

Williamtown contamination Expert panel meeting #23 — 12 July 2016,

Meeting Minutes

Location: Hawkesbury Room, Level 17, NSW EPA
59 Goulburn Street, Sydney

Date: 12 July 2016, 2.00pm – 4.00 pm

In attendance

Mary O’Kane (Chair)	NSW Chief Scientist & Engineer
Ben Scalley	Deputy Director, NSW Health
Sarah Gardner	Executive Director – Hazardous Incidents and Environmental Health, NSW EPA
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	Manager – Hunter Region, 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
Therese Wright	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
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
Liza Cassidy	Manager Public Affairs and Communications Officer, 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

1. Agenda – Welcome and opening statements

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

3. Actions Arising

The WWG has been advised that Defence are proposing some on-base water treatment and has requested that Defence provide further information about the proposed treatment system. DPC advised that Defence had provided an update on this at the CRG and will put the relevant person at Defence in contact with the WWG.

The Panel discussed the uncertainty about the timing of the review of the enHealth guidance announced in June. There was also discussion around whether Europe (EFSA) will be reviewing their health guidelines. NSW Food Authority to follow up with contacts at EFSA.

4a. Updates – Sampling, testing and analysis

OEH provided an update on the mass spectrometer. The LC-MSMS is operational and can begin receiving water samples.

4b. (i) Updates – Water Working Group

The Chair of the Water Working Group provided a summary of its meeting with AECOM to discuss the Draft ESA. The primary comment from the WWG to Defence was that the data included in the draft ESA is from a single point in time. The Panel discussed that caution should be taken in using this data to draw broader conclusions for this reason.

4b. (ii) Updates – Risk Assessment Working Group

The Chair of the Risk Assessment Working Group advised that it will be reviewing the Draft Human Health Risk Assessment once it is provided by Defence.

4c. Updates – Community Reference Group

The Chair of the Community Reference Group provided an update on the most recent CRG meeting. The Panel discussed options for engagement with the community in the coming weeks, particularly around TDIs, enHealth and the HHRA.

4d. Agencies

The Food Authority advised the Panel of the outcomes of testing from a number of imported seafood samples. The Panel noted that the results were low and discussed that the Food Authority should consider providing the results to FSANZ.

Office of the Chief Scientist & Engineer provided an update on a number of studies that have been commissioned.

5. Other Issues

The Panel discussed the timeframes and processes around provision of information back to Defence and the community, with consideration to public release of information and management decision.

9. Date of Next Meeting

The next Expert Panel meeting is scheduled for Monday 25 July.