

## Williamtown contamination Expert panel meeting #24 — 25 July 2016

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### Meeting Minutes

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

**Date:** 25 July 2016, 2pm – 3pm

#### In attendance

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| Mary O’Kane (Chair)  | NSW Chief Scientist & Engineer  |
| Ben Scalley          | Deputy Director, NSW Health   |
| Therese Manning      | Consulting Eco-Toxicologist, Principal, EnRisks   |
| Edward Jansson       | Manager – Science and Technical Services, NSW Food Authority ( <i>also on secondment to OSCE</i> )              |
| Adam Gilligan        | 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   |
| Anna Bailey          | Acting Director – Groundwater Management, Department of Primary Industries                                      |
| Christine Middlemiss | Chief Veterinary Officer, Biosecurity & Welfare, Department of Primary Industries                               |
| Alison Jones         | Executive Dean - Faculty of Science Medicine and Health, University of Wollongong                               |
| Allan Raine          | A/Director Water Evaluation, NSW DPI  |

#### Other Invited Attendees

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| Chris Armstrong | Director, Office of the Chief Scientist & Engineer              |
| Troy Deighton   | Senior Manager, Office of the 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                             |
| Jodie Calvert   | Regional Coordination Branch, Department of Premier and Cabinet |



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

**Apologies**

Christobel Ferguson     Director Water Information and Insights, NSW DPI

Sarah Gardner             Executive Director – Hazardous Incidents and Environmental Health,  
NSW EPA

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## 1. Agenda – Welcome and opening statements

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

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## 3. Actions Arising

It was agreed that the Expert Panel, through the Risk Assessment Working Group will provide advice back to the NSW Government/EPA on the Draft HHRA.

It was agreed that the NSW EPA would prepare a response back to Defence by 27 July 2016.

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## 4 Discussion of Draft Human Health Risk Assessment

### *Update from RAWG*

The Chair of the Risk Assessment Working Group gave a brief summary of the Draft HHRA, including a discussion around:

- Data limitations
- Statistical analysis
- Terminology
- Pathways
- Management measures

### *Communication and engagement*

The Panel discussed the need for clear messaging for the community in the lead up to the announcement of the final HHRA, on the day of the announcement, and after the announcement.

The Chair of the Community Reference Group advised that Defence are planning to hold a community meeting on 9 August 2016 and community drop in sessions on 10 August 2016. The Panel discussed its potential role in these sessions.

### *Precautionary advice*

The Panel discussed the need to reconsider the NSW Government precautionary advice and fishing issues in light of the HHRA.

### *Discussion of timeframes*

It was agreed that the NSW Government response on the Draft HHRA would be provided to Defence on 27 July 2016 and would incorporate advice from the Risk Assessment Working Group and comments from the Expert Panel.

It was further agreed that members of the Panel make themselves available to attend the community sessions on 9 and 10 August.

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## 5. Other Issues

The Chief Scientist & Engineer advised that a number of studies have

been conducted which provide advice on containment and remediation matters.

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**6. Date of Next Meeting**

It was discussed that the next Expert Panel meeting should be held within the next two weeks.