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Dear Ms Batt

NOTIFICATION PURSUANT TO CLAUSE 9 OF THE VPS AGREEMENT 2006 (2009 EXTENDED AND VARIED VERSION) –MOVEMENT OF CHEMISTRY LABORATORY FROM 621 SNEYDES ROAD WERRIBEE TO THE EPA LABORATORY AT MACLEOD

We refer to our previous correspondence and advise that the Department is proposing to move the analytical chemistry group currently located at 621 Sneydes Road Werribee to the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) laboratories MacLeod.

The decision to relocate the laboratory is based on the following:

- The 621 Sneydes Road site is in poor condition and would need significant investment to upgrade to acceptable levels.
- EPA Macleod provided the best scientific alignment and site facilities to improve the department's capability in chemistry sciences.
- The EPA Macleod facility currently comprises a total 80 EPA staff with 11 attached to the chemistry section.
- The proposal to relocate from 621 Sneydes Road integrates laboratory facilities of both organisations to provide the greatest opportunity for interaction between laboratory staff, utilisation of lab space and facilities.
- A scientific benefits analysis identified significant synergies that could be achieved by partnering with an organisation with science capabilities complementary to DPI. Benefits include, increasing the State Government's capabilities in chemical sciences, access to state of the art scientific instruments, potential for joint research projects, increased opportunity for staff, capacity for joint postgraduate student supervision and improved work force training.

It is proposed that DPI will consolidate its Werribee facilities at 600 Sneydes Road on 30 June 2010.



The proposed relocation of the analytical chemistry group will affect 23 scientific staff and will impact on support services at the Werribee offices.

We will consult with you and BCS staff further regarding options for this group.

All staff in the analytical chemistry group will have a position at Macleod and any staff member who is unable to relocate will be provided with training and given assistance to review alternative work opportunities within DPI.

DPI is committed to consultation with the CPSU regarding the implementation of change and is available to discuss any issues that staff or the CPSU may have about this change. If you would like to discuss this matter please contact Michele Le Noury on 9658 4060 or michelle.lenoury-meets@dpi.vic.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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