



# Community Liaison Group, Urunga

June 2015

## Information and Expression of Interest to join the Community Liaison Group

The old antimony processing site is located on Hillside Drive at Urunga on the north coast of NSW. The derelict site lies between the Pacific Highway and a state significant wetland (SEPP 14) which forms part of the Urunga Lagoon and Kalang River systems.

The antimony processing plant was operational from 1969 to 1974. The freehold site was abandoned by the owners in 1974 with no clean up or remedial work done.

In 2011 the Environmental Protection Authority sought to place a remediation order (20111405) on the freehold owner of the site. The owner was unable to fund the works and the ownership of the site was transferred to Crown Lands. The EPA revised the order to include the land affected by the contamination south of the freehold land.

NSW Department of Primary Industries, Land & Natural Resources engaged the Soil Conservation Service to project manage the detailed investigations of the site and develop a Remedial Action Plan.

The Remedial Action Plan is expected to achieve compliance with the Management Order and to remediate the site so that it's safe for public access without unacceptable risk to human health and minimise any further impact on the adjacent wetland.

The recommended option, which has conditional approval from the Environmental Protection Authority, involves excavation of the site, treatment of the contaminated material which is then placed in a specially engineered "monocell" which will be capped and the area revegetated.

Once remediation and rehabilitation has been completed, the site will be used as public open space.

The Community Liaison Group will provide a forum for regular updates on the remediation process, gather community feedback and address concerns as they arise.

The Community Liaison Group's membership will be comprised of representatives of community groups, environmental groups and local community.

People interested in participating are asked to **complete and return the Expression of Interest Form by Friday, 19 June 2015.**

All information will be treated as confidential. No identifying details will be passed on or provided to others.

## Selection Process

We anticipate that there will be a lot of interest to be involved in the Community Liaison Group.

If that is the case, not everyone will be able to participate in the group.

Expressions of Interest will be assessed using the criteria below to ensure the group has a mix of people that represents a cross section of community interests and values.

We will be looking for people who:

- Live or work in Urunga and the surrounding area
- Represent a range of interests in the local community
- Represent the interests of local industry or business, including tourism
- Have an understanding of or significant interest in the local community, environment or economy
- Have a demonstrated ability to communicate to, and articulate the potential issues of their community
- Have a demonstrated ability to contribute to discussions, cooperative problem solving and work constructively with other members of the group.

The Community Liaison Group packages will be available on the Department's website.

## Expression of Interest Form Membership of the Community Liaison Group

Please provide your contact details below and short responses (no more than 200 words) to the questions on the following pages. This will help us ensure that the group includes a broad range of people and interests.

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Name

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Address

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Contact phone number during  
working hours

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Contact phone number after  
hours

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Email address

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Signature of applicant

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For more information or assistance contact:

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Please submit your Expression of Interest by:

Email: [antimony@scs.nsw.gov.au](mailto:antimony@scs.nsw.gov.au)

Submissions close on Friday, 15 June 2015

## Questions

1. I am applying to join the Community Liaison Group as:
  - a. A resident of Urunga
  - b. A resident of the wider community
  - c. A business owner/manager
  - d. A worker in Urunga
  - e. A worker of the wider community
  - f. A representative of a local community group (please provide group name  
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  - g. Other (please provide details)\_\_\_\_\_
  
2. Please describe your interest in the remediation of the old antimony processing site, Urunga? \_\_\_\_\_  
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3. In what ways do feel you can add value to the community liaison group? \_\_\_\_\_  
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4. Have you participated in a community liaison group (or other such groups) in the past?
5. If so, which groups? \_\_\_\_\_  
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6. Are you involved in any local groups? For example: school groups, sporting organisations, community organisations etc. Please provide details including the group name, your role and length of involvement. \_\_\_\_\_  
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