

EPA 62497

TO THE LANDOWNER

Dear LANDOWNER

Re: The Environment Protection Authority (EPA) assessment in parts of Melrose Park and St Marys and changes relating to how future property purchasers are notified of this assessment

The Environment Protection Authority (EPA) has been undertaking environmental assessment in Melrose Park since early 2021. In March 2023, the assessment area was expanded to include parts of St Marys. The area under investigation is known as the Melrose Park EPA Assessment Area. You are receiving this letter because your property is located within the Melrose Park EPA Assessment Area.

Results of recent environmental assessment

Environmental assessment has been undertaken to determine the nature and extent of the contamination and where historical chemical disposal and handling practices had contaminated the groundwater. Groundwater is water that is present underground within rocks or sediments and can be accessed by a bore, typically connected to an outdoor pump.

The most recent stage of environmental assessment has confirmed that your property is located in an area where groundwater contamination is known to be present. Please do not use groundwater (bore water) for any purpose.

Further assessment is being undertaken to determine if a groundwater prohibition area (GPA) is required and the EPA will contact you once this has been completed. At the same time, the EPA is currently undertaking community consultation on establishing a GPA in other parts of the Melrose Park EPA Assessment Area (see attached map) where the assessment is complete.

For more information on environmental assessment completed at Melrose Park please visit:

https://www.epa.sa.gov.au/environmental_info/site_contamination/assessment_areas/melrose-park

EPA obligations pursuant to the *Land and Business (Sale and Conveyancing) Regulations 2010*

The EPA is required by the *Land and Business (Sale and Conveyancing) Regulations 2010* to flag an interest in certificate of titles within EPA assessment areas where an environmental assessment report has been prepared. This interest will ensure that future potential purchasers are aware that an assessment has been undertaken.

As a result of the assessment undertaken by the EPA in the Melrose Park EPA Assessment Area, the EPA holds copies of environmental assessment reports. These are required to be placed in the EPA Public Register. For more information please visit:

https://www.epa.sa.gov.au/public_register

This will mean a YES response is generated for Question 4(c) of the Particulars relating to environment protection in the *Land and Business (Sale and Conveyancing) Regulations 2010*. This will inform future purchasers of the land that copies of environmental assessment reports are available to them from the EPA Public Register.

What does this mean?

A prospective purchaser considering purchasing a property within the Melrose Park EPA Assessment Area will now observe a YES response to Question 4(c) in the EPA Statement to Form 1.

4–Pollution and site contamination on the land – details recorded by EPA in its public register

Does the EPA hold any of the following details in the public register in relation to the land or part of the land:

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| a) details of serious or material environmental harm caused or threatened in the course of an activity (whether or not notified under section 83 of the <i>Environment Protection Act 1993</i>)? | NO |
| b) details of site contamination notified to the EPA under section 83A of the <i>Environment Protection Act 1993</i> ? | NO |
| c) a copy of a report of an environmental assessment (whether prepared by the EPA or some other person or body and whether or not required under legislation) that forms part of the information required to be recorded in the public register? | YES |

In addition to this YES response, a note will be included to refer the potential purchaser to the EPA website to obtain up-to-date information in relation to this assessment area.

What do I need to do?

No action is required by property owners unless you decide to sell your property. In that case you will need to answer YES to Question 2(5) Pollution and site contamination on the land – questions for vendor of the Form 1, which asks: ‘Is the vendor aware of an environmental assessment of the land or part of the land ever having been carried out or commenced (whether or not completed)?’.

2–Pollution and site contamination on the land-questions for vendor

(5) Is the vendor aware of an environmental assessment of the land or part of the land ever having been carried out or commenced (whether or not completed)?

YES

If YES, give details of all environmental assessments that the vendor is aware of and whether they were carried out or commenced before or after the vendor acquired an interest in the land:

Melrose Park EPA Assessment

The EPA interest in the certificate of title relates to being within the Melrose Park EPA Assessment Area and is in addition to any other EPA interests that have previously been flagged on the title, should they exist.

If you have any questions or concerns then please contact the EPA community engagement team on (08) 8429 7554, email engage.epa@sa.gov.au or visit https://www.epa.sa.gov.au/environmental_info/site_contamination/assessment_areas/melrose-park

Yours sincerely

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ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION AUTHORITY**

Date: 6 October 2023

If you require assistance in translating this information:

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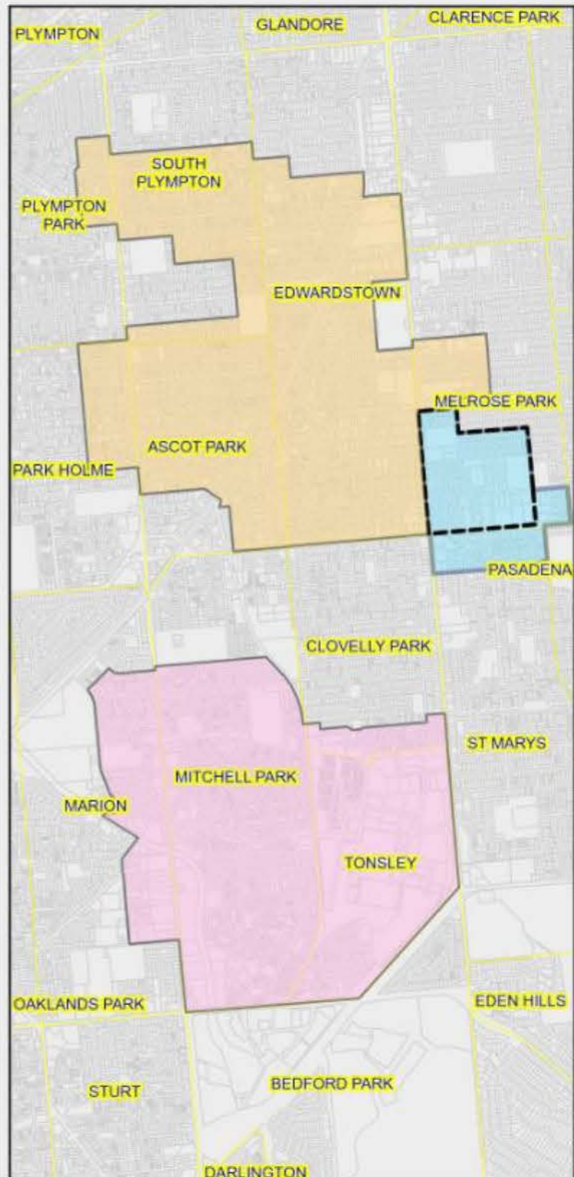
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Ако желите ово писмо на српском језику, молимо да назовете број 13 14 50





Proposed Melrose Park Groundwater Prohibition Area and Assessment Area

- Proposed Melrose Park Groundwater Prohibition Area
- Melrose Park EPA Assessment Area
- Edwardstown Groundwater Prohibition Area
- Tonsley Groundwater Prohibition Area
- Suburb
- Parcel Boundaries



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