







## Orica Mercury Independent Review Steering Panel Meeting 1 July 2013 – Outcomes and Actions

	<p>a potential conflict identified by one of the shortlisted applicants.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The panel requested that two of the applicants should be asked to present their appreciation of the scope of the project and proposed methodology to the Steering Panel at the next meeting.</li> <li>• Following this, the Steering Panel will then advise the Selection Committee on their preference. The Selection Committee will submit a report recommending the proposed supplier to the EPA. The EPA will make the final decision and appoint the Independent Reviewer.</li> <li>• The EPA confirmed that there will be a tender process for the Stage 2 - Environmental Testing Regime as determined by Stage 1 and with direction from the Steering Panel.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Zack Thomas</b></p>	<p><b>Action 3.3</b>  <b>The EPA will request two of the applicants to present to the panel. (Subsequently increased to three following an email exchange).</b></p>
<p>4</p>	<p><b>Community Engagement</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Liza Cassidy (EPA, Manager Public Affairs and Communication) spoke to the panel about community engagement strategies for both the Mercury Independent Review and the EPA's general approach to engaging and communicating.</li> <li>• For example, for the Independent Review the EPA:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ put out a media release requesting community input to the review</li> <li>○ advertised this in the local press</li> <li>○ provided a template for input on the website which is also available through Environment Line</li> <li>○ will be having community engagement 'Pop-Ups' in the Southpoint shopping centre to provide information and elicit feedback, the first on the morning of Saturday 13 July.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The EPA's approach to engagement in areas where there are elevated levels of community concern was discussed. This includes the development of an EPA strategy that will provide a model and guidance to staff.</li> <li>• The role and function of the EPA in emergency management and response was discussed and clarified, in particular where it is appropriate for the EPA to take the communications lead. The EPA would only be the lead agency for communication during a pollution incident. The combat agency (NSW Fire and Rescue and/or the Police) have the lead for public communications in emergencies.</li> <li>• Questions about how the EPA and NSW Health work cooperatively were also raised. This happens regularly at both officer and senior levels for issues and pollution incidents and WorkCover, Health and the EPA have a standing Strategic Liaison Group that has regular meetings to ensure cooperation and consistency in approach.</li> </ul>		
5	<p><b>Budget</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nothing to update at present.</li> </ul>		
6	<p><b>Any Other Business</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A member felt that the recent changes to the website had made the Botany webpage appear too focused on mercury-related issues.</li> </ul>	<b>Zack Thomas</b>	<p><b>Action 6.1</b> The EPA will look into adding an extra explanatory sentence to the Botany main webpage.</p>
7	<p><b>Next Meeting</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Proposed for 2-5 pm Wednesday 17 July and to include presentations from shortlisted applicants.</li> </ul>	<b>Zack Thomas</b>	<p><b>Action 7.1</b> Organise next meeting (Subsequently changed to Thursday 25 July due to member attendance issues)</p>