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CONTRACTS AWARDED FOR RUTHERFORD ODOUR INVESTIGATION PROJECT

Environment Minister Robyn Parker today announced the next stage of investigation into odour concerns at Rutherford.

Ms Parker said that the Environment Protection Authority has awarded two contracts to test for odour identification.

“These tenders follow recommendations made in the Rutherford Odour Investigation Project report, that industrial odour sampling be undertaken and modelled for source identification,” Ms Parker said.

“This plan of action was supported by the Rutherford Air Quality Liaison Committee.”

Two companies, the Odour Unit and Katestone Environmental, will sample for odours and model their movements in the area in a bid to track down elusive odours reported by the community.

“The Odour Unit expects to have odour sampling of the Rutherford Industrial Estate completed by the end of June and a draft report back to the EPA by the end of July,” Ms Parker said.

“Once that sampling work is completed, Katestone can start working on the modelling.

“Both The Odour Unit and Katestone have extensive experience in the area of industrial odours and I look forward to their findings and recommendations.

“A final report of the sampling and modelling programs including recommendations on the path forward is expected to be completed by early 2014.”

The Todoroski Air Sciences report, *Rutherford Odour Investigation Project* is available on the EPA website here: <http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/rutherfordcttee/index.htm>.