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Groundwater prohibition area proposed for Beverley and surrounding suburbs

The Environment Protection Authority (EPA) is proposing to establish a groundwater prohibition area (GPA) for parts of Beverley and surrounding suburbs due to contamination from past industrial activities.

The area covers portions of Beverley, Woodville, Woodville South, Woodville West, Woodville Park, West Croydon, Kilkenny, Findon and Seaton.

The EPA establishes GPAs to prevent exposure to contaminated groundwater to protect public health.

The most recent EPA assessments have shown that groundwater in the upper three aquifers in the area is contaminated with a range of chemicals above drinking water guidelines. The contaminated water is moving slowly westwards and a buffer zone for the proposed GPA takes this into consideration.

Before establishing the GPA, the EPA is undertaking a 90-day consultation period and wants to hear from residents and bore users.

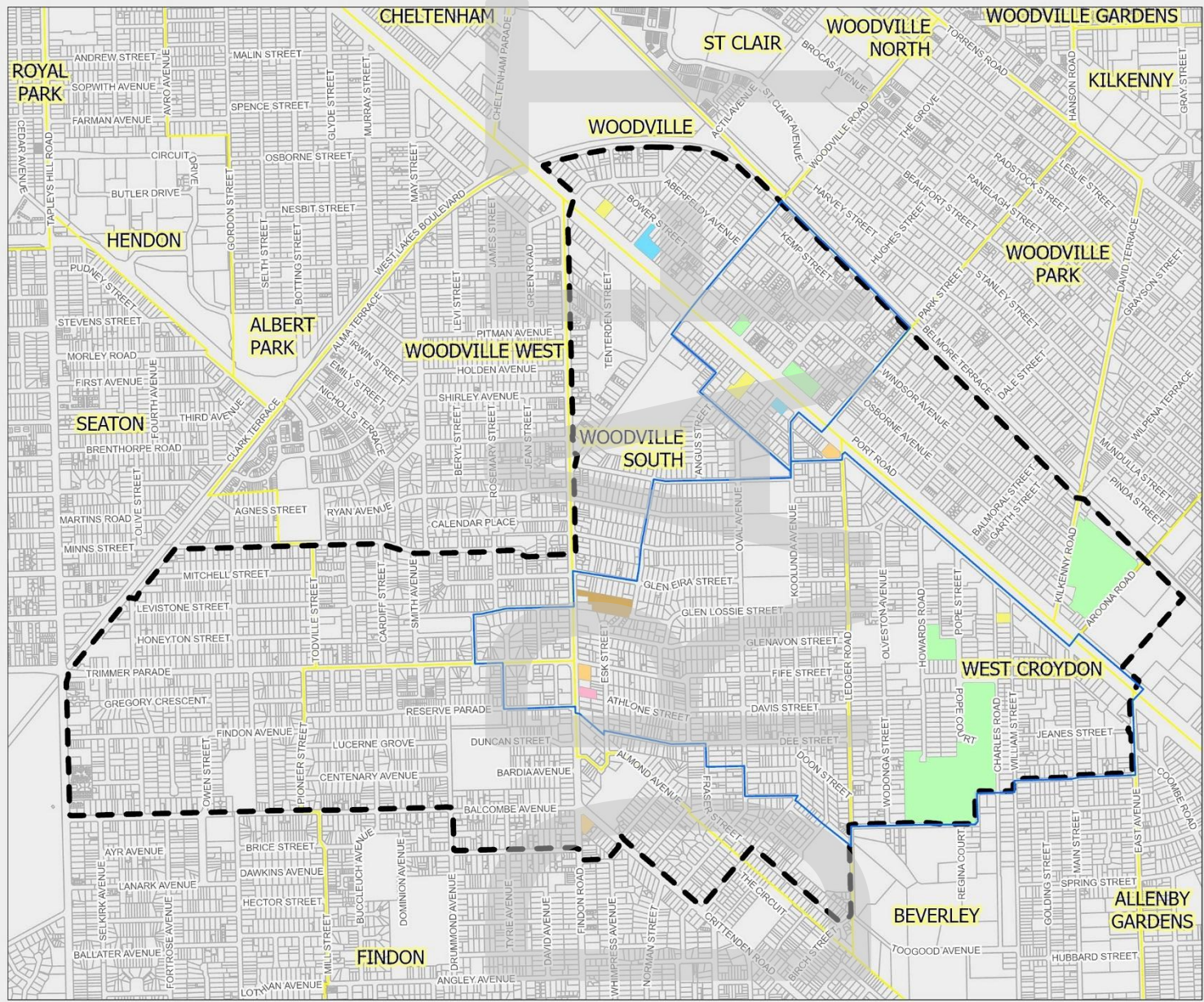
EPA Director Policy, Assessment and Finance Kathryn Bellette said residents in the areas within the primary area of contamination bounded by the blue lines shown on the attached map had previously been told not to use bore water.

“The proposed GPA will now prohibit the taking of water from bores to a depth of 45 metres for any purpose in the whole of the area shown on the map, which includes a buffer zone,” she said.

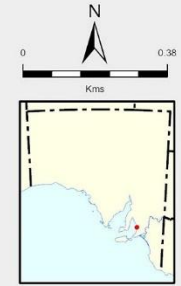
“The EPA has been engaging with the community in the Beverley-Woodville South and Woodville Port Road EPA assessment areas for some years and we will continue to be available to answer questions or address concerns.”

Groundwater from bores in deeper tertiary aquifers, such as those used by schools and councils, is not known to be affected. Soil, mains water and rainwater are not affected. Home-grown vegetables are safe to consume provided they are not being watered by water from bores to a depth of 45 metres.

The EPA has been conducting assessments in these areas since 2015. More information, including a timeline of activity, is available at the [Beverley Engage EPA page](#).



- EPA Assessment Areas
- EPA Groundwater Prohibition Area
- Former Agricultural activities
- Commercial site
- Fire Station
- Industrial activities site
- Manufacturing facility
- Service station



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