



## ETHELTON ASSESSMENT AREA

### Community update #4

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The Environment Protection Authority (EPA) has been undertaking environmental assessment work in Ethelton since December 2020. The work has been investigating groundwater contamination associated with a former dry cleaning site, to determine whether this may be a risk to residents.

The most recent Stage 2 work shows that the groundwater contamination does not extend beyond the Stage 2 assessment area boundary.

Based on the groundwater and soil vapour data, indoor air contamination (if any) is considered to be safe.



A report on the September 2021 and January 2022 testing is now available on the EPA website - [www.epa.sa.gov.au](http://www.epa.sa.gov.au) and follow the links to environmental info, site contamination, then assessment areas.

## Future work and next steps

**Further monitoring of soil vapour and groundwater in the streets around the former dry cleaner site will be undertaken in 2023.**

At the conclusion of its environmental assessments the EPA is likely to recommend that a Groundwater Prohibition Area be established to protect people from accessing contaminated groundwater (bore water) in this area. There are currently 8 of these areas in Adelaide (please type 'groundwater prohibition area' into your search engine, or contact us on the details overleaf for further information).



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Ethelton EPA Assessment Area website

## Basements

Indoor air contamination is more likely to occur when a room is close to groundwater, such as a basement. If your home has a basement, please contact the EPA.

## Community engagement

The EPA is available during and after business hours by phone, email, video call or in person. Please contact us if you have any queries at all in regard to this work.

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## Please do not use bore water

Groundwater (bore water) in this area is contaminated and should not be used for any purpose.

**Not all households have access to bore water. Bore water is typically accessed via a pump in your backyard.**

Tap or mains water provided by SA Water is not affected. Rain water is also not affected. Please call the EPA if you are unsure whether you have access to bore water.

## Home-grown vegetables are safe, if bore water is not in use

Soil, rainwater and mains water are not affected. Contaminated groundwater does not affect the soil above it unless it is used for irrigation or it is the source of the contamination.

**Home-grown vegetables are safe to eat, provided you are not watering them with bore water.**

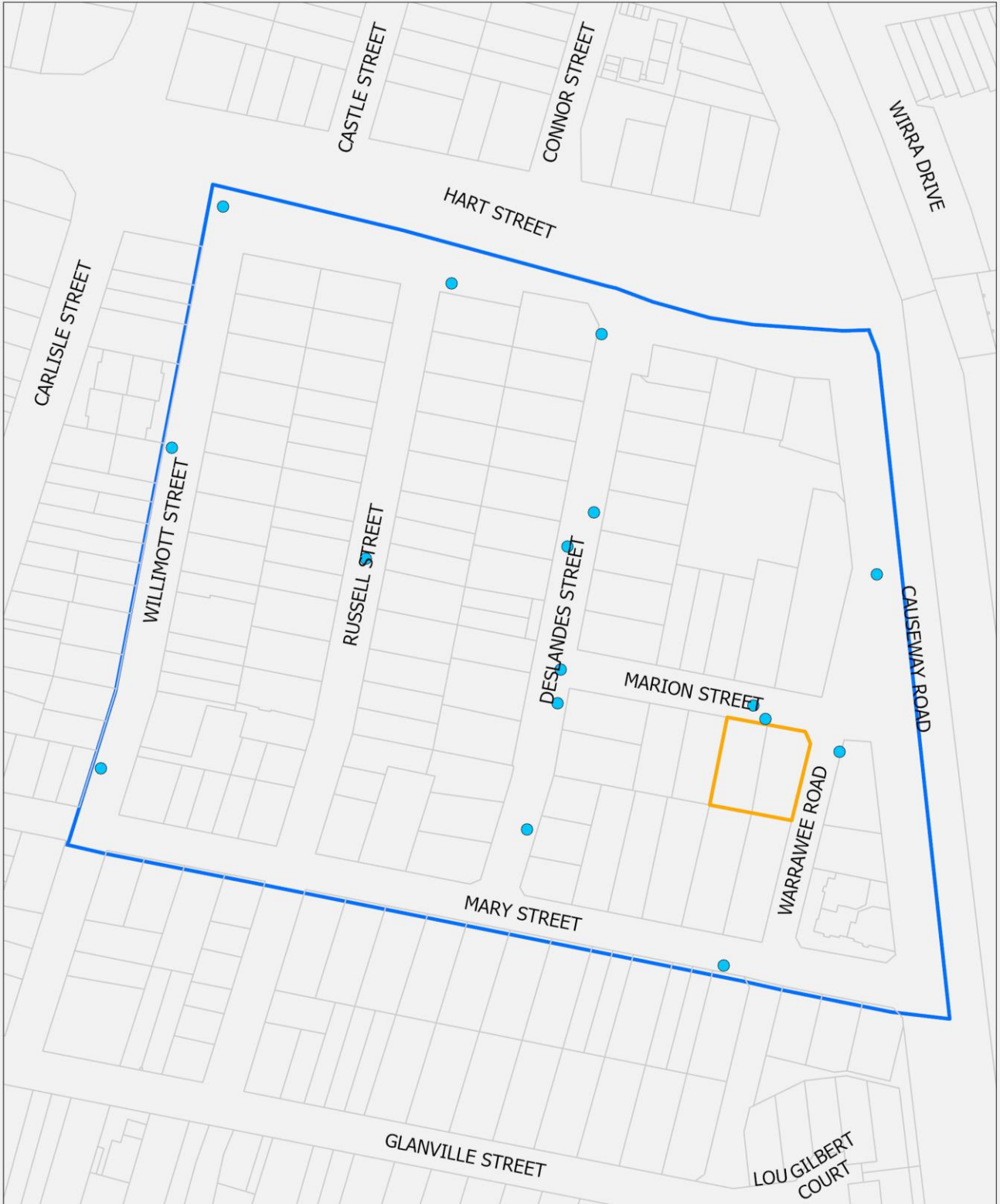
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# Ethelton EPA Assessment Area



- Groundwater monitoring well
- Former dry cleaning site
- Ethelton EPA Assessment Area Stage 2 boundary



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