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# Environmental assessment update for Keswick

Previous soil vapour testing conducted by EPA in a residential area of Keswick has not detected any trichloroethene (TCE), however further investigations will be undertaken in one of the area's commercial precincts.

An environmental assessment carried out in March 2017 at the former Kelvinator sites and the adjacent land off-site was to identify the concentrations of the TCE likely to be in soil.

The soil vapour screening assessment indicated that all residential properties are considered safe from vapour intrusion, however the southern part of the assessment area around commercial and industrial properties detected TCE in vapour at concentrations that require further investigation.

EPA Director Regulation Peter Dolan, says this second stage of testing will begin in February 2018 to determine the extent of contamination in groundwater.

"The EPA will undertake further testing of groundwater to determine the extent of the contamination," Mr Dolan said.

"While no TCE in soil vapour was detected in the residential areas, bore water in the area is contaminated and should not be used for any purpose, however mains water is not affected.

"This upcoming work may lead to the establishment of a groundwater prohibition area to protect human health, if it is deemed necessary," he said.

Further information on the Keswick notification area can be viewed on the EPA website. ([www.epa.sa.gov.au](http://www.epa.sa.gov.au)).

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