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## EPA COMMENCES FURTHER SOIL TESTING AT WEST LAKES

Further soil testing of the West Lakes area will commence on Wednesday 30 August. This was announced tonight by Environment Protection Authority Chair, Stephen Walsh, QC at the first community consultative meeting held at the Lakes Resort Hotel and attended by 30 residents, and representatives from the EPA and Department of Human Services.

Mr Walsh says that independent environmental consultants Golder Associates will project manage the drilling of approximately 66 half-metre test holes, starting on Delfin Island in Liberman Reserve.

He says this first phase of soil sampling will concentrate on nature strips and reserves.

"I understand the collection of soil samples will be completed by Friday, 1 September. These will be sent interstate for independent analysis and the results will be made available to the public as soon as possible."

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