

Williamstown contamination Expert panel meeting #25 — 5 August 2016

Meeting Minutes

Location: Parkes Room, Level 47, MLC Building
Martin Place, Sydney

Date: 5 August 2016, 8am – 10am

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
David Durrheim	Director Health Protection, Hunter New England Health
Christine Middlemiss	Chief Veterinary Officer, Biosecurity & Welfare, Department of Primary Industries
Alison Jones	Executive Dean Faculty of Science Medicine and Health, University of Wollongong

Other Invited Attendees

Chris Armstrong	Director, Office of the Chief Scientist & Engineer
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
Therese Wright	Manager Animal Biosecurity, NSW DPI
Jodie Calvert	Regional Coordination Branch, Department of Premier and Cabinet



Secretariat to the Expert Panel: Megan Whelan A/Senior Operations Officer, NSW EPA

Apologies

Christobel Ferguson	Director Water Information and Insights, NSW DPI
Anna Bailey	Acting Director – Groundwater Management, Department of Primary Industries
Therese Manning	Consulting Eco-Toxicologist, Principal, EnRisks

1. Agenda – Welcome and opening statements

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and the agenda was agreed.

3. Actions Arising

The Expert Panel will write to the NSW EPA outlining the Panel's interim recommendations on the draft HHRA (provided on 4 August).

The NSW EPA will write to the Department of Defence outlining the limitations of the report and the next steps for management of the contamination.

Various NSW Government representatives to attend a drop-in day at Salt Ash on 10 August.

4. Discussion of Draft Human Health Risk Assessment

The panel discussed issues raised by the draft HHRA including:

- investigation area
- issues associated with fruit and vegetables
- issues associated with meat and poultry
- issues associated with incidental ingestion of water
- implications for NSW advisories.

It was discussed that the NSW EPA will write to Defence outlining the limitations of the report and highlight the need to progress containment and remediation at the site as a matter of urgency.

6. Date of Next Meeting

To be determined after the release of final ESA and HHRA.