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Dear Resident,

RE: Glenelg East environmental assessment program – delay in reporting

Further to the Environment Protection Authority's (EPA) letter from November 2015, I am writing to provide you with an update on the work and reporting timeframe for the most recent stage of the environmental assessment program at Glenelg East.

The site contamination consultant, Fyfe Earth Partners (Fyfe), commenced the drilling and installation of new groundwater wells and soil vapour bores in November, with the sampling activities completed in late December last year.

In addition to the drilling and sampling activities, Fyfe completed a property survey for the assessment area. The response received was extremely useful; providing a better understanding of the age and construction type of homes, as well as, locating some additional private unused groundwater bores in the local area.

As part of the data review process, Fyfe determined some of the data obtained from the new wells were not reliable. The main problem was caused by the wells silting up after they were drilled. If you would like a further explanation of this, the EPA would be happy to discuss this with you. A summary of all data collected will be included as part of the final report.

As a result, Fyfe re-sampled the silted wells in late January and early February. At the same time, Fyfe sampled the additional private bores located as part of the property survey. This additional information will better inform the environmental conditions in the area and assist in understanding the nature and extent of the contamination in groundwater.

The EPA's previous letter advised that final reporting was anticipated to be available in late February 2016. Due to the additional work completed in late January/early February, the report is now expected to be completed in **early April 2016**.

I hope the delay in report completion has not caused too much of an inconvenience to you.

As per previous advice provided by the EPA, residents and commercial/industrial property owners should not use bore water (groundwater) for any purpose until further notice. Mains water provided by SA Water and water from rainwater tanks are not affected by this issue.

If you have any questions regarding these works, please contact Mr Dale McGill, Adviser, Site Contamination on 1800 729 175 or by email at <u>EPASiteContam@epa.sa.gov.au</u>.

Yours sincerely,

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MANAGER SITE CONTAMINATION ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION AUTHORITY Date: 16 February 2016