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Attention:

Mrs P. Lopatniuk

Dear Mrs Lopatniuk,

Subject: Investigation Old Howrah Tip - Wentworth Park Hobart

Thank you for your letter dated 4th May 2005 in relation to information URS was provided when undertaking the Environmental Site Assessment and Health Risk Assessment of Wentworth Park, Howrah. In response to your letter, I would like to confirm the following:

- As stated in section 2.6 of our report, URS was aware that waste oil was thought to have been disposed at the site. This information was provided Clarence City Council as well as anecdotal evidence provided by DPIWE. The exact locations within the site where this activity is thought to have occurred were unknown. As stated in section 3.1 of the report, the locations sampling of bores was based on anecdotal information, site history, anticipated waste/fill types, potential exposure pathways and locations of sensitive receptors, geology of the site and presence of underground utilities.
- DPIWE provided letters of concerned residents which detailed exact street locations
 where the families who contracted cancers had lived, no further information was
 provided.
- DPIWE provided URS with a number of newspaper articles that documented the history
 of illnesses and cancer incidence in the streets around the park. DPIWE also provided a
 statement from the Director of Public Health (Department of Health and Human
 Services), dated 30 April 2004 that comments on the cancer incidence in the vicinity of
 Wentworth Park. No such information was provided directly by the Department of
 Health and Human Services.

Yours sincerely,

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