



MEDIA RELEASE: DECONTAMINATE HUNTERS HILL PUBLIC MEETING 20 FEBRUARY 2018

Hunters Hill community calls for State Government action now!

Concerned Hunters Hill residents are convening a public meeting to call for an end to the Government inaction that has delayed the decontamination of a former industrial site on the foreshores of the Parramatta River for over 40 years.

The meeting will call for the Government to **ACT** on the unanimous recommendations of the 2008 Parliamentary Inquiry to remediate the old Radium Hill company site in Nelson Parade, Hunters Hill on the northern bank of the Parramatta River.

Nearly 10 years have passed with no action being taken apart from some preparatory work which has made the site less stable.

Hunters Hill residents pride themselves on living in Australia's oldest garden suburb. The truth is from the late 1800's until the mid-part of the 20th century the northern bank of the Parramatta River in Hunters Hill was dominated by heavy industry. Some of those industrial sites have been successfully remediated, most notably the old Mobil Oil Refinery at Pulpit Point.

Previous community action saved the site of the old tin mill in Kelly's Bush from redevelopment in the 1970s and later action ensured the former industrial land adjoining Clarke's Point Reserve and Woolwich Dock were dedicated as public space by the Federal Government.

The land in Nelson Parade is owned by Property NSW. The EPA declared the site significantly contaminated land in 2007. The EPA issued a compulsory Management Order requiring Property NSW to remediate the site in November 2014. Since then, approval of the remediation plan has been held up by the Department of Planning. Late last year, evidently dissatisfied with this lack of progress, the EPA ordered Property NSW to conduct a meeting with interested stakeholders (including over 500 households¹ in the vicinity of the site) reporting on its progress in remediating the site.

The Hunters Hill community is now determined to ramp up the pressure on the State Government to undertake the remediation that it first promised to carry out back in 1978². The meeting will also inform local residents ahead of the stakeholder reporting meeting which is to be held by 16 March 2018.

The three relevant ministers: the Hon. Anthony Roberts, Member for Lane Cove and Minister for Planning; the Hon. Victor Dominello, Member for Ryde and Minister for Finance, Services and

¹ A map of the stakeholder area together with a list of streets included in that area is attached.

² A copy of a letter from the Health Commission to one of the affected residents dated 17 January 1978 is attached.



Property; and the Hon. Gabrielle Upton, Member for Vaucluse and Minister for the Environment, have all been invited to address the meeting along with representatives of other parties. The Hon Robert Brown, MLC, who was a member of the 2008 Parliamentary Inquiry has already accepted an invitation to speak.

The meeting being convened on 20 February will call on the Government to remediate the site by no later than 31 December 2018. The meeting will also seek to grow the membership and supporter base for a newly formed environmental organisation with the primary purpose of protecting and enhancing the natural environment of the Hunters Hill peninsula and the adjoining sections of the Parramatta and Lane Cove Rivers.

The meeting details are as follows:

- 7pm Tuesday 20 February, 2018
- Hunters Hill Town Hall
Alexandra Street
Hunters Hill. NSW. 2110

There will also be an opportunity for concerned residents to ask questions at the meeting.

