

Dear Jane,

Thank you for advising about the status of the Preferred Project Report for 150 Epping Road, Lane Cove West, Sydney. Northern Sydney Public Health Unit wishes to comment on the proponent's response to our submission.

The proponent indicates that currently decontamination work is occurring in accordance with the concept conditions. We note that these conditions require a comprehensive contamination assessment of the site, a remediation action plan prepared by a suitably qualified person, and "should contamination be identified through intrusive monitoring a comprehensive human health risk assessment taking into account pathways of human exposure shall be conducted to inform the remediation plan."

As you may be aware we raised these matters in our submissions and particularly that an assessment was undertaken to better characterise contaminants over the whole site, and should this assessment identify significant contamination requiring a comprehensive health risk assessment that this should inform the remediation plan for the site.

However the proponent's response does not provide details of the assessments that have been carried out and how this has informed the remediation plan for the site so that it is suitable for high-density residential use. With the inclusion of a childcare centre on the site it is likely that there will be an increased number of children who visit the site and have the opportunity to come into contact with parts of the site outside the confines of the childcare centre itself. As such it is important that contamination across the whole site is comprehensively assessed.

Regards,  
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