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Ms Helen Burnet MP
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Dear Ms Burnet,

Thank you for your constituency question about environmental monitoring of lead.

The Tasmanian Government recognises community interest in environmental monitoring around historic industrial areas and supports the independent work of the Environment Protection Authority (EPA).

Testing of homegrown produce is not routinely undertaken by the EPA. Residents seeking advice about potential exposure pathways, including soil or food grown in home gardens, should consult the Department of Health, which provides public health guidance on lead exposure and testing options. Information about lead and practical steps to reduce exposure is available on the Department of Health website.

The EPA has commenced an expanded environmental monitoring and investigation program around Lutana and the Eastern Shore to better understand the presence of lead and other metals in soil and dust. This work includes systematic sampling and updated human health assessments undertaken in collaboration with Public Health Services.

Results from this monitoring program will inform future regulatory and management decisions. The EPA also continues to work with operators to reduce off-site dust migration while the investigation proceeds.

Community members can access current health advice regarding lead exposure, including guidance on gardening and household precautions, through the Department of Health website.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "M. Ogilvie".

Hon. Madeleine Ogilvie MP
Minister for Environment