

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN BRANCH

COMMITTEE MEETING

8:15am, Thursday, 26/2/2026

Green Industries SA Boardroom, Waymouth St, Adelaide

MINUTES

1. Welcome and apologies

Attendees: Tiana Nairn, Brian Johnston, Mitchell Bacon, Gayle Sloan (WMRR), Fiona Chambers, Kat Heinrich, Wendy Bevan, Geoff Webster, Danny Mitroussidis, Cameron O'Malley, Melisa Bailie, Marina Wagner, Brianna McGee (LGA), Sarah Bruns, Amandine Johnson (EPA), Lisa Lepore (WMRR), Toby Terlet, Grace Barila, John Phillips, Serena Yang (GISA), Rob Gregory, Michael Richardson, Leah Maxwell, Amy Henshaw, Lissa Arcoverde (EPA, Guest Presenter), Maria Madsen

Apologies: Phil Hitchcock, Andrew Smith, Fraser Bell, Josh Hull, Steve Sergi (EPA), Henry Bowesman, Michelle Jones (EPA), Jessica Wundke (GISA), Kristian LeGallou, Matt Scales (GISA), Don Richardson, Anthony Brazzale, Paul Lightbody, Mark Rawson, Adam Gray, Michel Diratani, Melissa Salt, Lachlan Jeffries

The meeting was opened at 8:15am.

2. Previous minutes and actions arising

The minutes of the branch meeting held on 5/2/2026 were accepted. Moved: Marina. Seconded: Geoff. Actions arising addressed throughout the meeting.

3. Committee Discussion

3.1 Waste Strategy Implementation Workshop– Tiana/workshop attendees

- Tiana and Anthony unable to attend, several people form the committee representing different interests, these included: Marina, Brianna, Toby, Gayle, Melisa, Fiona
- Great to have the opportunity, good to have a more targeted follow up workshop to allow deeper exploration
- The strategy is very broad
- Valuable engagement but limited depth to the workshop due to structure
- Would be good to have more targeted sessions, clearer purpose, and fewer speeches
- Industry expected more direction from GISA rather than open-ended questioning
- Tiana notes Cate has advised GISA team reviewing outputs with further updates expected at the next or following SA Branch meeting
- Tiana to contact Cate to provide feedback

GISA updates on strategy – Serena Yang

- Workshop was first step in ongoing prioritisation and business planning
- 120 attendees across government, industry, education, First Nations
- Engagement will continue in targeted streams

4. Working Group Reports

4.1 Resource Recovery & Market Development Group – Leah Maxwell

- Planning site visits and schedule for year. Plan to meet quarterly and combine with site visit as part of plan for the year

4.2 Waste Educators Group – Sarah Bruns

- No update

4.3 Landfill SA –Gayle Sloan

- Environment Protection (W2R) Policy review consultation report had some interesting comments, will follow outcomes with interest
- Tiana noted that the Victorian BEPM guidelines still pending and NSW work continuing

4.4 Young Professionals Group – Maria Madsen

- A catch up has been scheduled for the 10th of March at the Cumberland Hotel. Discussion of events and the recent WMRR AI webinar is on the agenda

4.5 Carbon Group – Tiana Nairn

- AWT method development is commencing soon using a proponent-led process.
- WMRR's State of Industry Report (including carbon component) nearing completion. This document will be valuable for advocacy.

5. Government Business

5.1 EPA – Lissa Arcoverde & Amandine Johnson

Update around the Container Deposit Reforms by Lissa Arcoverde, Manager Policy and Legislation, EPA SA

- Noted State Government agencies are in caretaker mode so only factual updates can be provided without commentary on what the elected government policy will be
- First reforms relate to governance and amendments to the EP Act
- Draft bill was consulted upon in late 2024; ministerial changes and QLD parliamentary inquiry findings are being considered
- Final Amendment Bill to be put for progression by the next government post-election.
- National harmonisation work is underway (scope, refund amount, reporting portal).
- The Premier has previously announced the expanded scope to include all containers up to 3L by end of 2027.
- Discussion/Questions
- Clarification on timing: is there a particular date for scope change? No as it needs to be addressed in the Amendment Bill. Will depend on when Parliament passes Bill.
- Process from here? To go through Minister and Cabinet then to Parliament to pass both Houses.

