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Dear Resident,

In August 2014 the Clovelly Park Mitchell Park Environmental Management Project Team was established to lead and facilitate a whole of State Government response to the environmental issues in the area. I am writing to advise you that the work of the Project Team is now complete and responsibility for the ongoing elements of the project will now transition back to the relevant Government agencies.

Management for the relocation area comprising Chestnut Court and the northern side of Ash Avenue will now be the responsibility of Renewal SA. Tenancy management for those properties that are still occupied by Housing SA tenants will continue to be the responsibility of Housing SA. Renewal SA will engage with the community as plans for the urban regeneration of this area are developed.

Ongoing management of environmental issues in the assessment area will now return to the Environment Protection Authority (EPA). The Environmental Assessment Report (the Report) delivered in December 2014, concluded that the majority of the properties in the assessment area are safe and that no further action is required. It also identified a small area where some additional work will be undertaken to validate the results for 13 residential properties. The validation works will be managed by the EPA, who will be discussing the works in detail with residents over the next two weeks.

The Report also identified groundwater contamination moving in a north westerly direction from the industrial land. The EPA has commenced discussions with the parties who it believes has liability for the site contamination and will regulate any further assessment work required by these parties to determine the extent of any groundwater contamination that might exist north of Alawoona Avenue.

The EPA's advice to not use groundwater (bore water) within the assessment area remains in place to ensure there is no risk to human health. Following a process of consultation with the community, the EPA will formalise this advice by declaring a groundwater prohibition area, in accordance with the Environment Protection Act, 1993. This is unlikely to occur until next year, once the full extent of the groundwater contamination is known.

In order to ensure a consistent approach to the communication and engagement approach adopted by the independent project team I am pleased to advise that Tim Saul will move to the EPA and remain the contact for any enquiries to do with Clovelly Park and Mitchell Park. Tim can be contacted via the hotline number on 1800 770 174 or at [tim.saul@epa.sa.gov.au](mailto:tim.saul@epa.sa.gov.au).

Yours sincerely



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**MANAGER SITE CONTAMINATION**