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Community information session is well received

A community information session that was held in Port Augusta yesterday was attended by 165 people who learnt more about the current and future management plans for the former power stations site.

The session between 9am to 9pm was organised by the Environment Protection Authority (EPA), which invited people to drop-in and meet with EPA staff and others face-to-face, including SA Health, DSD (Department of State Development), Flinders Power and the City of Port Augusta.

EPA Chief Executive Tony Circelli said inquiries included questions about the actions being undertaken to address dust and odour issues in the area, following a significant dust event in early January.

"It was great to see so many people turn out to this session and discuss a variety of issues including interest in the long term rehabilitation plan for the site, as well as concerns regarding odour from the nearby Bird Lake," Mr Circelli said.

Mr Circelli also thanked the local community for its interest, attendance and support at yesterday's community session.

"The EPA will continue to ensure local environmental issues are addressed and the community is kept informed," he said.

The EPA has been engaging with the Port Augusta community extensively with individual phone calls as well as emails, meetings with residents and regular updates to its website.

Information on the Flinders Power former Port Augusta power stations site including air quality monitoring information, is available on the EPA website.

For health-related information and advice phone (08) 8226 7100 or refer to the <u>SA Health</u> website.

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