

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN BRANCH

COMMITTEE MEETING

8:15am, Thursday, 27/8/2026

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), Kristian LeGallou, Toby Terlet, Leonard Leyland, Grace Barila, Rob Gregory, Adam Gray, Danny Mitroussidis, John Phillips, Cameron O'Malley, Hannah Plumb (LGA), Gayle Sloan (WMRR), Leah Maxwell, Steve Sergi (EPA), Gabriella Carvalho, Caitlin Smith (GISA), Josh Wheeler (GISA), Maria Madsen, Don Richardson, Ali Roush

Apologies: Phil Hitchcock, Andrew Smith, Fraser Bell, Michelle Jones (EPA), Paul Lightbody, Melissa Salt, Sarah Bruns, Mitchell Bacon, Mark Rawson, Lacey Webb, Ben Leonello (EPA), Michel Diratani, Lachlan Jeffries, Serena Yang (GISA), Michael Richardson, Henry Bowesman, Amy Henshaw, Jessica Wundke (GISA), Melisa Bailie, Anthony Brazzale, Kat Heinrich, Amandine Johnson (EPA), Matt Scales (GISA), Josh Hull

The meeting was opened at 8:15am.

2. Previous minutes and actions arising

The minutes of the branch meeting held on 30/7/2026 were accepted. Moved: Geoff Seconded: Marina. Actions arising addressed throughout the meeting.

3. Committee Discussion

3.1 Batteries Update – Tiana N, Steve S & Josh W

- Circular Battery Reform Focus Group will be meeting is next Monday, incoming SA Branch President, Rob Gregory will attend the meeting with Tiana to aid handover.
- Approvals are pending for the 10 regional, 4 new metro collection sites following GISA's call for expressions of interest discussed at previous SA Branch meetings. There will also be regional events in 4 regions over next 2 years.
- Work on the Department of the Premier and Cabinet-led battery education campaign has commenced with the market research phase currently underway. Creative agencies have been briefed, with the creative pitches expected in September, to allow for an early December campaign launch (TBC).
- The product stewardship framework proposal and landfill ban proposal are with the Minister for consideration.
- The following is a summary of questions from the committee and answers:
 - Is there interest in sites outside council facilities?
 - The conversation will continue, with this issue to remain under review as part of the Product Stewardship legislation process

- Concern that the timing for the education campaign has shifted to December, whereas the previous meeting indicated mid-November. Can we assume sites have not yet been advised of the outcome?
 - On his arrival, Josh W was able to confirm sites had not yet received notice but expected to do so soon.

National – Gayle S

- NSW has shortlisted parties (4) for its Producer Responsibility Organisation (PRO).
- NSW met to discuss the behaviour change component, including an MOU between states for the campaign. SA and WA are working with NSW on the national campaign.

4. Working Group Reports

4.1 Resource Recovery & Market Development Group – Leah Maxwell

- The site tour of ResourceCo that was planned for the 26th of August was unfortunately cancelled due to weather impacting site conditions. The group will work to lock in another date soon.
- Sally-Anne Kasner will be delivering a presentation to the group on the 24th of September.

4.2 Waste Educators Group – Cam O’Malley

- There has not been a meeting since the last SA Branch meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for the 17th of September.

4.3 Landfill SA – Don Richardson

- Webinar on definition of waste was an excellent presentation. It provided an interesting reflection on a core issue for a sector that has experienced significant changes since definitions were first introduced.
- Gayle S is writing to all jurisdictions highlighting definition and need to reflect, review and bring into line with modern waste definitions and standardise definitions across states.
- Progress on this year’s Landfill and Transfer Stations conference is progressing well and the conference program will be released soon. Locked in Bob Gregory from UK to come out; workshops on landfill gas, and post closure remediation. Over 80 abstracts received. Some speakers will be presenting via an online link from overseas.

4.4 Young Professionals Group – Kristian Legallou

- Kristian will be stepping down from the SA YP Chair, members will be encouraged to nominate to fill the role.
- Tiana thanked Kristian for all of his work as a group Chair.

4.5 Carbon Group – Tiana Nairn

- An active space:
- The Climate Change Authority annual update submission has been lodged.
- The Safeguard Mechanism 26/27 review is open for consultation until 18/9.
- National renewable gas policy open for consultation until 25/9.

