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From: Mark Patrick Taylor s74
Sent: Thursday, 8 September 2022 2:32 PM
To: Judi Louvel
Cc: Jill Gallagher; Sharon Owens
Subject: Re: Report
Attachments: BH_Pb_State_of_Science_FINAL 19 June 2020_Final revision 14 Jan 2022.pdf

Hello Judith:

Page 10 on my version was rotated so it was horizontal so here is a fixed version if required.

I left you a voice mail the other day.

Thanks

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Mark Patrick Taylor
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On 3 Aug 2022, at 10:25 am, Judith Louvel wrote:

Hi Mark
 Good to hear from you, just to let you know that I am hoping to have this published this month for you.
 Currently I am working with Brand and Publishing and it is progressing smoothly. I will let you know as soon as I have a concrete date for publishing.
 Regards
 Judi

From: Mark Patrick Taylor s74
Sent: Wednesday, 3 August 2022 6:46 AM
To: Jillian Gallagher
Cc: Judith Louvel Sharon Owens

Subject: Re: Report
 Thanks Jill.
 Looking forward to hearing about the outcome.
 One presumes it will get posted on the BHELP website?
 Happy to help with any nudging for funding via my research outputs if that helps - this is how we got funding for the program back in 2015 [I think it was].
 Cheers

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Professor Mark Patrick Taylor FRSN  
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Google Scholar page: <http://goo.gl/oCpk7>
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On 16 Jul 2022, at 11:03 am, Jillian Gallagher wrote:

Hi Mark,

Thanks for making contact again. I've asked Judi Louvel (the new BHELP manager) to find out from our publications people how long it will take to get the report out, and let you know. We are definitely keen to publish it, although given the time delay that has occurred we probably won't make a big song and dance about it. We definitely want it out there though, because the original funding allocation from Treasury has run out and we find ourselves yet again in the position of having to advocate for funding.

I'm sorry for all the delays – we originally got tied up in a bureaucratic tangle when the EPA restructured which took some time to untangle, and then Peter was winding down to retirement, and now Judi is ramping up (although we have also been a bit distracted with funding proposals...).

I am heading off on leave for a month, so I will leave you in Judi's capable hands. Sharon Owens is acting in my position if you can't get hold of Judi for some reason. **Judi** – can you please let Mark know what Brand and Publishing says as soon as you have heard back?

Thanks,

Jill

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**From:** Mark Patrick Taylor s74

**Sent:** Thursday, 7 July 2022 7:54 AM

**To:** Jillian Gallagher

**Subject:** Report

Morning Jill:

Thanks for your last email.

Can you give me a timeframe please for the release and perhaps help me understand what the hold up still as the mine /others have had plenty of time to get across its content.

I would really have liked to have updated it with the the attached recent outputs, but we are probably past that stage. The USA related study is a little off-piste, but it makes the point that dust lead is a critical exposure pathway and lowering acceptable levels is essential to reducing blood lead in children.

Thanks

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Mark Patrick Taylor  
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**From:** Jill Gallagher  
**Sent:** Monday, 9 January 2023 9:55 AM  
**To:** 'Mark Taylor'  
**Subject:** RE: Publication

Hi Mark,

We met with the mines just before Christmas and they indicated they are still reviewing the report. I will organise another meeting and plan to tell them that we need to publish. I will be aiming for publication in March, but will confirm once I have talked with them. We have the document ready – it's been made accessible for the web etc.

I apologise for the delay.

Regards

Jill

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**Subject:** Publication

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Mark

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**From:** Jill Gallagher  
**Sent:** Monday, 9 January 2023 9:57 AM  
**To:** Judi Louvel  
**Subject:** FW: Publication

FYI – see below. I think we will have to push the mines and get the report out. It's becoming ridiculous given it was first presented to the EPA in 2019. Let's strategise next week when I'm there. Can you please start a list of things we need to talk about and put this on it?

Thanks,

Jill

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**From:** Jill Gallagher  
**Sent:** Thursday, 9 February 2023 4:04 PM  
**To:** Ryan Broom  
**Cc:** Alara Kilic; Alexis Kim; Judi Louvel  
**Subject:** RE: EPA meetings in Broken Hill  
**Attachments:** BHELS Summary Report Final revised Exec Sum.pdf; BHELS Year 3 Report.pdf; BH\_Pb\_State\_of\_Science\_FINAL 19 June 2020 - Accessible V1.0.pdf

Here they are. Let me know if you have any concerns about them being published, otherwise we will press on.

We are not planning to do any press releases when publishing them – just load them onto the [LeadSmart website](#), with holding lines in our back pocket if needed.

