



AEBN Contaminated Land Webinar Understanding the New laws and the impacts

Helping to identify environmental risk using spatial intelligence and industry leading reporting solutions

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- 3. Potential Contamination
 - Sources of Potential Contamination
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Lotsearch: Company Background

"Australia's trusted source of land and property information, aiding industry experts to identify potential environmental risks."

Founded: 2014

Vision: To build a more environmentally aware Australia

Mission: Pioneers of best in class environmental information and insight

Comprehensive: We have built the largest database in Australia with over 1,000 environmental datasets

Products: We offer nationwide searches including contaminated land and natural hazards e.g. bushfire risk

Quality: Our industry leading reporting solutions are used and relied upon by the legal sector

Capabilities: We have built a customised suite of reports designed specifically for lawyers and coneyancers

Technology: Our products are integrated into the Property Enquiries Section of the TriSearch Platform

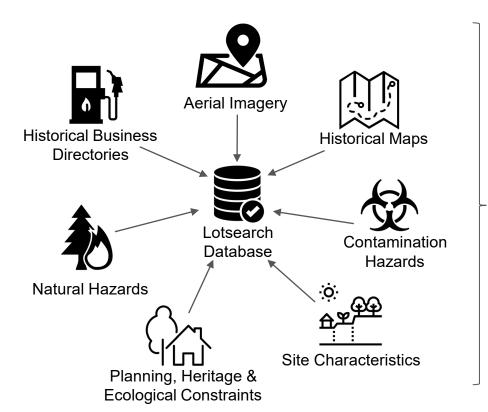
We include hazard alerts to help clients understand if there may be a potential risk

Service: Our products are delivered automatically and we have a dedicated support team available





The Leading Provider of Environmental Risk Reporting Across Australia





Standard Reporting Service

- Environmental Consultants
- Lawyers & Conveyancers
- Valuers
- Developers
- Compliance & Asset Managers



Government Projects Local Councils Infrastructure Utilities



Data Visualisation

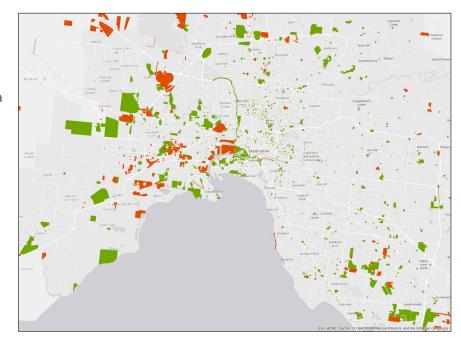
'Known' Contamination

Records related to contaminated land, held by state environmental regulators and selected federal government agencies on publicly available registers.



Regulatory Data & Public Registers

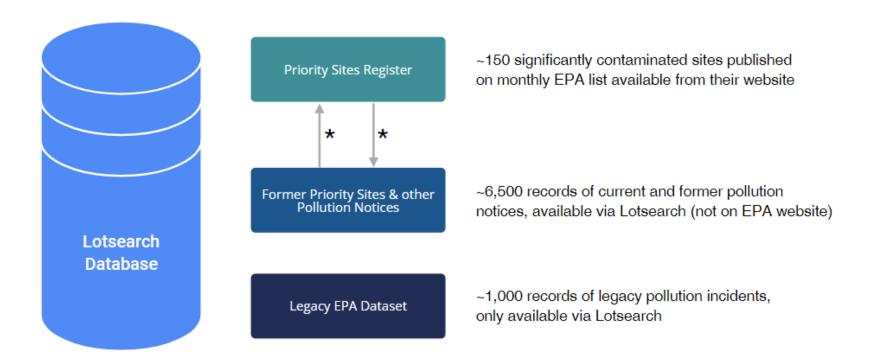
- Some datasets are supplied by government agencies as spatial data files.
 - o 'Plug and play'
 - O Series of checks for spatial accuracy and ensure the data is fit for purpose.
 - Query back to data custodian if errors are found.
- Most datasets are mapped by Lotsearch.
 - O Supplied lot/plan numbers, street address, or lat/long co-ordinates are geocoded to polygon boundaries.
 - O Contradictory or erroneous records are queried back to data custodian.
- Sources can be local, state or federal government.



