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Commencement of drilling and testing program in Clovelly Park and Mitchell Park

1400 residents in the Clovelly Park and Mitchell Park assessment area are today receiving important information about the Environment Protection Authority's (EPA) drilling and testing program starting on Monday, August 25.

Clovelly Park and Mitchell Park Lead Project Manager Richard McLachlan says the drilling and testing activities will give experts and the local community a more complete understanding of the groundwater and soil vapour issues in the area.

"The local community is today being provided specific information about what they can expect over the coming months," Mr McLachlan says.

"The community received initial information in July about the upcoming testing program and we are now providing them with important information through the ongoing Community Reference Group, a variety of detailed materials distributed to people's letterbox and face to face discussions."

Mr McLachlan says drilling will start on Wednesday, August 27, proceeding for approximately eight weeks, and that the local community may see teams identifying and marking the locations for drilling from Monday.

"As the drilling program progresses, we will be in direct contact with property owners and occupiers to ensure they have a clear understanding of the work being done," Mr McLachlan says.

"The overall drilling and testing effort – led by Fyfe Pty Ltd – is complex and will involve multiple contractors and sub-contractors and different-sized drilling rigs.

"Drilling and testing activities will be completed during October, followed by a full technical assessment of the data; details of which will be available by the end of the year."

Mr McLachlan says the newly established Environmental Project Management Team he is heading up is committed to working closely with the local community and will be a central point of contact for them.

"My project team will have an ongoing, on the ground presence in Clovelly Park and Mitchell Park, and will work closely with the community to ensure they have access to specific, timely and clear information," Mr McLachlan says.

"This team was formed so that key Government agencies can focus on their areas of expertise, while we keep the community fully informed and up to speed on the latest developments as they occur."

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