



Media Release

Independent Review of Waste Management

An independent investigation commissioned by the Adelaide Plains Council into its handling last year of asbestos materials discovered in building waste at the Two Wells Transfer Station has concluded.

The Quark & Associates investigation satisfies Council that its staff acted in good faith. It finds no evidence of unlawful activity by staff. There were administrative errors but these were not the result of malice or intent and did not lead to adverse effects on health or safety.

Council staff complied with Environment Protection Authority and Safework SA requirements for the handling of such materials after the asbestos contamination was confirmed at the Two Wells Transfer Station.

The Two Wells Transfer Station and Carslake Road Borrow Pit both are free of asbestos and are safe following analysis by environmental engineering firm GreenCap.

There was no evidence of commercial dumping of building waste at the Transfer Station.

The investigation identified several areas for review and Council attention. These include improvements to on-site security and signage and more waste disposal information for the public as well as measures to better identify anyone who unlawfully dumps hazardous material at a Transfer Station.

Adelaide Plains Council is committed to the safe disposal of asbestos and other hazardous materials.

The investigation satisfies Council that it is accountable and acting in the best interests and safety of its community and staff.

The report of the investigation cannot be released consistent with Section 90 of the *Local Government Act* and the need to protect the identity of Council officers. It also is determined to be commercial-in-confidence with respect to Council contractors.

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