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EPA advises residents in parts of Keswick, Forestville, Everard Park and Ashford to not use bore water

The EPA has been notified of site contamination affecting groundwater (bore water) in Forestville that may affect bores in parts of Keswick, Forestville, Everard Park and Ashford.

Residents in this area are being advised not to use groundwater for any purpose.

Nitrates and nickel have now been found above Australian Drinking Water Guidelines in groundwater samples collected from a former industrial site in Forestville.

“Nitrates in water can have serious health implications,” EPA Manager Site Contamination Andrew Pruszinski said.

“However this is only a problem if a person is using contaminated groundwater via a bore.

“As with many areas in Adelaide that have been used for industrial purposes, past practices have had chemicals disposed in a manner that has resulted in the contamination of soils, which results in contaminants seeping into groundwater.

“Residents who are not accessing groundwater, or are using mains water to irrigate fruit and vegetables, are not affected by this issue,” Mr Pruszinski said.

There are five registered bores within the 570 property area where residents are being advised as a precaution to not use their bore water.

The EPA is currently investigating the source and extent of the contamination.

More information is available by phoning (08) 8463 4799, emailing engage.epa@sa.gov.au, or at www.epa.sa.gov.au/data_and_publications/site_contamination_monitoring/assessment_areas/keswick