

## Botany Community Update

### Mercury Remediation at the Former ChlorAlkali Plant site

As reported last year, Orica has investigated and detected mercury in soil at the site of the former ChlorAlkali Plant at Botany Industrial Park. Mercury has also been found in groundwater both on and downgradient of the site. Orica plans to remove mercury in the soil by excavating it and treating it in a soil washing process. Remediation is planned for winter 2010, with the aim being that once completed, the site will be suitable for future industrial/commercial use.

Planning for remediation requires extensive documentation to be submitted to the Department of Environment, Climate Change and Water (DECCW). A Voluntary Management Proposal (Orica's remediation commitment) was submitted in December 2009 for



review. A Remediation Action Plan (RAP) will be prepared, which will be reviewed by a DECCW accredited Site Auditor. The RAP describes how the soil remediation works will be conducted, including the management of vapour emissions and dust to protect workers and the community. A groundwater monitoring program will also be established for the project. Project updates are provided at quarterly Community Liaison Committee (CLC) meetings and details are available on the Orica website.

### Upcoming Meeting to Select Independent Experts

Orica is working with the Community Participation and Review Committee (CPRC) to engage independent experts to advise the community during the Car Park Waste Encapsulation Remediation Project, scheduled to commence later this year. The CPRC is holding an extraordinary meeting on 28 January to consider potential candidates for an Independent Expert Panel. Please contact Orica if you would like further information, or to come along.

### Upcoming Community Diary Dates

Date	Time	Event	Location
Thursday 28 January	5.30 - 7.00 pm	Extraordinary CPRC meeting	Botany Town Hall
Tuesday 16 February	5.30 - 7.30pm	CPRC meeting	Botany Town Hall
Tuesday 9 March	1.30 - 4.30pm	CLC meeting	Botany Town Hall

**For further information** on any of our projects please do not hesitate to contact us.

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