

Orica Mercury Independent Review Steering Panel Meeting 18 April 2013 – Outcomes and Actions for ratification at next meeting

Attendees:	Craig Lamberton (EPA, Chair), Greg Sheehy (EPA), Professor Mark Ferson (Health NSW), Dr Klaus Koop (OEH), Steven Poulton (CoBB Council), Talebul Islam (Randwick City Council), Professor Alison Jones (University of Wollongong), Chantal Snell (Community Member), Lynda Newnam (Community Member), Zack Thomas (EPA, Executive Officer)		
Apologies	Mark Gifford (EPA) Lara Kirchner (CoBB Council)		
Documents distributed	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Agenda 2. Outcomes and Actions of 14 March meeting 3. Draft Terms of Reference 4. Draft Scope of Works 		
Item	Discussion/Action	Responsibility	Actions
1	<p>Welcome and apologies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Craig Lamberton, Acting Chief Environmental Regulator, gave the panel some of his background. 		
2	<p>Teleconference discussion between former ICI employee and the panel</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Former ICI employee gave the panel their experience and some historical background of the Orica plant and contamination issues including mercury. 	<p>Zack Thomas</p> <p>Zack Thomas</p> <p>Zack Thomas</p>	<p>Action 2.1 Investigate a suggestion that Orica has report regarding mercury in the sewer.</p> <p>Action 2.2 Investigate a suggestion that mercury was used in ‘pressure relief valves’ and may have caused contamination.</p> <p>Action 2.3 Obtain available information from Workcover for review regarding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Occupational health screening • Risk contour mapping

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3	<p>Outcomes and Actions of 14 March meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clarification that the email from Ms Snell agreed that preliminary sampling by the EPA should not go ahead as the call from the community was for independent testing. 	Zack Thomas	<p>Action 3.1 Update Actions and Outcomes of 14th March meeting with changes and finalise.</p>
4	<p>Terms of Reference and purpose of steering panel</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health Risk Assessment Stages wrong way around. • If the review finds information regarding other hazardous substances than mercury this should be acted upon. • Add definition of 'Significant'. 	Zack Thomas	<p>Action 4.1 Revise Terms of Reference and finalise.</p>
5	<p>Draft Scope of Works</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information collection from community and worker representations will be confidential. • Health Risk Assessment Stages wrong way around. • If the review is informed of or finds information regarding other hazardous substances than mercury this will be acted upon. (subsequent email from Lynda Newnam to provide update to this on EPA website) • Each stage will inform panel who will recommend the next steps and agree whether the recommendations should be adopted or amended to improve community confidence. • Skills required for applicants and the need for experts from different disciplines will depend upon a panel decision based on the outcome of each review stage. • Add definition of 'Significant'. 	Zack Thomas	<p>Action 5.1 Revise Scope of Works and finalise.</p>

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6	Mercury Factsheet <ul style="list-style-type: none">A Mercury Factsheet is being developed by NSW Ministry of Health with input from the EPA and OEHS to address community issues and assist understanding. Feedback on long fact sheet being sought from community representatives and the Community Liaison Committee.		
7	Budget <ul style="list-style-type: none">Nothing to update at present.		
8	Any Other Business <ul style="list-style-type: none">The EPA gave an outline of the review process at the CLC.The EPA working with NSW Fisheries regarding Penrhyn Estuary fishing closure and signage.Area map provided by Steven Poulton to assist panel deliberations. Panel gave suggestions of additionsThe EPA is working to improve community communication by engaging an expert.	Zack Thomas Steven Poulton Zack Thomas	Action 8.1 The EPA will ensure Penrhyn Estuary fishing closure in place and signage updated. Action 8.2 CoBB Council to update map of the area as suggested by panel including: <ul style="list-style-type: none">increasing area coveragelabelling drains, Penrhyn Estuary, Groundwater Exclusion Zone and parksindicating wind and tidal directions noting they may be different at night Action 8.3 The EPA will ensure pertinent statistical data from ABS is provided to the review, including population information, etc.

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9	Next Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none">Proposed for Thursday 9 May (subsequently re-scheduled for Thursday 23 May)	Zack Thomas	Action 9.1 Organise next meeting
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