

Williamstown contamination Expert panel meeting #26 — 6 September 2016

Meeting Minutes

Location: Level 21, DPC Building
52 Martin Place, Sydney

Date: 6 September 2016, 9am – 10:30am

In attendance

Mary O’Kane (Chair)	NSW Chief Scientist & Engineer
Ben Scalley	Director Environmental Health, NSW Health
Edward Jansson	Manager Science and Technical Services, NSW Food Authority (<i>also on secondment to OSCE</i>)
Sarah Gardner	Executive Director Hazardous Incidents and Environmental Health, NSW EPA
Adam Gilligan	Regional Director North Branch, NSW EPA
William Glamore	Principal Research Fellow at the Water Research Laboratory, School of Civil and Environmental Engineering, UNSW
Doug Ferrell	Director Fisheries Analysis, Department of Primary Industries
Klaus Koop	Director Environment Protection Science Branch, NSW OEH
Darren Cleary	Chief Operating Officer, Hunter Water Corporation
Therese Wright	Manager Animal Biosecurity, NSW DPI
Bill Tatnell	Senior Regional Coordinator, Hunter, DPC
Therese Manning	Consulting Eco-Toxicologist, Principal, EnRisks
Bruce Nelan	A/Manager Food Science, NSW DPI

Other Invited Attendees

Ria Pryce	Office of the NSW Chief Scientist & Engineer
Clair Cameron	Director Stakeholder Engagement and Communications, NSW EPA
Andrew Mitchell	Manager Hazardous Incidents, NSW EPA
Rob Hogan	Manager Major Projects PFC, NSW EPA

Secretariat to the Expert Panel: Lauren Bourke, Senior Operations Officer, NSW EPA

Apologies

Anna Bailey	A/Director Groundwater Management, Department of Primary Industries
Alison Jones	Executive Dean Faculty of Science Medicine and Health,



	University of Wollongong
David Durrheim	Director Health Protection, Hunter New England Health
Allan Raine	A/Director, Water Evaluation – NSW DPI

1. Agenda – Welcome and opening statements

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and the agenda was agreed. Previous meeting minutes for 25 July 2016 and 5 August 2016 were endorsed by the Panel.

3. Actions Arising

The Expert Panel will provide advice to the NSW EPA outlining the Panel's recommendations for next steps for management of the contamination and further investigations.

No further updates regarding provision of the enHealth guideline review to NSW Government.

4. Discussion of Forward Planning – Provision of Advice to Defence

The subgroups of the Expert Panel have drafted advice to the NSW EPA outlining their recommendations for ongoing work required by Defence in Williamstown.

The panel discussed the recommended work compiled by the RAWG including:

- Information required for fruit and vegetables;
- Information required for meat and poultry;
- Information required for eggs; and
- Information required for aquatic biota.

The NSW Government does not endorse drinking of raw cow's milk, nor improperly processed goat's milk. Therefore, it was agreed that further information regarding milk as an exposure pathway would not be considered.

The Panel discussed the WWG recommendations, including the need for a set of structured questions for surface water, sediments and groundwater.

5. Other Issues

Foam in Drains

The EPA provided background to the foam sampling recently conducted in Williamstown following community concern.

Defence Sampling Results

The Panel discussed the recent PFAS detections in tank and bore water sampled south of the Investigation Area by Defence. Further information regarding water transport in this area is needed.

6. Date of Next Meeting

To be determined, following release of enHealth guideline review.