



ALBERT PARK

Community update #5

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The Environment Protection Authority (EPA) has been undertaking environmental assessment work in Albert Park since mid-2019.

As per previous community updates, groundwater (bore water) in this area is contaminated with [trichloroethene](#) (TCE) and other chemicals from historical industrial use.

The EPA has been undertaking work to determine whether the contamination in the groundwater has the potential to enter residential indoor air as vapour. This has included several stages of sampling groundwater and soil vapour with road verges with the most recent sampling in October 2020.

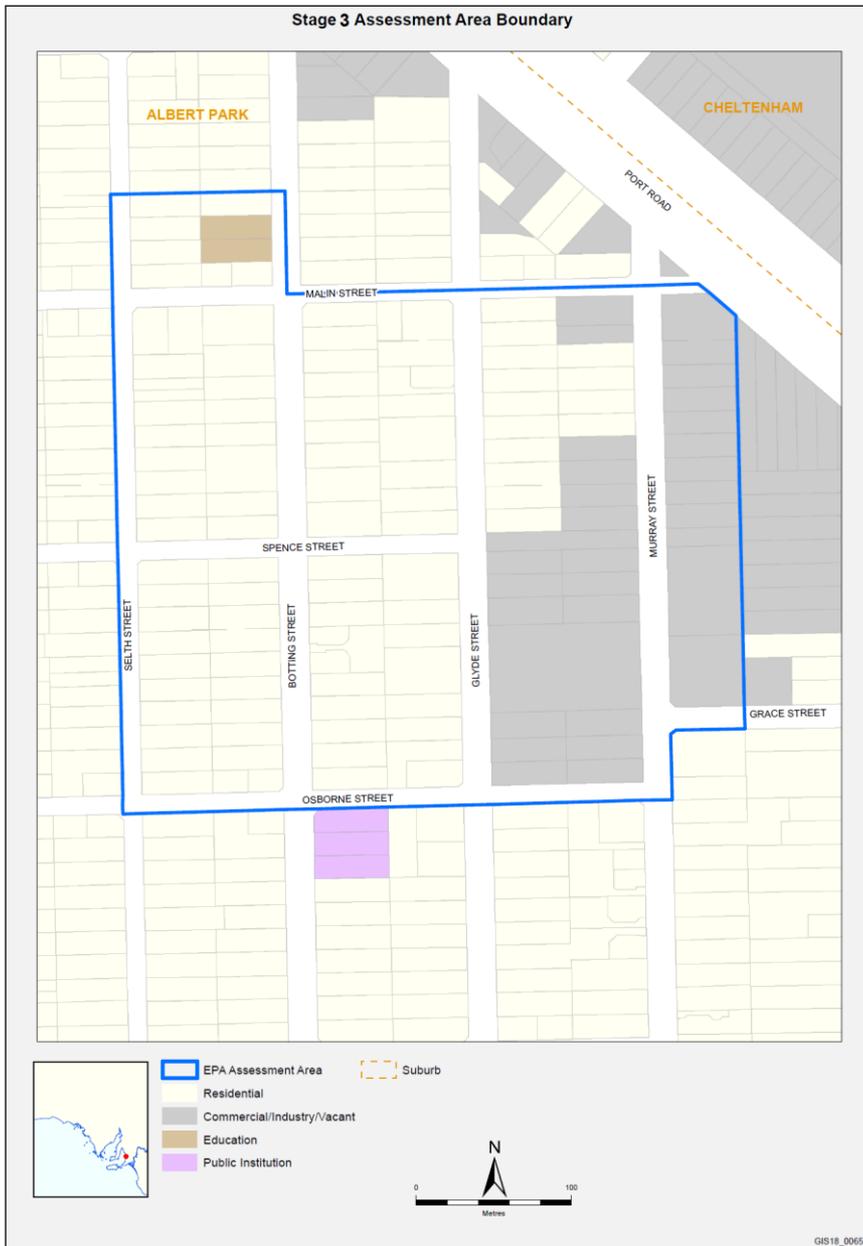
A small number of property owners have previously been approached with offers to test indoor air. Following the results of the latest sampling, several additional properties have been identified that may need indoor air testing. Owners of these properties have already been notified.

Reports from the previous stages of work, as well as the most recent October 2020 Stage 3, are available from the [EPA website](#) or by contacting us.



Reminder groundwater use is prohibited

Groundwater (bore water) in this area is contaminated with [trichloroethene](#) (TCE) and other chemicals from historical industrial use. On 12 September 2019 the EPA established a [groundwater prohibition area](#) to protect current and future residents and businesses from accessing contaminated groundwater in Hendon and surrounding suburbs, including Albert Park. A maximum fine of \$8,000 may be issued if bore water is extracted from the first and second Quaternary aquifers.



Veggies are safe if watered with tap or rainwater

Rainwater and mains water (tap water) are not affected by groundwater contamination. Home-grown fruit and vegetables are safe to consume, provided you are not watering them with bore water.

Sites that were formerly industrial may have further contamination – please contact the EPA for more information.



Community engagement

The EPA is available any time over the phone and by email – please see the details in the ‘Further info’ section below. We can also arrange to meet you in a café or public place that is COVID-accredited, your home, or arrange a videoconference if you have this capability. Please contact us during or outside of business hours.

FURTHER INFO

For **further information** please contact:

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