be sent a feedback survey to complete.

4. Working Group Reports

4.1 Resource Recovery & Market Development Group – Marina Wagner

- The RRMD group will be hosting a tour of ResourceCo (Wingfield) on the 26th of August. Members are encouraged to contact Leah to enquire about booking for the visit

4.2 Waste Educators Group – No rep

- The June meeting was rescheduled to Thursday 16th July to accommodate guest presentations

4.3 Landfill SA – No Rep

- No Report

4.4 Young Professionals Group – Kristian Legallou

- No update

4.5 Carbon Group – Tiana Nairn

- The Group's meeting had to be deferred, so no meeting since the last SA Branch meeting. WMRR made a submission on the Carbon Credits and Other Legislation Amendment (Integrity and Transparency) Bill Consultation. The next focus for the group will be upcoming consultations related to the Safeguard Mechanism.

5. Government Business

5.1 EPA – No Rep

- Updates provided during the conference. No further report.

5.2 Green Industries SA – Jessica Wundke

- The updated waste and recycling at events and venues guide can be found on an [events and venues page](#) on the replace the waste website.
- Work on the SA Circular Economy Resource Recovery Infrastructure plan (CERRIP) project is underway, aim to have a consultation draft that is targeted for release in early 2027.
- AWARE have been awarded the Which Bin education for schools tender (note this program is the successor to the long running Wipe out Waste program).

5.3 LGA SA – No Rep

- Note that after previous update references to Council elections, these have now been deferred to 2027.

6. Board Reports

6.1 National Update – Lisa Lepore

- The state of the industry report is continuing to be worked on, and is expected to be released in August 2026.
- The deployment of the new website and CRM is expected to take place at the end of July.
- No new policy updates since the last meeting.

6.2 President's Report – Tiana Nairn

- The WMRR AGM was held in conjunction with the Enviro Conference this month and effectively highlights the spectrum of work undertaken. The [Annual Report](#) is on the website.
- Batteries have continued to be a focus of activity as discussed earlier in the meeting.

7. Enviro Conference

- The conference was discussed earlier in the meeting.

8. Other Business

- Marina W - Bird flu - discussion around large mortalities and if the previous guidelines will hold up. Time for structured engagement with EPA. What requirements are? Good time to raise it.

- Jessica W - Oliver Lovett is lead on disaster waste management, across meeting. JW will ask OL for and update to be forwarded to BJ for circulation

Action: JW to send BJ an update around actions relating to bird flu and disaster waste management to share with the SA Branch committee

9. Next meeting date

The meeting closed at 9:00am. Next meeting is scheduled for the 30th of July at Green Industries SA.

Tasks Arising from Branch Meetings

Date Raised	Issue	Action	Responsibility
October 2025	Ban solution finder information accuracy	Review data for accuracy	MS, GS
May 2026	CDS model clarification	Gayle to follow up with Minister Bourke on Qld CDS model issues and SA's intended legislative reform direction	GS
June 2026	Bird Flu & Disaster Waste Management	JW to send BJ an update around actions relating to bird flu and disaster waste management to share with the SA Branch committee	JW, BJ

Schedule of Activities 2026

Month/Year	Date	Event Detail
July 2026	16/7/2026	Waste Educators Group Meeting
July 2026	30/6/2026	SA Branch Meeting
August 2026	27/8/2026	SA Branch Meeting
September 2026	17/9/2026	Waste Educators Group Meeting
September 2026	24/9/2026	SA Branch Meeting
October 2026	29/10/2026	SA Branch Meeting
November 2026	26/11/2026	SA Branch Meeting