

TO THE RESIDENT

Dear RESIDENT

**Re: Previous Environment Protection Authority (EPA) assessment in Unley and changes relating to how future property purchasers are notified of this assessment.**

The Environment Protection Authority (EPA) commenced groundwater and soil vapour assessment in Unley in 2017 (the Unley EPA Assessment Area).

You are receiving this letter as your property is located within the Unley EPA Assessment Area. Historical investigations found that groundwater contains chlorinated hydrocarbons above relevant drinking water guidelines<sup>1</sup> at a site on Unley Road and a minor exceedance of the drinking water guideline was also identified in groundwater from one of the 11 wells within the broader EPA assessment area. As advised in the last community update from the EPA, issued on 24 September 2019, residents may use their bore water – provided they test their bore regularly and it has been deemed safe for its intended use. For more information, please visit:

[www.epa.sa.gov.au/environmental\\_info/site\\_contamination/groundwater](http://www.epa.sa.gov.au/environmental_info/site_contamination/groundwater)

The EPA is not currently undertaking assessment within the Unley EPA Assessment Area, however further assessment may be undertaken if we become aware of new information relating to contamination. In this case, you will be contacted prior to the EPA undertaking any further assessment.

The EPA has obtained advice in relation to its obligations, pursuant to the *Land and Business (Sale and Conveyancing) Regulations 2010*, which includes a requirement to flag an interest on certificate of titles within EPA assessment areas where an environmental assessment report has been prepared. This interest will ensure that future potential purchasers are aware that assessment has been undertaken.

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<sup>1</sup> National Health and Medical Research Council and National Resource Management Ministerial Council 2011, Australian Drinking Water Guidelines 6 (version 3.8 updated September 2022)

## **EPA Obligations pursuant to the *Land and Business (Sale and Conveyancing) Regulations 2010***

As a result of the assessment undertaken by the EPA in the Unley EPA Assessment Area, it holds a copy of environmental assessment reports which are required to be placed in the EPA Public Register. The EPA is also required to flag its interest in all certificates of title within the assessment area. This will mean a YES response is generated for question 4(c) of the Particulars relating to environment protection in the *Land and Business (Sale and Conveyancing) Regulations 2010*. This will inform future purchasers of the land that copies of environmental assessment reports are available to them from the Public Register.

### **What does this mean?**

A prospective purchaser considering purchasing a property within the Unley EPA Assessment Area, will now observe a YES response to Question 4(c) in the EPA Statement to Form 1.

#### **4–Pollution and site contamination on the land – details recorded by EPA in public register**

Does the EPA hold any of the following details in the public register in relation to the land or part of the land:

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| a) details of serious or material environmental harm caused or threatened in the course of an activity (whether or not notified under section 83 of the <i>Environment Protection Act 1993</i> )?  | <b>NO</b>  |
| b) details of site contamination notified to the EPA under section 83A of the <i>Environment Protection Act 1993</i> ?   | <b>NO</b>  |
| c) a copy of a report of an environmental assessment (whether prepared by the EPA or some other person or body and whether or not required under legislation) that forms part of the information required to be recorded in the public register? | <b>YES</b> |

**In addition to this YES response, a note will be included to refer the potential purchaser to the EPA website to obtain up-to-date information in relation to this assessment area.**

### **What do I need to do?**

No action is required by property owners unless you decide to sell your property. In that case you will need to answer YES to question 2(5) Pollution and site contamination on the land – questions for vendor of the Form 1, which asks: “Is the vendor aware of an environmental assessment of the land or part of the land ever having been carried out or commenced (whether or not completed)?”.

## 2–Pollution and site contamination on the land-questions for vendor

(5) Is the vendor aware of an environmental assessment of the land or part of the land ever having been carried out or commenced (whether or not completed)?

YES

If YES, give details of all environmental assessments that the vendor is aware of and whether they were carried out or commenced before or after the vendor acquired an interest in the land:

*Unley Stages 1, 2 and 3*

The EPA interest on the certificate of title relating to being within the Unley EPA Assessment Area is in addition to any other EPA interests that have previously been flagged for the title, should they exist.

If you have any questions or concerns then please contact the EPA Community Engagement team on (08) 8429 7554, email [engage.epa@sa.gov.au](mailto:engage.epa@sa.gov.au) or visit

[https://www.epa.sa.gov.au/environmental\\_info/site\\_contamination/assessment\\_areas/unley](https://www.epa.sa.gov.au/environmental_info/site_contamination/assessment_areas/unley)

Yours sincerely

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**MANAGER SITE CONTAMINATION  
ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION AUTHORITY**

Date: 10 November 2022

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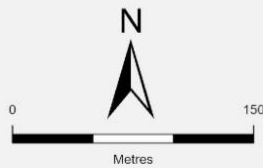
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## Unley Assessment Area Properties



▭ Unley Assessment Area  
 Property Boundaries



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