



## **INFORMATION PACKAGE TO RESIDENTS OF WEST LAKES**

12<sup>th</sup> October 2000

Dear resident

All residents in the West Lakes development area recently received an information sheet summarising the outcomes of the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) and Department of Human Services (DHS) investigations. These investigations were in regard to the dispersal of sewage sludge from the Port Adelaide Wastewater Treatment Plant (PAWTP) over certain areas during the development of West Lakes. The area of investigation, called the assessment area, included the areas west and south of the PAWTP (between the Riverside Golf Club and the Boating Lake), the area north of the PAWTP (between Old Port Road, Bower Road and the Boating Lake) and Delfin Island.

This letter and the enclosed information is now provided to all residents within the designated assessment area to honour the commitment made by the EPA at the Public Meeting held at Football Park on Thursday 31 August 2000. At this meeting, residents were also requested to nominate their interest in participating in a West Lakes Community Consultative Committee. Two meetings have now been held with this Committee to discuss the issues at West Lakes, the results of EPA and DHS investigations and to discuss the dissemination of information to residents. The information enclosed with this letter has been discussed with the committee prior to distribution to residents.

Please find enclosed:

- A "Summary of Historical Information"
- A "Summary of EPA Investigations"
- A "West Lakes Questionnaire" and a copy of "Particulars Relating to Environment Protection", which is an extract from Form 1 – Statement Under Section 7 *Land and Business (Sale and Conveyancing) Act 1994* issued by the Australian Institute of Conveyancers South Australian Division Incorporated.
- Results of the EPA investigations on the public reserves and road reserves. Five (5) plans are provided with the results, the first of which is a general plan of the assessment area detailing the areas covered.

Please read the important information attached to the test results.

It is important to note that the EPA has so far not carried out any sampling and testing of soils within any residential properties. The strategy for further investigation includes an offer that the EPA is prepared to undertake this work (at no cost to residents) if requested by property owners.

A decision by an owner of a property to request the EPA to carry out this work should be taken after giving due consideration to the implications of Section 7 of the Land and Business (Sale and Conveyancing) Act 1994. A questionnaire and a copy of the relevant details from the Form 1 are enclosed to assist you in this decision. This questionnaire should be completed and signed by the owner of the property and returned to the EPA if sampling and testing of soils within properties is requested.

The EPA will only commence the sampling and testing of soils within properties with the signed approval of the owners of that property. Property owners have the responsibility to inform tenants, in the case of rental properties, and to seek their approval for the sampling and testing to be undertaken.

A separate letter has been sent to those residents who live in the few areas where the EPA will be conducting further investigation.

If you require any further information please phone the EPA information line 1800 730 128 or refer to the EPA website at [www.epa.sa.gov.au/westlakes.html](http://www.epa.sa.gov.au/westlakes.html)

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Max Harvey', written in a cursive style.

Max Harvey  
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