

Communications

Description

A Community Liaison Committee (CLC) was established during Stage 2 of the then ICI Botany Groundwater Survey (1993-1996), under the chairmanship of EPA NSW. With the commencement of Stage 3 (Orica Botany Environment Survey, Stage 3 - Remediation) in 1996, the CLC was retained. However, an independent Chair, Professor Ronnie Harding of the Institute of Environmental Studies, UNSW, was appointed.

The CLC meetings have included visits to the Orica site to facilitate first hand inspection of remedial works, and presentations by international consultants engaged by Orica to assist with technology relating to key remediation modules.

Objectives

- To enable the sharing of information regarding progress of the Environment Survey with the member groups and representatives, and with the wider local community

Technology

Meetings are held approximately quarterly, although the timing of meetings is usually aligned with project milestones. They are normally held at Botany Town Hall, although some have been held at Orica when they have included site visits. To date, thirteen meetings have been held during Stage 3.

Since the fifth meeting a newsletter has been issued following each meeting. The two-page newsletter is distributed to approximately 4,000 addresses throughout the suburbs neighbouring the Orica Botany Site including Banksmeadow, Botany, East Botany, Pagewood, Hillsdale and Matraville. In addition, approximately 1,000 copies of the newsletter are distributed to employees and contractor personnel who work at the Botany Industrial Park site. To date, eight issues have been produced.

Resources

Secretariat: Orica
CLC participants: Government (BBCC, Randwick City Council, EPA NSW, DLWC, Sydney Ports Corporation, South Eastern Sydney Public Health Unit, National Parks and Wildlife Service, and Freightcorp);
Industry (Orica and their consultants, Amcor Packaging and Solvay Interox); and
Local residential groups (Botany Environment Watch, BEREPA, National Toxics Network and BBPPC) and individuals

Measures

- Feedback from CLC members
- Feedback from community (e.g., via Orica's Community Hotline – 1800 025 138)

Timing

Ongoing.

