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Thebarton environmental assessment update

The EPA has today written to residents in the Thebarton assessment area, to provide them with an update on the EPA's environmental assessment program.

The EPA will continue on from work started in May 2017 as part of its ongoing monitoring of the groundwater and soil vapour contamination.

The Stage 1 report released in November 2017 comprised a human health risk assessment that predicted the majority of the assessment area to be safe from trichloroethene (TCE) vapour in residential indoor air.

"Last year, indoor air sampling undertaken by the EPA found that in a small number of homes TCE was detected in residential indoor air. In six properties within the assessment area homes are now having ventilation systems installed," EPA's Director Regulation, Peter Dolan said.

"The remainder of the assessment area is still considered safe.

"Stage 2 work is commencing during March 2018 and will provide seasonal information on soil vapour data," he said.

"The assessment area being tested has also expanded slightly to assist the EPA to determine the boundary of the contaminated groundwater plume."

The EPA reminds all residents that groundwater (bore water) in this area is contaminated and should not be used for any purpose. Mains water and water from rainwater tanks are not affected by this issue. Home grown fruit and vegetables are safe to consume, provided they are not watered with contaminated bore water.

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