

### **Why has EPA been investigating potential sources of groundwater pollution in the Sunshine area?**

EPA began investigating all potential sources of groundwater pollution in the Sunshine area last year in response to community concerns about possible contamination issues left behind from local, historic, heavy industry.

### **What – exactly - are you monitoring?**

When investigating potentially contaminated areas, it is important to consider the interactions between groundwater, soil and the atmosphere. Hence, EPA is undertaking precautionary ambient air monitoring around the former Sunshine Harvester site as part of its investigations into all potential sources of groundwater pollution in the Sunshine area.

### **How would groundwater pollution issues affect me as a resident or employee on the former Sunshine Harvester site? Should I be concerned?**

EPA is investigating the current condition of soils and groundwater to understand what risk, if any, there may be from legacy contamination associated with old industry.

This is precautionary monitoring. Given that residential properties on the site are elevated and start on level four, EPA believes that there is very little, if any, risk to the community.

### **When will we learn the results of the monitoring?**

Initial monitoring conducted by EPA officers has detected low levels of contaminants in areas of vehicle traffic and a commercial property. Officers noted that vehicle traffic on roadways also produced similar results. Vacuum canisters have been placed in these locations to provide further details as to the nature of the detection. EPA will provide further information to residents of the outcomes of the monitoring over the coming weeks

### **What next steps will EPA take?**

EPA has been working with the residents of Sunshine on potential issues relating to the environment and will continue to do so, in order to address any concerns raised from historical industrial uses of the area and nearby suburbs.

### **What other information is EPA gathering on historic groundwater contamination related to the Sunshine Harvester site?**

EPA is currently meeting with companies, landlords and community members to gain a better understanding of what Industrial activities occurred on the site and surrounds in the past.

### **What used to be on the Sunshine Harvester site?**

Massey Ferguson, a manufacturer of farm equipment, was previously located on the site and operated from 1889 to 1986.

### **How can I find out more information?**

Residents wanting more information are invited to call EPA on **1300 372 842**. Residents are also invited to leave their contact details and request a call back from EPA's call centre when further information is known.

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