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## Update

### North Wangaratta Recreation Reserve additional groundwater sampling results

Dear Brian,

EPA is reviewing results from additional groundwater monitoring recently completed by the Wangaratta Clay Target Club under an EPA notice. The purpose of this monitoring is to support the initial environmental site assessment completed earlier in the year and to understand the potential for contamination. This assessment was required following a report to EPA of lead contamination at the North Wangaratta Recreation Reserve.

EPA advises that groundwater in the area may be contaminated and shouldn't be used for drinking until investigations are completed. For uses of groundwater other than drinking, such as irrigation and stock watering, EPA encourages regular testing of groundwater to ensure its suitability for those uses.

Groundwater samples analysed from the recreation reserve had levels of lead within the health guideline levels outlined in the [Australian Drinking Water Guidelines](#) (ADWG). However, there were other metals (including nickel) that were above the health guideline levels.

Investigations about groundwater contamination are continuing. Because groundwater undergoes seasonal and other variations, further groundwater monitoring will be required to confirm groundwater quality.

- [Read an FAQ on the soil contamination at North Wangaratta Recreation Reserve \(PDF\)](#)

More information about private water supplies can be found on health.vic's web page [Private drinking water supplies](#).

Please call the Department of Health and Human Services' water program number on [1300 761 874](#) or the DHHS Wangaratta office on [5722 0555](#) for general advice on private water supplies.

Please do not hesitate to contact EPA on [1300 372 842](#) should you require further information regarding the investigations at the North Wangaratta Recreation Reserve.

Yours sincerely,

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