George River Water Quality Panel

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Dear Dr Bleaney

George River Water Quality Panel

The Premier has invited me to establish and convene a suitably qualified expert scientific panel to examine the reported research on water quality in the George River at St Helens.

A copy of the Premier's letter, which outlines the scope of the review, is attached for your information.

The scientists below have agreed to be members of the Panel.

- Dr Graeme Batley is a Chief Research Scientist in CSIRO's Environmental Biogeochemistry research program;
- Dr John McNeil is head of the Monash University School of Public and Preventative Medicine;
- Dr Christine Crawford is Program Leader for Natural Resource Management at the Tasmanian Aquaculture and Fisheries Institute;
- Distinguished Professor Jim Reid is from the University of Tasmania's School of Plant Science; and
- Professor Michael Moore is Chair of Water Quality Research Australia and past Director of the National Research Centre for Environmental Toxicology.

The scientific work of the Panel will be supported and co-ordinated by Dr Lois Koehnken.

Details of the relevant expertise of the Panel members and Dr. Koehnken are also attached.

The initial focus of the Panel will be to review all the relevant information and data that is currently available.

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I understand that you may hold information and/or data that is relevant to the review and on behalf of the Panel I request that you make that information available by close of business Friday 12 March 2010. If this is not possible, please provide by close of business Friday the date on which the information will be available.

The information should be forwarded to the Co-ordinating Scientist, Dr. Lois Koehnken at email LKoehnken@iinet.net.au or posted to PO Box 404 Sandy Bay 7006.

It is the intention of the Panel to post any information received on a website established for the purposes of the Review. The only exception to this would be non publication for reasons of personal privacy or confidentiality, reasons that are considered satisfactory to the Panel. You should advise if there are any such reasons. Any such decision by the Panel and the reason for non-publication will however be disclosed.

I look forward to your early advice and information so that the Panel can commence the Review.

I would be happy to discuss this request with you and may be contacted on 0419 345 476.

John Ramsay Convenor

Attachments

- Premier's Letter
- CVs