

30<sup>th</sup> November 2020



Dear Resident,

## **INFORMATION FOR BORE WATER USERS IN THE VICINITY OF THE WANGARATTA CLAY TARGET CLUB**

This letter only applies to you if you are using, or planning on using a bore to extract groundwater in the vicinity of the Wangaratta Clay Target Club (WCTC). If you do not have a bore at your property and do not intend to get one, you can disregard this letter.

EPA contacted residents using groundwater in the vicinity of the WCTC in 2016 and 2017, and sampled water from bores at the time. Any advice given to you in relation to your sampling results at the time should still be followed.

I am contacting you to give an update on further groundwater sampling and analysis undertaken by consultants engaged by the WCTC. This additional sampling shows the WCTC has not been contaminating groundwater with lead or polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAH) over this period of time.

Although this additional groundwater sampling and analysis is encouraging, EPA recommends you undertake periodic testing of your groundwater, to ensure it is fit for the purpose you are using it for.

Information on using groundwater and maintaining bores can be found on the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) website -

[www2.health.vic.gov.au/public-health/water/alternative-water-supplies/groundwater](http://www2.health.vic.gov.au/public-health/water/alternative-water-supplies/groundwater)

Information is also available if you are using an alternative water source for drinking (rainwater or groundwater) -

[www2.health.vic.gov.au/public-health/water/private-drinking-water](http://www2.health.vic.gov.au/public-health/water/private-drinking-water)

### **Next steps**

EPA is continuing to work with the WCTC to implement risk minimisation works and an ongoing environment management plan for their site.

If you have any questions in relation to this letter please do not hesitate to contact EPA on 1300 372 842.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R Palmer'.

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