

EXPERT ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON AIR POLLUTION HEALTH

Level 11 Conference Room

8.30 AM – 11.00 AM

Friday 28 May

Present

Members of Expert Advisory Committee

Guy Marks
Bruce Armstrong
Alison Jones
Michael Hensley
Mark Hibberd

Observers

Kerry Chant
Vicky Shephard
Bin Jalaludin
David Durrheim

- 1. Conflicts of Interest:** Nil
- 2. Apologies:** Wayne Smith
- 3. Actions arising from previous meeting**

Information on air quality required to inform understanding of health impact

It was noted that:

- the Nigel Holmes report was received from DECCW and distributed to the members prior to the meeting
- noted that DECCW may have different needs from an air quality monitoring network than Health and that it was important the Expert Panel had a greater level of understanding of this prior to finalising their advice on the air quality monitoring network
- it was also noted that special air quality studies may be required to augment a baseline level of monitoring

Mark Hibberd to discuss rationale underpinning the air quality network with Nigel Holmes. The whole panel may then also wish to raise issues with Nigel Holmes.

Guy Marks will prepare a paper for circulation to the Expert Panel on air quality exposure information required to inform an understanding of health impacts.

Camberwell report (NSW Planning)

It was noted that NSW planning have been requested to provide the report to health. The Expert Panel will review this report and provide advice to CHO on the implications of the report for the health of residents in Camberwell.

Water tank study

Wayne Smith and David Durheim to prepare a detailed proposal including rationale, objectives, study design, methodological issues and costing of the various options. This will be considered at the next meeting.

4. New issues

Further Health Studies

David Durrheim discussed the approach by the PHU to the other health issues raised by the community.

Expert panel members to make comments out of session on the paper.

Meeting with local residents to hear their concerns

The Expert Panel discussed arrangements to meet with the local community before finalising their advice to the CHO.

5. Other Business

Mining impacts on other communities

It was noted that a review of the health status of the Lithgow community has been undertaken and published. At this time it was considered the focus should remain on the Hunter noting that information generated would inform work in other communities.

Broken Hill/Rasp Mine Proposal

The committee was briefed in regards to this proposal, noting we may need to call on expert advice on this issue in the near future.

Review of Health cost studies

Jal briefed the group on the study and agreed to send to members for comment.

Meeting Closed: 11.30 am

Next meeting: 26 June 2010 at Hunter