

Orica Mercury Independent Review Steering Panel Meeting 25 November 2014 – Outcomes and Actions

Attendees:	Mark Gifford (EPA, Chair), Greg Sheehy (EPA), Professor Mark Ferson (NSW Ministry of Health), Dr Klaus Koop (OEH), Talebul Islam (Randwick City Council), Steven Poulton (CoBB Council), Professor Chris Fell (Independent Expert), Lynda Newnam (Community Member), Ross Salter (Community Member), Colin McKay (WSP Environmental).
Apologies	Lara Kirchner (CoBB Council), Professor Alison Jones (University of Wollongong), Chantal Snell (Community Member)
Documents distributed	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Agenda 2. Outcomes & Actions from 14 October meeting.

Item	Discussion/Action	Responsibility	Actions
1	<p>Welcome and Apologies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apologies received from Chantal Snell, Lara Kirchner (CoBB Council) and Professor Alison Jones (University of Wollongong), • Chantal Snell was represented by Ross Salter 		
2	<p>Outcomes and Actions of 14 October Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That Orica had made a request to review the scope for stage 2 was not in the Outcomes and Actions of 14th October meeting. The EPA refused this request but provided an approximation of costs. 	EPA	Action 2.1 Revise Outcomes and Actions of 14th October meeting
3	<p>Stage 2 with WSP Environmental Pty Ltd</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inception meeting for Stage 2 held with WSP on 3rd November. • Contact details of residents interested in having their properties sampled have been provided to WSP directly from CDM Smith to ensure confidentiality. • WSP obtaining Geographic Information System (GIS) data from councils. • A media release will be made regarding stage 2 and the website updated. 		

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WSP were successful in finding a provider in the USA to supply a mercury vapour monitor with sufficiently low detection limit. • WSP will be providing their sampling plan for approval. The Steering Panel requested that the following issues be taken into consideration by WSP in preparation of the Sampling Plan: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Sediment sampling to the runway must be thorough and provide the necessary degree of certainty and consistency of results for public confidence. ▪ Fish sampling must include trophic levels appropriate for anglers and their confidence. ▪ Prevailing winds and distance of deposition in relation to distance should be considered for potential stratification of sampling plan design. • Communications with residents interested in having their properties sampled will need to include an initial communication that sampling will be occurring followed by direct conversation to talk through the process and subsequently a formal letter outlining liabilities. • A contingency needs to be in place in the plan for new residents who would be interested in having their properties sampled. 	WSP	Action 3.1 WSP to provide draft sampling plan by 5th December.
4.	<p>Other Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Orica have announced a sale of their chemicals business, however; they will retain responsibility for legacy environmental and contamination issues. Financial assurances are held by the EPA. • Stage 2 communications activities will also need to consider NSW Ministry of Health writing explanatory letters to local general practitioners for their information. 	EPA	Action 4.1 Include Doctor's letters in communications plan.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Upper House Inquiry on the performance of the EPA was discussed by the panel. • Professor Fell provided explanation to the panel in regard to the science of mercury deposition, vapour and testing. 		
5.	<p>Date for forthcoming meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TBC 		

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