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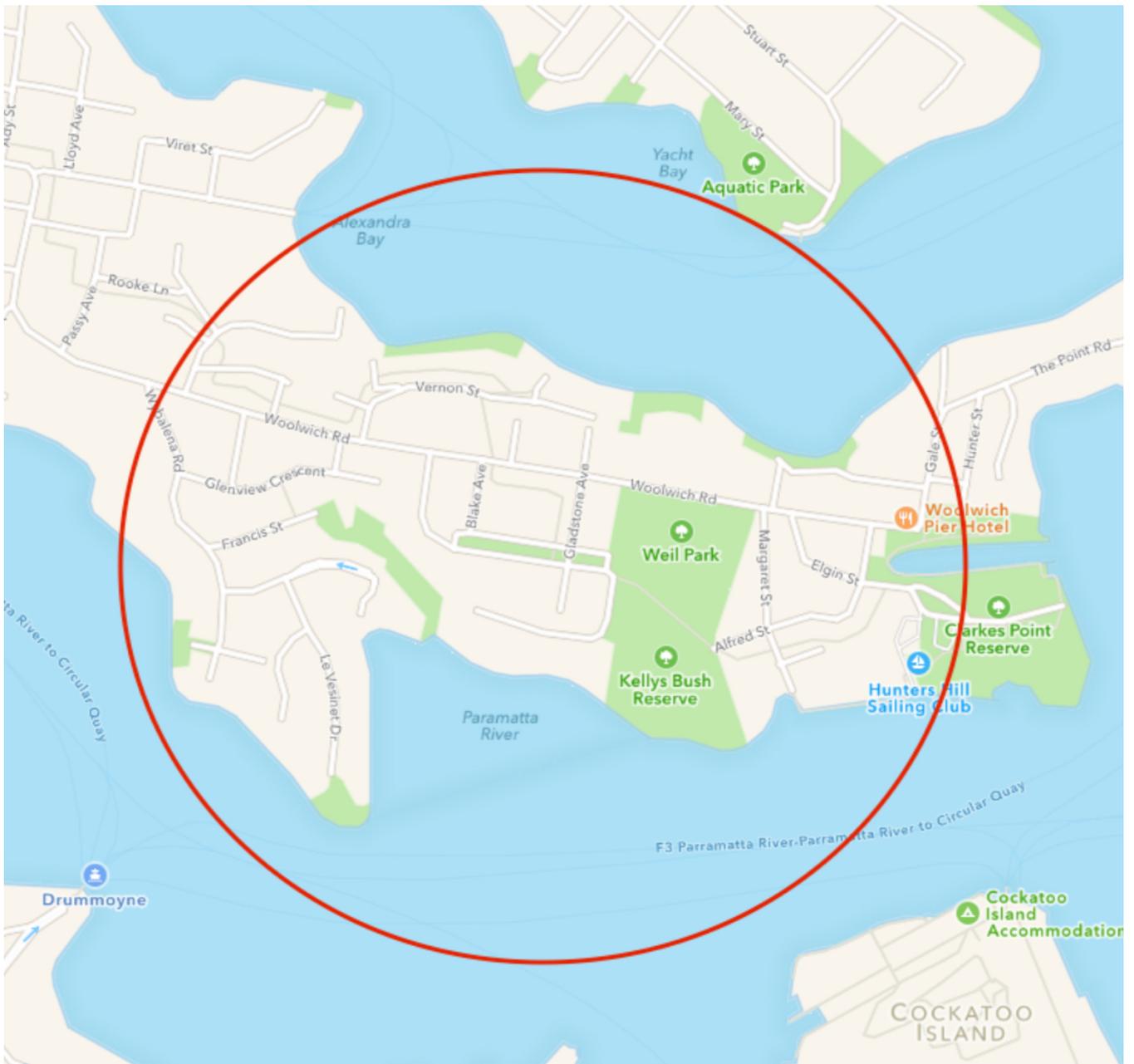
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Issued by Mr Atkin, Mrs Clark and Dr Haddrick on behalf of the convenors of the public meeting.

³ Mrs Clark is the President of the Nelson Parade Action Group, Inc. which was formed in 2008.



Map of stakeholder area nominated by EPA Management Order





List of streets included in stakeholder area nominated by EPA

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ALFRED STREET					
BLAKE AVENUE					
BROOKER STREET					
CHEVALIER CRESCENT					
CLARKE ROAD					
COLLINGWOOD STREET					
CRESCENT STREET					
EDGECLIFFE ROAD					
ELGIN STREET					
FERN ROAD					
FRANCIS ST					
FRANKI AVENUE					
FUTUNA STREET					
GALE STREET					
GARRICK AVENUE					
GLADSTONE AVENUE					
GLENVIEW CRESCENT					
GLENVIEW ROAD					
JEANNERET AVENUE					
LE VESINET DRIVE					
MARGARET STREET					
NELSON PARADE					
NORTHUMBERLAND STREET					
PRINCE EDWARD PARADE					
PRINCE GEORGE PARADE					
ROOKE STREET					
SERPENTINE ROAD					
ST IVES AVENUE					
ST MALO AVENUE					
TREE AVENUE					
VERNON STREET					
WYBALENA ROAD					
MARIST SISTERS COLLEGE					
WOOLWICH PIER HOTEL					
HUNTERS HILL SAILING CLUB					
IRONWOOD CAFE					
MARINA					
CUCINETTA RESTAURANT					
MOONLIGHT VIETNAMESE					
PULPIT POINT MARINA					

Environment Protection Authority

Notice to amend Management Order
 (Section 44 of the Contaminated Land Management Act 1997)

Notice Number 20174418; Area Number 3249

7. Conduct meetings with invited stakeholders annually at a minimum, for stakeholders to receive progress reports on the action taken under the management order, with the first meeting to commence within 120 days of the date of this notice. A stakeholder includes any persons living within the immediate vicinity of the properties (within a 500 radius of Nelson Parade), any active member of the Nelson Parade Action Group, the appropriate/ local resident representative of the Environmental Defenders Office and Hunters Hill Council.



9-13 Young Street
SYDNEY 2000

17 January, 1978.

Mr. XXXXXXXXX,
YY Nelson Parade,
HUNTERS HILL. 2110

Dear Mr. XXXXXX,

I have to inform you that the New South Wales Government today resolved to arrange for decontamination of your property, No.YY Nelson Parade, Hunters Hill, at no cost to yourself, by the removal of radioactive soil as soon as an agreement can be reached with the Commonwealth Government on a suitable disposal site. This decision has been taken in the interests of the welfare of your family and without any admission of liability by the Government of New South Wales.

As soon as possible, officers of the Health Commission will contact you to discuss specific details and to make appropriate arrangements for the work to be carried out, together with any necessary restoration.

Yours sincerely:

Roderick McEwin
Chairman