Regards

Jill

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**From:** Ryan Broom  
**Sent:** Thursday, 9 February 2023 3:51 PM  
**To:** Jill Gallagher  
**Cc:** Alara Kilic , Alexis Kim ; Judi Louvel  
**Subject:** RE: EPA meetings in Broken Hill

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Absolutely, they sound perfect.

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**From:** Jill Gallagher  
**Sent:** Thursday, 9 February 2023 3:49 PM  
**To:** Ryan Broom <[\[redacted\]](#)>  
**Cc:** Alexis Kim <[\[redacted\]](#)>, Judi Louvel <[\[redacted\]](#)>  
**Subject:** RE: EPA meetings in Broken Hill

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OK terrific – thanks Ryan!

I also meant to mention yesterday that we are intending to publish two reports in April. One is a 3 year dust study that looked at assessing whether there was more (or less) dust blowing off the Line of Lode than from the town. The other is a literature review about the known science in Broken Hill re lead, with recommendations about how to proceed. This was commissioned by the BHELP Steering Committee before my time.

Both reports were finalised in 2020, and have been delayed in being released for a bunch of reasons including COVID. We shared them with the mines back in October as a heads-up and they were previously shared with the Steering Committee, which included reps from Maari Ma and the community.

It might be helpful for you to see the reports?

Regards

Jill

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**From:** Liesbet Spanjaard  
**Sent:** Monday, 20 March 2023 2:28 PM  
**To:** Tony Chappel  
**Cc:** EPA Chief Executive Officer Mailbox; Jill Gallagher; James Goodwin  
**Subject:** RE: Lead and Broken Hill - Mark Taylor

Hi Tony

A bit more context on the material you have sent through to Sarah.

The team provided DPC with the State of Science report as one of the first pieces of briefing information back in January, I know we have a large body of data points that we are already talking about using dating back to 2015 but I wasn't aware of the 10,000 data points Mark raised (in those terms). The team are keen to publish the report on the LeadSmart website (with no fanfare or media release etc), but DPC has asked that we hold it until they have a better idea of what they are planning to do in Broken Hill which makes complete sense now we have some traction. Given that the report could potentially generate some media, we all agree we want to have the answer ready.

I understand that the mining companies are also particularly sensitive about the report and would prefer that we didn't publish it (or an air quality report that we also want to publish). They have been provided advance (confidential) copies of both reports last October with an offer to present on them, and they have pretty much refused to engage, other than to say that they would prefer they weren't published. Jill has advised that they are also extremely sensitive about Mark Taylor and have refused to be in the same room as him.

A BN will come up with a plan before we progress any proposed publication of the report.

**Liesbet Spanjaard**  
Executive Director  
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**From:** Tony Chappel  
**Sent:** Sunday, 19 March 2023 9:37 PM  
**To:** Sarah Cruickshank  
**Cc:** EPA Chief Executive Officer Mailbox ; Liesbet Spanjaard ; Adam Doyle  
**Subject:** FW: Lead and Broken Hill - Mark Taylor

Hi Sarah

On Friday I met with the Victorian EPA Chief Scientist Mark Taylor. He mentioned to me that in 2022 he updated a piece of work on Broken Hill lead contamination for the NSW EPA. He has used over 10,000 samples in this analysis and offers some useful recommendations for discussion.

You may have this data package but if not I'm attaching it for DPC colleagues. He has also produced a few short videos which are useful summary points too.

The videos are below.

Let's discuss

Tony

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Chief Executive Officer  
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**From:** Mark Taylor  
**Sent:** Thursday, 16 March 2023 10:02 PM  
**To:** Adam Doyle  
**Subject:** For Tony

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Hello Adam:

The attached documents are for Tony to assist with the Broken Hill matter we discussed tonight.

For a very short cut Tony could watch this 5 min video I made about Broken Hill:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zEgLPiFKVm8>

A practical outcome of the VegeSafe study we also discussed is here

<https://theconversation.com/backyard-hens-eggs-contain-40-times-more-lead-on-average-than-shop-eggs-research-finds-187442>

The 2 min video in the middle of the article captures the essence of the study of backyard legacy lead contamination:

<https://youtu.be/aeHBQA0IH2M>

Best

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**Professor Mark Patrick Taylor**  
Chief Environmental Scientist &  
Executive Director, EPA Science

**Alessandro Fazio**

**From:** Jill Gallagher  
**Sent:** Thursday, 3 August 2023 11:28 AM  
**To:** Emma Petersen; Katie Ritchie  
**Cc:** Judi Louvel  
**Subject:** RE: Release of BHELP State of Science Report  
**Attachments:** Tab 1 BH\_Pb\_State\_of\_Science\_FINAL 19 June 2020 - Accessible V1.0(4).PDF

Hi Emma and Katie,

Please find attached a copy of the State of Science report that we are discussing at our meeting on Friday.