EPA VIC Pollution Notices, Priority Sites, and Audits (~4300 sites in Melbourne region)



Lotsearch Database – EPA Priority Sites Register & Notices



* Movement between these lists as more is known about severity of contamination or companies comply with management or clean up orders



Lotsearch Access 17 Victorian Public Registers

Public Register Name
EPA Priority Sites
EPA Site Management Orders
EPA Register of Permissions
Legacy EPA Licensed Activities
Legacy EPA Works Approvals
Legacy EPA Prescribed Industrial Waste
EPA Preliminary Risk Screening Assessments
EPA Environmental Audit Reports
Planning Scheme Overlay - Environmental Audits
EPA PFAS Site Investigations
Defence 3 Year Regional Contamination Investigation Program
Airservices Australia National PFAS Management Program
Defence PFAS Investigation & Management Program - Investigation Sites
Defence PFAS Investigation & Management Program - Management Sites
Former EPA Priority Sites & Other Remedial Notices
EPA Groundwater Zones with Restricted Uses
EPA Victorian Landfill Register













Why the other registers are important?

The Lotsearch report searches 16 other registers, including:

- 1. An additional 7,500 records affected by pollution notices
- 2. Properties which have on-going management orders for controlling contamination
- 3. Over 8,000 regulated properties where potentially contaminating activities are undertaken
- 4. Over 8,000 records on landfills and waste sites in Victoria
- 5. Over 6.000 sites where environmental audits have been undertaken
- 6. PFAS Investigation areas new contaminant of concern & forever chemicals
- Contamination investigations on land outside the EPA jurisdiction e.g. Defence land & Airports
- 8. Areas where Groundwater use is restricted due to contamination
- 9. Properties that would require (expensive) environmental audits if a development is undertaken





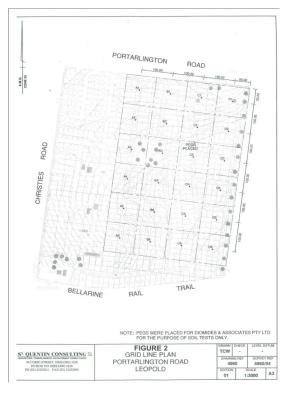






Mapping Registers (Victoria)





Environmental Audit Record (55950-1)

Orange Point (Environmental Audit Record mapped by VIC EPA & Displayed on Victoria Unearthed)

Orange Rectangle (Environmental Audit Record mapped by Lotsearch)

Lotsearch EPA Priority Sites Register Plus+



Environmental Risk - Contaminated Land



- This report provides information sourced from freely available, public registers held by state environmental regulators and certain federal
- · Land contamination can contain substances that harm human health and the environment and these may migrate across property boundaries. Search results are provided for your property and the surrounding 100m
- Search results are categorised below, with search results and a site man provided on the following pages



. Contaminated Land Registers



State environmental regulators have registers of known or notified contaminated land These sites are typically those that nose the greatest environmental risk, and will often be actively managed, regulated or remediated



2. Regulated Activities



State regulators issue environmental licences, permits or authorisations to owners or operators that undertake activities with a potential risk to human health or the environment. Conditions on these licences can relate to pollution prevention, control



3. Contamination Investigations

Government departments may undertake or enforce investigations into specific or suspected contamination issues. For example, investigation or management programs maybe undertaken at airports or defence sites suspected of PFAS contamination. Further information on PFAS can be accessed here.



Other Contamination Issues

Government registers can identify other contamination issues. These registers can include but are not limited to pollution, penalty or clean up notices, and records that indicate restictions on the use of groundwater



HOW THIS REPORT HELPS

- Be informed of potential contamination issues - this search simplifies access to information sources
- important consideration in development matters and property valuations and
- Delays and clean-up costs from land contamination can be high - be prepared with early information that supports your
- neighbouring properties property boundaries

WHAT NEXT?

