



FLINDERS POWER ASH DAM Community Update #6

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Community information session - recommendations

One of the EPA's key objectives for facilitating the community information session in Port Augusta on 6 February 2017 was to quantify and analyse the feedback received from the community. The purpose of this was to develop recommendations for each of the organisations involved in the decision making around the Flinders Power ash dam and Bird Lake.

The EPA has now completed this analysis and compiled the results into a consultation report. The report makes recommendations which have now been endorsed by each organisation. A full copy of the report is available to download from the EPA's website www.epa.sa.gov.au or please call the EPA on the number overleaf to request a copy to be posted to you.

Key outcomes - recommendations for the EPA

- Continue to regularly publish air quality monitoring data on website.
- Provide monthly photos of progress.
- Continue to regulate Flinders Power and ensure it meets community engagement obligations.
- Review and strengthen Flinders Power's commitments under the Station Closure Plan.
- Publish and distribute Flinders Power's community updates.
- Recommend Flinders Power involve the community in the revegetation proposal for the long term management of the ash dam.
- Recommend Flinders Power establish a community liaison group and empower the group to determine how it wishes to be kept informed by Flinders Power.

Key outcomes - recommendations for State Development

- Promote employment and other development opportunities likely to happen in Port Augusta to raise the City's sense of pride and positive outlook for the future.
- Promote tourism opportunities.
- Promote redeployment opportunities.
- Communicate strongly the support Government will provide for Bird Lake and other key Task Force decisions.

Key outcomes - recommendations for SA Health

- Provide SA Health analysis of the results from the dust samples in community friendly format such as a fact sheet. To include advice about skin irritation, dust inhalation, and infogram or diagram to assist the community to interpret the EPA's air quality monitoring data from a health perspective.

Key outcomes - recommendations for Flinders Power

- Community information hotline publicised more widely.
- Establishment of a Community Liaison Group chaired by an experienced independent facilitator. Meetings to be held regularly as determined by demand and the group to advise on preferred methods of information provision. Communication methods to be considered include:
 - Establishment of an SMS distribution list to advise the community via their mobile phones of certain conditions, communication and milestone events, dust events etc.
 - Fact sheets / Frequently Asked Questions
 - Media channels to communicate amongst other things progress and milestone events
 - Regular community updates to a distribution list of interested residents
 - Periodic community information sessions
 - Provision of site tours for interested residents of the Flinders Power site

Key outcomes - recommendations for Port Augusta City Council

- Provide information to the community on timeframes for the delivery of the consultant report on the preferred solution for Bird Lake.
- Advise when the next level of implementation of the Augusta Lakes Stakeholder Engagement Plan can be expected.
- Advise on works already undertaken on Bird Lake.

Stay in touch

To find out how these recommendations are being implemented, please stay in touch:

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SA Health also has a fact sheet on dust and advises to stay indoors, use air conditioners wherever possible, and seek medical advice if you are experiencing any problems.