Also, I have attached some background below, as well as list of the issues/considerations that we want to cover.

Regards

Jill

**Background**

The Broken Hill Environmental Lead Program (BHELP) commissioned Professor Mark Taylor of Macquarie University to provide a summary of the available science to draw together the findings of researchers and organisations into one explanatory document known as the Environmental Lead Risks at Broken Hill NSW Australia: Sources, Exposures and Forward Solutions. The report identifies the main issues, the research gaps and provides a transparent and scientifically robust mechanism for identifying and prioritising options for managing the highest risks to address the issue of lead exposure and elevated blood lead levels in Broken Hill children.

The research identified:

- That both legacy and current lead emissions must be addressed if children's blood lead is to be reduced in Broken Hill.
- A city-wide solution is required to reduce exposure and blood lead. Children across the whole of Broken Hill are at risk from elevated blood lead concentrations.
- Potential strategies for lowering children's blood lead levels in Broken Hill.
- Strategies applied in Australia and overseas to reduce blood lead exposures

**Issues**

- Age of the report
- Reaction from the mines
- Reaction from the community/council
- Timing re Cadia and Parliamentary Inquiry
- Timing re DPC whole of Government work

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**From:** Jill Gallagher  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 2 August 2023 4:41 PM  
**To:** Emma Petersen  
**Subject:** RE: Release of BHELP State of Science Report

I've asked someone to look for a BN Emma. I don't think there should be any stakeholder stuff associated with it. When we say "release" we mean quietly load it onto the LeadSmart website and not tell anyone. Although realistically word will get out and Mark Taylor (author of the report) is likely to want to do media).

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**From:** Emma Petersen  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 2 August 2023 3:29 PM  
**To:** Jill Gallagher  
**Subject:** RE: Release of BHELP State of Science Report

No probs thanks Jill. Will there also be a contacting stakeholder element aside from holding lines/media. Should I try and bring someone from Katie's team too if they're available?

Do you have a BN or anything you can send me beforehand?

Kind regards  
Emma

**Emma Petersen**

Senior Manager, Media & Ministerial Relations  
Media, Communications and Engagement  
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**From:** Jill Gallagher  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 2 August 2023 3:27 PM  
**To:** Emma Petersen  
**Subject:** RE: Release of BHELP State of Science Report

Hi Emma,

I doubt we would actually publish while you are away – the question we want to discuss is when we should publish, given all of the holes we could fall into with it. However we might want to develop holding lines etc in preparation for publication, so having someone else in on it might be helpful.

Regards

Jill

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-----Original Appointment-----

**From:** Emma Petersen

**Sent:** Wednesday, 2 August 2023 3:09 PM

**To:** Jill Gallagher

**Subject:** Accepted: Release of BHELP State of Science Report

**When:** Friday, 4 August 2023 2:30 PM-3:00 PM (UTC+10:00) Canberra, Melbourne, Sydney.

**Where:** Microsoft Teams Meeting

Hi Jill, yes no problem. What is the timing of this? Only I'm going on leave from next Tuesday (Aug 8) until Aug 21 so I wonder if should try to bring someone else with me as well if it's likely to happen during that time?

Kind regards

Emma

**Alessandro Fazio**

**From:** Jill Gallagher  
**Sent:** Monday, 30 October 2023 11:29 AM  
**To:** Nick Van Lijf  
**Cc:** Jessica Creed; Judi Louvel; Darren Wallett  
**Subject:** RE: INFO Publication of Broken Hill reports

Hi Nick,

Confirming that I've now spoken to s74

- advised that we will be releasing the reports in the next day or so
- they will be published to the LeadSmart website, with no proactive media
- we have holding lines prepared in the event of any media
- the holding lines reference the long-standing and complex nature of the problem, and that Regional NSW is coordinating a WOG response group to deal with it
- we are not doing any finger-pointing at the mines
- Mark Taylor has agreed not to do any proactive media
- we'll give the mines a heads-up if we receive any media requests

s74 take on it seemed to be one of resignation to the reports coming out. s74 was more on the front foot, saying that the data in the reports is old and not reflective of the current situation, and that CBH is very proud of their dust control and confident they are not contributing to the problem. (I don't necessarily agree, just telling you what he said! 😊)

Hope the inspections go well,

Jill

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**From:** Jill Gallagher  
**Sent:** Friday, 27 October 2023 10:55 AM  
**To:** Nick Van Lijf  
**Cc:** Jessica Creed ; Judi Louvel ; Darren Wallett  
**Subject:** RE: INFO Publication of Broken Hill reports

Thanks Nick. I've called s74 and left messages for them both to call me. I advised them that it looks like the reports will be published on Monday. I've offered to talk them through the media plan (ie that we are looking to avoid media but what we plan to say if there is any) and answer any questions they might have. I've also told s74 that he can pass my details on to someone else if his new role doesn't cover this issue.

