

*The EPA Board Communique has been developed to provide information on matters discussed by the Board at its monthly meetings.*

### ***Management of site contamination in South Australia***

The Board noted a briefing paper on the arrangements for managing site contamination in South Australia, and acknowledged that the Environment Protection (Site Contamination) Amendment Bill (Site Contamination Bill) will include a statutory audit function and address issues of responsibility and liability. Public consultation for the Bill is almost complete. A summary of the comments will be provided to the Board at its next meeting.

### ***EPA's role in land use planning***

The Board considered a paper on the EPA's role in land use planning and the lessons learned from recent major developments in Adelaide. It endorsed steps being taken by the EPA to ensure early involvement in future major developments, suggesting further investigation into the potential for increasing the profile of the EPA as a 'first port of call' when developments were at concept stage. The EPA will consider this as part of its Engagement Strategy.

### ***Key performance indicators for the EPA***

As part of its commitment to improved business management and transparency, the EPA has undertaken significant work in revising and developing its key performance indicators (KPIs). These indicators will track progress on the achievement of the EPA's goals outlined in the Strategic Plan.

### ***Landfill Guidelines***

The Board has endorsed the release of the EPA's Landfill Guidelines with a two-month grace period to allow stakeholders the opportunity to review and submit any issues or concerns to the EPA. A three-member Board sub-committee will consider submissions and conduct hearings regarding stakeholder concerns. A package is to be sent to all stakeholders including the guidelines and information about the process.

### ***Regional consultation - Port Lincoln - 21 June 2006***

Members of the Board travelled to the Lower Eyre Peninsula on 21 June 2006 visiting Coffin Bay landfill, DK Quarries fish composting project, Port Lincoln Tuna Processors, Port Lincoln Landfill and SA Water's Wastewater Treatment Plant at Billy Light's Point. Board members were given an insight into the issues and challenges associated with the various operations.

In the afternoon, Board members participated in a public forum at Port Lincoln attended by over 50 people. Issues raised included:

- Waste management costs
- Illegal dumping
- Water quality, particularly with regard to the tuna industry
- EPA's Licence Fee Structure Review
- Domestic noise
- Communications and working relationships with the EPA

Feedback from the consultation was positive. Participants will be provided with a summary of the proceedings in the near future.