

## Performance Summary – July to December 2015

Our focus for 2015-16	Status	Summary of progress	
<b>Support wellbeing and prosperity</b>			
1.	Undertake a waste reform program to achieve industry certainty, promote innovation and growth, and improve safety in the recovery and recycling of resources	on track	A Waste Reform High-Level Advisory Group was established, meeting in September and November 2015, to help understand key issues and to consider the prioritisation of reforms. The Waste Reform Industry Reference Group met in August, September and October 2015 regarding the Discussion Paper and submissions. An Environment, Resources and Development Committee Inquiry, a summary of submissions, work on the Waste Derived Fill Standard review, and a draft Energy from Waste Draft Position Statement will feature early in 2016.
2.	Develop our licensing and compliance regime in line with the transformation of industries, including a new licence for Nyrstar in Port Pirie	on track	Emissions' data baselines have been established through modelling. Air modelling, which projects future lead-in-air levels following transformation, has informed the development of future licence conditions. A draft licence has been compiled and circulated for comment with further amendments expected once the environmental risk assessment and air modelling are finalised.
3.	Improve our approach to managing site contamination issues through the implementation of recommendations from the EPA Board Review report	on track	The EPA continues to work towards completing the 11 recommendations from the 2015 Site Contamination Review Committee Report into site contamination legacy management in South Australia. All recommendations have been addressed. One has been completed, the progress of five is dependent on other State agencies and the progress of the rest is on track.
4.	Implement a new <i>Environment Protection Water Quality Policy</i>	on track	The <i>Environment Protection (Water Quality) Policy 2015</i> , was implemented at the end of December 2015. The roll-out included internal training, external communications, supporting guidance material, updated environmental authorisations and updated Codes of Practices / Guidelines. Follow-ups will be progressed with internal and external stakeholders in early 2016.
5.	Work with SafeWork SA to undertake an audit of asbestos removalists	on track	The EPA and Safework SA established a Memorandum of Understanding for all asbestos-related calls received by the EPA Call Centre. Information will be shared and this will ensure members of the public receive high quality service in relation to any asbestos matter. The Better Regulation Working Group has considered incorporating asbestos regulatory matters within the upcoming changes to South Australian Planning legislation. Removalists were audited by Safework SA and the EPA is analysing disposal figures using WasteTracker to ensure figures match disposal and that the correct levy has been paid.
6.	Work with industry and community to implement the new <i>Radiation Protection and Control Regulations</i>	on track	The Radiation Protection and Control (Ionising Radiation) Regulations 2000 were remade on 1 September 2015 without substantial amendment to ensure their ongoing operation. The Radiation Protection and Control Bill is likely to be considered by Parliament in 2016-17. Further amendments to the Regulations will be made once the Radiation Protection and Control Bill has been passed by Parliament and the Regulations are remade under a new Act.
<b>Keep people informed and engaged</b>			
7.	Inform, involve and engage the community in addressing key environmental challenges for the state, including establishing an ongoing community engagement function	on track	Consultation outcomes on the <i>Environment Protection (Air Quality) Policy</i> and a draft Partnerships and Engagement Framework were presented to the EPA Board. An Engagement Champions program is planned for implementation in early 2016. Communication & Engagement plans for the Lefevre Peninsula an implementing <i>Local Nuisance Bill</i> , were developed. A BoreWater testing advertising campaign was launched.

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<b>Keep people informed and engaged (cont'd)</b>		
8.	Improve the protection of sea-grasses through the ongoing implementation of the Adelaide Coastal Waters Quality Improvement Plan	<p data-bbox="571 152 740 465">on track</p> <p data-bbox="740 152 1481 465">Implementation of the Adelaide Coastal Waters Quality Improvement Plan (ACWQIP) included delivery of the Australian Government-funded Catchment-to-Coast project which is focussed on water quality improvement for Adelaide's coastal waters. Four grants were allocated under the Rain Garden 500 initiative for delivery in 2016, and the EPA facilitated a well-attended Kurna workshop, a sub-project of the Coast to Catchment project. Over 50% of this five-year initiative was completed as at the end of December 2015.</p>
9.	Make our data and information more accessible and transparent through the use of new technologies, including improvements to the online public register	<p data-bbox="571 465 740 696">some delay</p> <p data-bbox="740 465 1481 696">The scope of this initiative is to deliver the LAMP public register, and forms &amp; online payment functionality through the ELF project. ELF usage continues to increase steadily. Delays, due to the contractor's work on other projects, affected the development of the online Public Register. Implementation is now scheduled for April 2016.</p>
<b>Be an effective and trusted regulator</b>		
10.	Further invest in our organisational and staff capability with a focus on service excellence	<p data-bbox="571 763 740 1077">on track</p> <p data-bbox="740 763 1481 1077">Initiatives to improve our organisational and staff capability are under implementation. The staff awards was implemented in October 2015 and a draft Service Charter was endorsed by Executive in December 2015. Succession planning, a leadership development framework and service excellence training for all staff are underway. A final evaluation report of the EPA Aspiring Leaders program was received in December 2015. Service excellence and community engagement training are scheduled for 2016.</p>
11.	Work with our licensed community, in particular small and medium businesses, to streamline our regulation and enable and reward good compliance	<p data-bbox="571 1077 740 1301">on track</p> <p data-bbox="740 1077 1481 1301">Tasks completed include participation in events such as 'Regional Bizlink', 'Meet the Buyer' and working with River Murray-based Small &amp; Medium Enterprises (SMEs) on simplified greywater regulations. Expressions of interest have been extended to Primary Industries and Regions SA (PIRSA) Innovation Clusters for the recognition of SMEs who achieve beyond compliance.</p>
12.	Work with the Department of State Development in improving the regulation of environmental aspects of mining	<p data-bbox="571 1301 740 1637">on track</p> <p data-bbox="740 1301 1481 1637">The Department of State Development (DSD) and the EPA are working together to provide industry with clarity of understanding regarding the EPA's and Government's expectations for the control of dust emissions. DSD completed a provisional literature and benchmarking report and provided recommendations. This is currently under internal peer review. This will be followed early in 2016 with the next phase of industry engagement. The EPA / DSD air quality working group will re-convene in 2016 to draft and further develop a provisional Air Quality Guideline.</p>
13.	Implement a new modernised licensing IT system and promote innovation in our operations	<p data-bbox="571 1637 740 1809">achieved</p> <p data-bbox="740 1637 1481 1809">The scope is to modernise the licensing system and to streamline and innovate processes. LAMP and interfaces to the EPA financial system and GENI were implemented on 31 July 2015. Further work is now being done to improve the system.</p>
14.	Build our knowledge and expertise through the development of a long term science plan	<p data-bbox="571 1809 740 2033">on track</p> <p data-bbox="740 1809 1481 2033">Work on the Science Plan commenced in August 2015. Work on specific components - air quality, noise, site contamination and radiation - commenced in Q2 2015-16. The development of the Science Plan has now been incorporated into a review of scientific services. A draft Science Plan framework is to be discussed at Executive in March 2016.</p>