

Orica Mercury Independent Review Steering Panel Meeting 4 December 2013 – Outcomes and Actions

Attendees:	Mark Gifford (EPA, Chair), Greg Sheehy (EPA), Professor Mark Ferson (NSW Ministry of Health), Professor Alison Jones (University of Wollongong), Derek Elmes (OEH, on behalf of Dr Klaus Koop), Talebul Islam (Randwick City Council), Steven Poulton (CoBB Council), Lynda Newnam (Community Member), Zack Thomas (EPA, Executive Officer).		
Invitees	Pamela Wilson (EPA)		
Apologies	Chantal Snell (Community Member), Ms Lara Kirchner (CoBB Council)		
Documents distributed	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Agenda 2. Outcomes & Actions from 21 November meeting 		
Item	Discussion/Action	Responsibility	Actions
1	<p>Welcome and Apologies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Apologies received from Chantal Snell (Community Member), Ms Lara Kirchner (CoBB Council) · Late start due to a late arrival. 		
2	<p>Outcomes and Actions of 21st November Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Panel were informed that information regarding further testing by Sydney Water in regard to Hillsdale was released. This report is the third that has conducted testing which has found that there is no mercury above the Health Investigation Levels. · Draft Stage 1 Report delivered to Steering Panel members for comment. · Steering Panel members provided their comments on the Draft Stage 1 Report to the EPA. 	Zack Thomas	Action 2.1 Circulate all comments to all panel members
3	<p>Discussion of CDM Smith's Stage 1 Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · The panel discussed the content and findings of the draft report including: · Limitations of modelling. 		

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Privacy of respondents. · Readability and use of plain English, use of the word ‘screening’ and explanation of Health Investigation Levels. · Discussion required for lower spectrum health effects of mercury. · Possibility of sampling in other parks and reserved not mentioned in report. · Timeline of regulatory history and the role of the EPA. · Use of mass balance. · Sampling design and rationale. 	Zack Thomas	Action 3.1 Pass all additional comments to CDM Smith to address in report.
4	<p>Stakeholder Engagement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Stakeholder and community engagement was discussed. 	Zack Thomas / Pam Wilson	Action 4.1 EPA to prepare summary of work and findings to publish on webpage before Xmas.
		Alison Jones	Action 4.2 Prepare Forward and Podcast explaining findings to publish on webpage before Xmas.
5	<p>Budget</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · No update. 		
6	<p>Other Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · The EPA and Panel recognised the recent passing of Nancy Hillier and her work for the Botany community. 		

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stage 1 process diagram should read 'Community and other Stakeholders' 	Pam Wilson	Action 6.1 EPA to alter diagram.
7	<p>Date for forthcoming meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thursday 12th December 10am until 12pm. 		