This information in this report is only part of the picture. Other records are held by government agencies, councils

- Visit our website or contact our support team products & additional government searches
- Contact an environmental consultant for additional advisory services. ALGA , ACLCA & FIANZ
- support@lotsearch.com.au







Price: \$95 | Delivery: Within 1 Business Day

Contains: key information from publicly available government registers to identify contaminated land & groundwater Easier to identify records as they are included on a map with links to key documents (where available)!

Potential Contamination

Potentially contaminated land is land where a known past or present activity or event occurring on or off the land may have caused contamination on the land.

Definition from VIC Planning Practice Note: PPN30



Common Sources of Contamination

- abattoir
- abrasive blasting
- airport
- asbestos production/disposal
- asphalt manufacturing
- automotive repair/engine works
- battery manufacturing/recycling
- bitumen manufacturing
- boat building/maintenance
- breweries/distilleries
- brickworks
- cement manufacture
- ceramic works
- chemical manufacturing/storage/blending
- chemical treatment/destruction facilities
- coke works
- compost manufacturing
- concrete batching
- council works depot
- defence works
- drum re-conditioning facility

- dry cleaning
- •electrical/electrical components manufacture
- electricity generation/power station
- electroplating
- explosives industry
- •fertiliser manufacture or storage
- •fibreglass reinforced plastic manufacture
- •fill sites
- •firefighting or training (use of foams)
- •foundry
- •fuel storage depot
- •gasworks
- •glass manufacture
- historical goldmining activities
- •iron and steel works
- •landfill sites/waste depots
- •lime works
- •materials recycling and transfer stations
- ·mass animal burial on agricultural sites
- metal coating / electroplating
- metal finishing and treatments
- metal smelting/refining/finishing

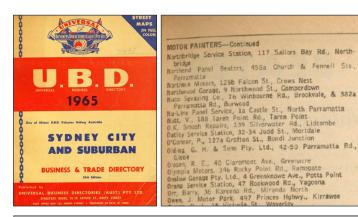
- mining and extractive industries
- oil or gas production/refining
- pest control depots
- printing shops
- pulp or paper works
- railway yards
- scrap metal recovery
- •service stations/fuel storage
- sewage treatment plant
- ship building/breaking yards
- •shipping facilities bulk (rate <100 t/day)
- shooting or gun clubs
- stock dipping sites
- tannery (and associated trades)
- textile operations
- timber preserving/treatment
- tyre manufacturing
- underground storage tanks
- utility depots
- •waste

treatment/incineration/disposal

•wool scouring.



Historical Business Directories



SYDNEY CITY AND SUBURBAN TRADES DIRECTORY

MOTOR PAINTERS-Continued

Ryde Panel Beaters Pty. Ltd., Cnr. Wells & Parsonage Sts., Ryde

St. George Motors Industries Ltd., 132-140 Prince-Hghwy,, Arncliffe Sabb Mfrg. Co. Pty. Ltd., 160 Willoughby Rd., Crow's Nest Sadler, A. D. Pty. Ltd., 377 Princes Hghwy., St. Peters

Saleyard's Service Station (Flemington) Pty. Ltd., Cnr. Parramatta & Flemington Rds., Flemington Sands Bros., 151 Parromatta Rd., Granville Savell Bros., 419 Perest Rd., Penshurst Seleny, J. D., 56 Wellington Rd., Granville Scherik & Co., 1 Alban St., Lidcombe Schofield Bros., Arundel St., Glebe

Schu-Nox Service Station, 71 Victoria Rd., Drummoyne Sea Breeze Service Station, 2 General Holmes Drv., Brighton-le-Sands Seven Ways Garage, Cnr., Glenayr & Warners Aves., Bondi

Shannon, D., Cnr. Church & Early Sts., Parramatta Shaw, P. J. Repairs, 228 Harbord Rd., Brookvale Shell Service Station Girraween, 97 Targa Rd., Girraween Shield Motor Service, Cnr. Penrose St. & Burns Bay Rd., Lane MOTOR PAINTERS-Continued

