

Dear Resident

RE: Adelaide Brighton Cement Environment Improvement Programme (EIP)

As you live relatively close to the Adelaide Brighton Cement (ABC) plant at Birkenhead, I am writing to inform you of a new programme of works ABC has developed under its *Environment Protection Act 1993* (EP Act) licence to improve environmental performance.

The location of ABC in such close proximity to residences and the nature of its operations presents unique challenges to the management of impacts.

The ABC plant on Victoria Road is licensed by the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) under the EP Act for activities of environmental significance. The licence has conditions which ABC must comply with in order to minimise environmental impacts associated with its activities. This includes the development and implementation of an EIP, which is a programme of agreed actions and measures for improving a company's environmental performance.

As a result of the previous EIP, which expired in December 2015, there have been a number of improvements to the ABC plant's operations that have reduced its environmental impacts. Over the past few years in particular, improvement measures have been focussed on reducing impacts from dust and noise. However, the EPA acknowledges further improvements can be made and maintains regular contact with ABC to ensure that continuous improvement in environmental performance remains a key focus.

Throughout 2015, ABC worked with the EPA and the local community to identify actions to be included in the company's new EIP. This included a public meeting in March 2015, where ABC invited the public to share issues and concerns regarding environmental performance at the plant. Following the public meeting, a sub-group of the ABC Community Liaison Group was formed and met on several occasions with the EPA and ABC to discuss the development of actions to be included in the new EIP.

I am pleased to advise that ABC's revised EIP was approved in December 2015 and commenced on 1 January 2016. It includes actions to address stack emissions, ambient dust and noise, as well as a site greening programme and monitoring requirements. Details on the actions contained within ABC's new EIP can be found on the EPA website – www.epa.sa.gov.au.

ABC's licence requires that the EIP address environmental issues raised by the Community Liaison Group and this has proven effective in providing a forum and engagement platform for residents over many years. The EPA will ensure ongoing engagement with the community continues to be undertaken as a condition of ABC's licence. This includes the communication of progress towards achieving the EIP actions.

The current EP Act licence for the ABC plant at Birkenhead expires on 31 October 2017 and the revised EIP will be in place until that date. Any licence renewal application from ABC will undergo public consultation in accordance with the requirements of the EP Act.

If you would like to discuss these matters further, I encourage you to contact David Vaughan, Team Leader Industry, on 8204 2109 or email epainfo@sa.gov.au. Further information on the Community Liaison Group and how you can be involved is available on the ABC community website: www.adelaidebrightoncommunity.com.au.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Andrew Wood". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial 'A'.

Andrew Wood

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OPERATIONS
ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION AUTHORITY**

Date: 4 March 2016