When did environmental testing commence?
In August 2014 the Clovelly Park Mitchell Park Environmental Management Project was established to lead and facilitate a whole of state government response to the environmental issues in the area. The work of that project team was completed in late 2014 and culminated with the release of the CPMP Environmental Assessment Report in December 2014.

Who is responsible for the Phase 2 environmental management?
Responsibility for the ongoing elements of the project has now transitioned back to the relevant government agencies and Renewal SA is responsible for Phase Two of the Environmental Management Project (CPMP EMP Phase Two).

What does Renewal SA do?
Renewal SA provides an integrated approach to urban development and renewal on behalf of the Government of South Australia. Through its Environmental Services group, Renewal SA provides specialists services including due diligence, guidance and direction on all environmental matters associated with the acquisition, development, management and divestment of land.

Why is Renewal SA undertaking Phase 2 testing?
Based on findings from the CPMP Environmental Assessment Report (2014), Renewal SA has entered into a Voluntary Site Contamination Assessment Proposal (VSCAP) to resample existing groundwater wells and soil vapour bores across a slightly extended investigation area.

Why has the investigation area expanded?
The decision to extend the investigation area from that managed by the EPA is based on findings from the initial investigations which identified that areas north of Alawoona Avenue require investigations. Consequently the engagement area is broader than that of the first phase. The VSCAP works, managed by Renewal SA over approximately the next six months, will assess the nature and extent of contamination, if any, that may exist within the investigation area.

What is the EPA’s role in Phase 2?
As South Australia’s environmental regulator, the EPA is overseeing these further investigations and has engaged in a formal regulatory agreement (voluntary proposal) with Renewal SA.

What is the timeframe for these works?
The investigations works will be undertaken over approximately six months. Sampling of existing wells and bores will take up to three months to complete. Should it be necessary to install additional wells and bores, these works will follow. Prior to commencement of any drilling activities Renewal SA will notify the community.

What will the testing involve?
As part of the environmental works you may see testing activity being undertaken in the area. The program will include the collection of samples from existing groundwater wells and soil vapour bores and may also include the installation of new groundwater wells to provide a comprehensive overview of the environmental conditions in the area.

A map included within a letter delivered to all properties in the engagement area shows the engagement area and three areas of investigation within that (Marked A, B and C on the map). It can also be seen on Renewal SA’s website.

The works will be undertaken within normal working hours Monday to Friday (7.00 am to 6.00 pm) and Saturday (8.00 am, to 6.00 pm) and there will be no dust, odours or waste generated by the testing. They will not require access to residents' homes.
Detail: The scope of works are likely to include sampling of approximately 30 groundwater wells and 70 soil vapour bores within Mitchell Park (Investigations Area A); 10 groundwater wells in Mitchell Park north of Alawoona Avenue (Investigation Area B) and 20 groundwater wells and up to 100 soil vapour bores in Clovelly Park (Investigation Area C).

Process detail: The process for groundwater sampling involves one or two field scientists parking a vehicle adjacent to each well and then usually using a small pump operated by the vehicle battery to extract groundwater into laboratory bottles. The field scientist may be at a location for up to 3 hours. The process for soil vapour testing similarly involves one or two field scientists filling a small cylinder (similar to a gas cylinder) from each bore.

How will I be updated on the progress?

Renewal SA is committed to maintaining ongoing communications with the local community during this process including letter box drops, door knocking in relation to specific site works, online updates and local community drop in sessions which will provide an opportunity to meet with the project team and discuss any questions you may have.

The first community drop in session is being held on Tuesday 21 July at the Mitchell Park Sports and Community Club in Moreland Avenue, Mitchell Park.

In line with the requirements of the agreement between the EPA and Renewal SA, Renewal SA has appointed an EPA accredited site contamination auditor. The role of the auditor is to independently and objectively examine and review the accuracy and completeness of the assessment carried out by Renewal SA and to complete a site contamination audit report.

Who do I contact if I have further questions?

Local residents will receive written correspondence from Project Director, Richard McLachlan and up to date information will be available online at: www.renewalsa.sa.gov.au.

A 24 hour information hotline has been established on 1800 715 227 and direct email contact via: cpmp-phase2@sa.gov.au

Where can I find information about the previous testing (from 2014)

The Clovelly Park Mitchell Park Environmental Assessment report on the investigations undertaken in 2014 by the EPA, is available on their website together with other information on that first phase.

NOTE

Questions to be referred to Renewal SA to respond may include: project costs, health risks, exclusion of indoor testing, timeframe between completion of Phase 1 and start of Phase 2.