Vern Potts, 505 Old South Head Rd., Rose Bay Victory Garages Pty. Ltd., 6 Humphrey St., Mascot Vineyard Service Station, Windsor Rd., Riverstone Voss, L. H. Pty. Ltd., 169 Woodville Rd., Merrylands Wacher, J. 65, 1600 Canterbury Rd., Punchbowl Wagg, A. J., Pacific Highwy., Lindfield Wallis, A. R., 239 Rawson St., Auburn Wallis & Parkes, 26 Box Rd., Taren Point Walls, G. A. Pty. Ltd., 3-7 East St., Granville Ward, W. D. Blakehurst Motor Body Works, 1002 King Georges Rd. Blakehurst

MOT 423

Georges Rd., Blakehurst Warner Bros., 63 Princes Highwy., St. Peters Warringah Sheet Metal & Welding Co. Pty. Ltd., Wattle Rd., Brookvale

Webb and McWhirter, 35 Dixon St., Parramatta Weinert Pty. Ltd., 19 Canterbury Rd., Canterbury Weils, A. P., Cm. Liverpool and Riley Sts. Wells & Price, 541 New Canterbury Rd., Duwich Hill Welsh's Motor Repairs, 150 Clyde St., Granville Wetsh's Motor Repairs, 43 Cook St., Rozelle Wentworth Motors, Cnr. Balaclava & Blaxland Rds., Eastwood West, Norton, 22 Chard Rd., Brookvale

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Historical Datasets - Challenges

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SOUTH RD-E side
     from 2 Hilton rd
277-287
289 Lindsay L J
289 Spears Mrs M J
        Rosslyn st
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295 National Bank of Aust-
297-301 Walters B J Pty
     Ltd tmbr mrchnts
303-300 Spartan Paints Pty
303-305 Hardie Trading Ltd
     pnt mrchnts
307 Acme Saw & Knife
     Works Pty Ltd
309-313 Otto Industries P/L
     gymnsm sprtng equip
     mnfrs
315 J & J Car Painters &
     Crash Repairs
319-323 Ausbestos Pty Ltd
219-323 Geddes Fleetricel
     Pty Ltd
325 Jordan F A mtr trmmr
325 Chapman N A
        William st
          Creek
333-351 Horsell Jarmyn &
     Sons Pty Ltd engnrs
        London rd
   London Road Auto Port
   Clements T & A prtprs
353 Spraypave Ptv Ltd
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 85 Blundell, H. P.
 89 Blundell. I., service
     station
 91 Denyer, N. J., plmbr
     and ironworker
 93 Tolhurst, L. R.
 93 National Bank Ltd.
93a Shakes, N. L., btchr
 95 Lindsay, Mrs. A.
95 Bench, -
       Rosslyn st
 97 McMenamin, V, mftr
 99 Pilkington, Mrs. C.
101 Owler W.
105 Walters, B. J., tmb.
     and box merchant
109-111 Hardie Trading
     Pty. Ltd.
113 Chesser, J. C.
115 McNeill, W
117 McNeill, H.
117 Tuohy, Miss M. I.
119 Freer, Mrs. M.
121 Clift, C N.
125 Lloyd, E. R., & Son,
     joinery works
127 Ausbestos Ltd.
        Arnol! st
135 Stevens, J. A.
137 Taylor, Mrs. E. L. M
139 Wall. R., rail emp
          Creek
143 Pile, H., pntr
143 Arro Motor Co. Ass-
     embly Div.
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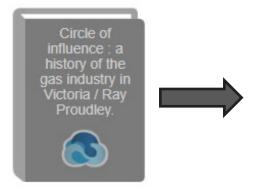
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     and ironworker
 93 Selway, E. T., btchr
 95 Lindsay, O. E.
       Rosslyn st
 97 McMenamin, V. mftr
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119 McNeil, Juo., ibr
115 Trowbridge, F. J.
117 McNeil, H.
     Ryan, F.
119 Freer, C. A., Ibr
121 Noble, W. H.
125 Lloyd, E. R., & Son.
joinery wrks
127 Ausbestos, Lt., As-
     bestos mnfctrers
lor rotter, R. E. & W.
    G., grain store
133 Palmer, A. W. J.
       Arnold st
       William st
135 Selfe, A., mchnc
137 Taylor, C. J. B.
139 Wall, R., rail emp
145 Horsell & Jarman.
     Ltd., engnrs
147 Century Flour Mills
    Asphalt, Cold Mix.
    Aust., Pty. Ltd.,
     mrktng agnts
    Shell Coy, Aust. Ltd
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Frequent problems with historical records

