

# Media Release

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## Beverley environmental tests continue

The EPA has reduced the focus of its groundwater and soil vapour testing in Beverley by concentrating on smaller defined areas, following recent data results.

Environmental testing in April and May this year confirmed the presence of the chemical *Trichloroethene* (TCE) in a number of locations within the assessment area.

Although groundwater contamination was at lower levels than previous tests had shown, the soil vapour data returned higher than expected readings which prompted the further testing.

EPA Director Science, Assessment and Planning, Peter Dolan said he had previously advised that a detailed report would be available this month but this now requires more time.

“This is a consequence of the need to include data from upcoming testing which will now be available in August,” Mr Dolan said.

“The next round of testing will involve the installation of a series of permanent soil vapour bores on public and commercial land in the defined areas,” he said.

“This will occur over the next two weeks in a smaller confined area to what previously was expected, with samples collected to determine if there is any impact from TCE vapour intrusion to residential properties in the area.”

Mr Dolan said residents and property owners in the EPA assessment area and neighbouring communities are being kept informed of the progress of environmental tests through personal contact and information being placed in letter boxes.

“The EPA has also been working closely with a Community Working Group which comprises local residents and business representatives and meeting regularly to keep them up-to-date with the progress of our work,” Mr Dolan said.

The EPA and the Community Working Group met most recently on Tuesday night.

“Residents are continuing to be advised, as they have been previously, not to use groundwater (bore water) for any purpose until further notice,” Mr Dolan said.

**NOTE: Peter Dolan will be available to the media in the foyer of the SA Water building (EPA HQ) – 250 Victoria Square at 10.30am today**

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