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Dear Resident,

### **RE: Groundwater Bore Use and Ongoing Investigations, Keswick, South Australia**

This letter provides an update to the community regarding the investigations into site contamination that have been undertaken by Kelvinator Australia Pty Ltd within Keswick.

In December 2013 certain chemicals, including trichloroethylene (TCE), were identified in groundwater at a commercial property on Everard Avenue, Keswick, South Australia. This site, and two neighbouring sites, were occupied by Kelvinator Australia Pty Ltd (Kelvinator) from the 1940s to about 1985 and were part of Kelvinator's refrigerator manufacturing operations.

In February 2014 the South Australian Environment Protection Authority (EPA) advised Kelvinator that it had been notified of contaminated groundwater on one of the properties formerly owned by Kelvinator. The EPA requested that Kelvinator undertake assessments to determine the nature and extent of site contamination. Since that time Kelvinator has undertaken four site contamination assessments, with the most recent round completed in April 2016. All reports documenting these assessments have been provided to the EPA.

The most recent investigations assessed the concentrations of chemicals within the soil, soil vapour and indoor and outdoor air at the former Kelvinator sites. The investigations did not identify chemical levels in indoor or outdoor air that represent a risk to occupants of the former Kelvinator sites.

New groundwater monitoring wells were also installed onsite and offsite to better understand the extent of groundwater contamination. The extent of the groundwater contamination was not able to be determined during this investigation. As such, assessment of the groundwater contamination, in consultation with the EPA, is ongoing.

As per previous correspondence to residents and land owners in March 2014, the EPA and SA Health continue to advise that groundwater (bore water) should not be extracted for any use in this area. Mains water provided by SA Water remains unaffected by the contamination and is safe for use.

Further information will continue to be available on the EPA website at:

<[http://www.epa.sa.gov.au/environmental\\_info/site\\_contamination](http://www.epa.sa.gov.au/environmental_info/site_contamination)>

If you would like to discuss this matter further my contact details are provided below:

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You may also contact the EPA on 1800 729 175 or by email [epasitecontam@epa.sa.gov.au](mailto:epasitecontam@epa.sa.gov.au).

Yours sincerely,



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