EPA UPDATE – Amandine Johnson

- Environment Protection (W2R) Policy review consultation report has been released
- Working with GISA on a state-based framework for lithium-ion batteries; Exploring potential landfill bans for batteries
- Cross-jurisdictional collaboration underway
- Batteries remain a high priority for the industry
- Gayle Sloan: NSW & National Action – NSW regulations for the Product Lifecycle Act have now been published. Batteries and solar panels are on the agenda for the Environment Ministers Meeting post election
- Gayle Sloan, John Gorvette, Amy Dennison and Lucy Hood MP met to discuss, continue to raise priority of this important issue

5.2 Green Industries SA – Serena Yang

- [Disaster Waste Management Guideline](#) updated. The updates include more proactive, practical planning for disaster waste as well as technical guidance for handling high volumes of hazardous waste typically found during clean ups
- [Precinct Resource Recovery Program](#) procurement finalised and these included City of Adelaide (Leigh St, Gilbert Place) City of Unley (King William Road)
- New [Single Use Plastic labelling requirements](#) commence 1 March.
- MUDs guideline workshop held on the 5th of February at the LGA for Local Government with around 40 people attending. Further stakeholder engagement is underway
- The infrastructure plan is delayed but progressing, with an updated waste projection model in progress. Next steps include defining project scope and economic analysis, followed by internal and public consultations. Work on this will proceed quickly once the consultation draft is approved

5.3 LGA SA – Brianna McGee

- Infrastructure workshop was held as mentioned in the GISA report. Currently preparing written response
- There are two consultation streams for the MUDs guide: Local Government and industry/private.
- Emergency management: good to see inclusion of e-vehicles in guidance
- FOGO communications: working to improve community understanding of kerbside recycling

6. Board Reports

6.1 National Update – Gayle Sloan

- Board strategic planning next week
- Vice President, a Nominated Director and an Elected Director positions opening for renewal
- Solar panel stewardship is on the EMM agenda, further recycling trials are planned (tender process)
- QLD CDS review raised scheme management issues; departmental response expected next month
- QLD organics and zero level PFAS still provides challenges to the sector, national consistency is being sought

6.2 President's Report – Tiana Nairn

- SA Election Priorities document has been prepared by WMRR office and is now being finalised.
- Women of WARR event next week has proved very popular and has reached capacity with approx. 135 registrants

7. Enviro Conference

- Enviro committee formed, SA Branch members on committee include Wendy, Marina, and Mitch
- The call for abstracts submissions is now out

8. Other Business

- Toby moved a motion: Request EPA to provide ongoing data on facility fires (hot spots and fires reported). The SA Branch Committee supported the motion.

Action: Tiana N to raise with Steve/Amandine; Gayle S to coordinate template.

9. Next meeting date

The meeting closed at 9:20am. Next meeting is scheduled for the 26th of March at Green Industries SA.

Tasks Arising from Branch Meetings

Date Raised	Issue	Action	Responsibility
August 2025	EPA presentation	Liaise with Michelle J regarding receiving a future update on the EPP review and EPR legislation progress.	TN, GS
October 2025	Smoulders, hot spots and fires Incidents, records and definitions.	Co-ordinate meeting with EPA representatives and MRF operators around regular and consistent data collection	GS, LL
October 2025	Ban solution finder information accuracy	Review data for accuracy	MS, GS
February 2026	Batteries Assets PDF	Matt Scales to provide the PDF for circulation	MS, BJ
February 2026	Election Priorities for SA	Committee input to the document	TN, BJ, LL
February 2026	Batteries Data	Request EPA to provide ongoing data on facility fires (hot spots and fires reported). Tiana N to	TN, GS

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Schedule of Activities 2026		
Month/Year	Date	Event Detail
March 2026	3/3/2026	SA Women of WARR Leadership Breakfast
March 2026	19/3/2026	Waste Educators Group Meeting
March 2026	26/3/2026	SA Branch Meeting
April 2026	30/4/2026	SA Branch Meeting
May 2026	28/5/2026	SA Branch Meeting
June 2026	18/6/2026	Waste Educators Group Meeting
June 2026	23-24/6/2026	Enviro Conference, Adelaide
June 2026	25/6/2026	SA Branch 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