- Renumbered Roads
- Renamed Roads
- Renamed Suburbs



Historical Insights – Former Gasworks (VIC)

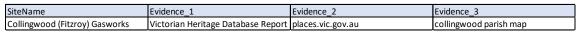


SiteName	DateOpened	YearClosed	BuiltBy
Ararat Gasworks	7 January 1888		Coates & Co.
Bacchus Marsh Gasworks	23 September 1889		Coates & Co.
Bairnsdale Gasworks	31 August 1889	1959	Coates & Co.
Ballarat Gasworks	17 July 1858		A.K Smith
Beechworth Gasworks	21 December 1881		McLean Bros. & Rigg
Benalla Gasworks	10 May 1887		Coates & Co.
Bendigo Gasworks	31 March 1860		A.K Smith
Box Hill Gasworks	6 January 1890	1969	Coates & Co.
Brighton (Central) Gasworks	6 August 1887		Coates & Co.
Brighton (Moorabin) Gasworks	6 August 1887		Coates & Co.
Brighton Gasometers	2 July 1877		Courtis
Brunswick Gasworks	30 April 1891		Hutchison
Castlemaine Gasworks	22 June 1859		A.K Smith
Clunes Gasworks	12 July 1862		Courtis
Colac Gasworks	11 December 1886		Bowman
Collingwood (Fitzroy) Gasworks	1 May 1861		Dodds

1. Original Source

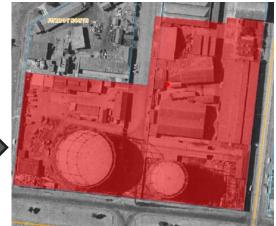


2. Initial Extract (& Peer Review)





3. Validation that record exists



4. Map Feature Boundary



Historical Insights – Former Landfill (NSW)

PUBLIC HEALTH ACT, 1902 (SECTION 55)

UNHEALTHY BUILDING LAND AT WILTON SHIRE OF

Area No. 959

THE Secretary of the Department of Health has reported that after due inquiry he is of the opinion that it would be prejudicial to health if certain land situated in the Shire of Wollondilly and described in the Schedule hereunder, were built upon in its present condition.

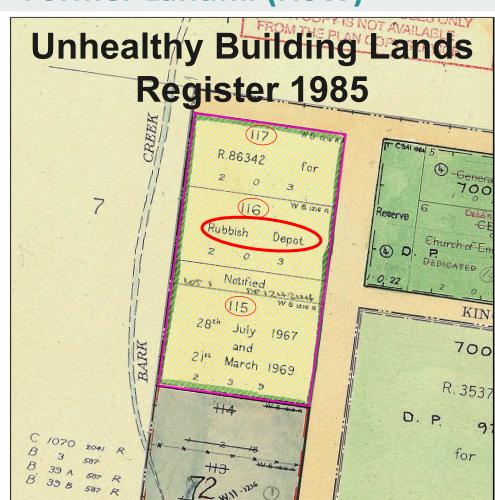
He has further reported that in order to render such land fit to be built upon it is necessary that the whole of the garbage that has been deposited on the land be assimilated to the satisfaction of the Department of Health.

Now, therefore, in pursuance of the power and authority vested in me by section 55 (1) of the Public Health Act, 1902, I hereby declare that such land shall not be built upon until the measure referred to, which is also specified in a document accompanied by a plan deposited in the office of the Local Authority (Shire of Wollondilly) and open to the inspection of any person, has been complied with or until this notice has been revoked by me.