- Cleaner fuels and fuel security consultations open for consultation until 15/9.
- AWT method development is progressing, with draft discussion paper being finalised.

5. Government Business

5.1 EPA – Steve Sergi

- The EPA have been involved in work with PIRSA and DEW in response to the bird flu, including planning and disposal options. Long nose fur seal at risk. An important consideration in disposal of larger volumes is the management of leachates and nutrients.
- Tiana noted there are no specific guidelines in South Australia around bird flu and the waste sector as yet. The LGA have shared guidelines and FAQ with Councils and interstate Victoria have a WARR sector-specific guideline. Have approached PIRSA regarding the suggested subgroup and to seek the pursuit of such guidelines.
- The committee commented that further information from PIRSA regarding a guideline and PPE requirements would be useful.
- Danny M (Peats Soils/BiobiN) commented, providing an update to the committee about the use of BiobiNs in disposing of mortalities from bird flu
- Further to the update at the start of the meeting around batteries, HEPA looking at making use of the NEPM to help achieve greater national consistency around waste measurements and tracking waste as it moves between states.
- Container Deposit Scheme reform work and the review of the Waste to Resources EPP is continuing to progress.

5.2 Green Industries SA – Josh Wheeler /Caitlin Smith

- Further to the update on the collection site EOI outcomes, note the proposals received are EOIs and will still need to be progressed to proper arrangements. It is expected that successful EOIs will be notified within days/a week then proper arrangements will be progressed as soon as possible, so sites are operational before the education campaign rolls out
- The following points were raised/clarified in committee discussion:
 - The education campaign is mostly focused on behaviour not penalties,
 - EPA messaging around any bans in place will be a separate communications piece to the education campaign being led by DPC
 - Linking the behaviour to protecting people/keeping people safe is an important message to get across also.
- The work around developing/updating the Kerbside audit guidelines is continuing with the development of draft guidelines.
- Which Bin for schools will be commencing in September.
- The next 'Set Your Clothes Free' event will be timed up with Halloween and there will be 9 metro and 4 regional collection sites as a part of this event.

5.3 LGA SA – Hannah Plumb

- The committee welcomed Hannah.
- A Bird flu webinar and Q&A has been held for/provided to councils as mentioned earlier in the meeting.
- The LGA's submission to the State Government's Review of Personal Mobility Devices (PMDs) and e-bikes has been published. Of note for the committee, the submission highlighted the issue of managing safe disposal of batteries and Product Stewardship frameworks/values Batteries and bird flu continue to be priority issues.

6. Board Reports

6.1 National Update – Gayle Sloan

- Packaging reform not currently listed for immediate consideration at the federal level
- Items progressing to the EMM include the RIS on solar panels, the broader EPR framework, and the CE framework
- The Recycling and Waste Reduction act remains expected to be released by the end of the year
- Gayle met with the new CE of the national EPA, John Bradley, who understands the industry and export restrictions well. Enforcement of export restrictions and licensing approvals remain active areas of focus, alongside the EPBC

6.2 President's Report – Tiana Nairn

- Key topics covered across meeting.
- End of term as Branch President. WMRR does so much to benefit our sector, great to have the opportunity to help contribute.
- Thanked everyone on the committee for their ongoing active contributions and support.
- Josh W passed on thanks to Tiana and a gift of flowers on behalf of Minister.
- Thanks to Anthony Brazzale for this role as Vice President, providing industry insights and support.
- Thanks to Brian for his ongoing support of the Branch, helping to keep driving it forward.
 - Gayle S noted that the Green Industries Service Level Agreement (SLA) with WMRR has been extended for another 3 years. Thanks to Josh and team. The SLA provides support for the SA Branch including Brian J's role.
- Pleased to hand over to Rob Gregory and Marina Wagner as incoming President and Vice President respectively.
- Thanks to other nominations for Vice President also.
- John P thanked Tiana for her great work as President on behalf of the WMRR members.

7. Other Business

- Nil

9. Next meeting date

The meeting closed at 9:25am. Next meeting is scheduled for the 24th of September 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

Schedule of Activities 2026		
Month/Year	Date	Event Detail
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 - TBC	SA Branch Meeting & Working Group Meetings followed by Drinks
December 2026	4/12/2026	SA Branch Golf Day