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Dear Landowner,

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**RE: Update on Groundwater Contamination Investigation in the Hendon Area**

The Environment Protection Authority (EPA) is writing to you to provide an update on the groundwater investigation that was undertaken in late 2012. The assessment included the drilling and sampling of a number of groundwater wells and soil vapour bores in the Hendon, Seaton and Royal Park area.

The EPA has recently received a final report for the assessment works from the environmental consultant. The report has identified that chemical substances are present in groundwater and soil vapour in the Hendon investigation area. The chemical substances identified are predominantly perchloroethene (PCE), trichloroethene (TCE), dichloroethene (DCE) and metals. Historically, these chemicals were commonly used in industry and are likely to be present as a result of historical practices.

At this time, it is unclear whether or not the chemical substances present a risk. The environmental consultant has recommended further assessment work to assess the soil vapour. The Department for Health and Ageing has reviewed the report and supports additional assessment being undertaken. The EPA intends to engage an environmental consultant to undertake this work in the near future.

The EPA continues to advise that groundwater should not be used for any use until further notice. **Mains and rainwater are not affected by the identified contamination.**

For further information on the report or to obtain a copy of the report, please contact the EPA. Further information is available on the EPA website at: [www.epa.sa.gov.au](http://www.epa.sa.gov.au).

For further information on this matter, please contact the EPA freecall on 1800 729 175 between 8am and 5pm weekdays or [EPASiteContam@epa.sa.gov.au](mailto:EPASiteContam@epa.sa.gov.au).

Yours sincerely



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