Regards

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From: Nick Van Lijf
Sent: Friday, 27 October 2023 6:43 AM
To: Jill Gallagher
Cc: Jessica Creed
Subject: RE: INFO Publication of Broken Hill reports

Hi Jill,
In response to the below, if you could please let them know that would be great.
Thanks,
Nick van Lijf
A/Unit Head - Operations
NSW Environment Protection Authority



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From: Jill Gallagher
Sent: Thursday, 26 October 2023 6:10 PM
To: Judi Louvel; Rebecca Black; Ariel Norris; Gerry Collins; maticsa.welsh; Paul Byleveld; John Kirkwood; Jessica Creed; Nick Van Lijf; Emma Petersen; Mark Taylor; Hodi Beauliv
Cc: Frances Boreland; Edie-lee Wilkinson; Anthony Savage; EPA Media Mailbox; Arminda Ryan; Scott Kidd

Subject: INFO Publication of Broken Hill reports

Importance: High

Hi all,
I am formally letting you know that we now have approval to publish the two reports relating to Broken Hill that we have previously consulted you on. That is:

- State of the Science report by Prof Mark Taylor
- Broken Hill Environmental Lead Study report by DPE Air Science

I would like to publish both reports to the LeadSmart website as soon as possible. To that end:

- **Bec** – can you please liaise with Kimberlin and advise on when they might be able to have them loaded, then advise the people on this email so everyone is aware of the timing. It would be ideal if they could be loaded on Monday (or over the weekend)
- **Jess/Nick** – can you please contact CBH and Perilya to let them know that the reports are about to go live, OR let me know and I will do that. Please confirm that this has happened tomorrow

As a reminder, we have holding lines in the event of any media, and no one is to actively seek media engagement on this. Any enquiries should be referred to the EPA's media team at

Thanks everyone, I can't believe we are nearly there!

Regards

Jill

**Jill Gallagher**

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**From:** Jill Gallagher  
**Sent:** Thursday, 2 November 2023 2:49 PM  
**To:** Mel Walsh  
**Subject:** FW: ACTION Publication of Broken Hill reports

FYI – exchange with Arminda last week

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**From:** Arminda Ryan  
**Sent:** Thursday, 26 October 2023 5:25 PM  
**To:** Jill Gallagher  
**Cc:** Anthony Savage ; Judi Louvel ; EPA Programs And Innovation Division Mailbox ; Joel Landers  
**Subject:** RE: ACTION Publication of Broken Hill reports

Dear Jill

Yes, please publish

Thanks  
Arminda

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**From:** Jill Gallagher  
**Sent:** Thursday, 26 October 2023 5:09 PM  
**To:** Arminda Ryan  
**Cc:** Anthony Savage ;  
Programs And Innovation Division Mailbox

Judi Louvel

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Joel Landers

**Subject:** ACTION Publication of Broken Hill reports

Hi Arminda,

I'm seeking your permission to immediately publish the two Broken Hill reports that we have previously advised the Minister on. They are:

- State of Science report (Prof Mark Taylor)
- Broken Hill Environmental Lead Study (dust report from Air Science)

The reports were discussed with the Minister verbally at the CEO/Minster held in the week commencing 25 September (while Jacq Moore was acting). I received feedback that the Minister advised that she understood the risks associated with publication and supported that the reports be published.

This discussion was followed by formal submission to the Minister of an Info BN with a media plan and holding lines attached (this went through Tony). The holding lines had been jointly developed and signed off by Health and Regional NSW. That brief (DOC23/703499) was received in the MO on 12 October (ie 2 weeks ago).

Joel Landers has confirmed that the BN has made it to the Chief of Staff, but advised that info briefs are rarely signed and returned to the EPA. He has a call in to the MO in case he can get any further information, but has not been able to get his call returned.

Given the Minister's verbal OK and the passage of time since the BN arrived at the MO I am recommending that we proceed to publish. Do you approve?

FYI also I am now receiving texts from Mark Taylor every 2 days asking where it's up to.

Regards

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I work on Burramattagal Country of the Dharug Nation.