R. J. MULOCK, Deputy Premier and Minister for Health.

SCHEDULE

All that land situated in the Shire of Wollondilly, Parish of Wilton, County of Camden, in the locality of Wilton being portions [15, 116, 117] n plan catalogued W8.1216 R. (2003)





Case Study showing modern housing estate built on historical landfill site - Victoria





Lotsearch Contaminated Land Screening Report



Contaminated Land Screening Report

Lotsearch Reference: LSSample01 SR Client Id: Client001 Report Date: 25 Oct 2018 18:36:23 Address: 52-62 John Street, Erskineville, NSW 2043

Lot & Plans: Lot 54, DP852576

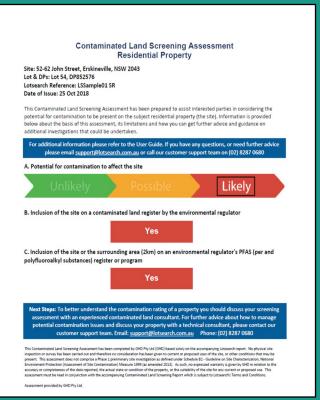
Disclaims

The purpose of this report is to provide an overview of some of the site history and environmental risk information available, affecting an individual address or geographical area in which the property is located. It is not a substitute for an on-site inspection or review of other available reports and records. It is not intended to be, and should not be taken to be, a rating or assessment of the desirability or market value of the property or its features. You should obtain independent advice before you make any decision based on the information within the report.

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The detailed terms applicable to the use of this report are set out at the end of this report.

Datasets	On-site	Adjacent (< 50m from site boundary)	Surrounding Area (>50m to Dataset Buffer)	Datase Buffe (m)
Section 1: Sites Listed by EPA Victoria or part of a PFAS invest	igation pro	gram		
Current EPA Priority Sites	0	0	0	250
Former EPA Priority Sites & other Remedial Notices		0	0	250
EPA Environmental Audit Reports		0	2	250
EPA Groundwater Zones with Restricted Uses		0	0	250
EPA Victorian Landfill Register		0	0	250
EPA Prescribed Industrial Waste Treaters or Disposers		0	0	250
EPA PFAS Site Investigations		0	0	2000
Defence PFAS Investigation & Management Program - Investigation Sites	0	0	0	2000
Airservices Australia National PFAS Management Program	0	0	0	2000
Section 2: Specific land uses with a high potential to cause con	tamination			
Former Gasworks	0	0	0	250
National Waste Management Facilities Database	0	0	0	250
Statewide Waste and Resource Recovery Infrastructure Plan Facilities	0	0	0	250
National Liquid Fuel Facilities	0	0	0	250
Victorian Planning Provisions - Environmental Audit Overlay	0	0	1	250
Section 3: Activities with Current or Former Licences from EPA	Victoria			
Current EPA Licensed Activities	0	0	0	250
Former EPA Licensed Activities	0	0	0	250
EPA Works Approvals	0	0	0	250
Section 4: Potentially contaminative historical activities				
Historical UBD Service Stations & Motor Garages (1948-1993)	65	0	N/A	50
Historical UBD Dry Cleaning Sites (1948-1993)	0	0	N/A	50
UBD Business to Business Directory 1991		0	N/A	50
UBD Business Directory 1984		0	N/A	50
UBD Business Directory 1980		0	N/A	50
UBD Business Directory 1977	2	0	N/A	50
UBD Business Directory 1974	6	1	N/A	50
UBD Business Directory 1965	8	1	N/A	50
UBD Business Directory 1960	4	1	N/A	50
UBD Business Directory 1950	1	1	N/A	50
Features of Interest	0	0	0	250



Price: \$500 | Delivery: Within 1 Business Day

Contains: key information from publicly available government registers <u>and</u> potential contamination sources.

Includes a contaminated land screening assessment page.



Known & Potential Contamination



'Known' Contamination – VIC EPA Priority Sites Register



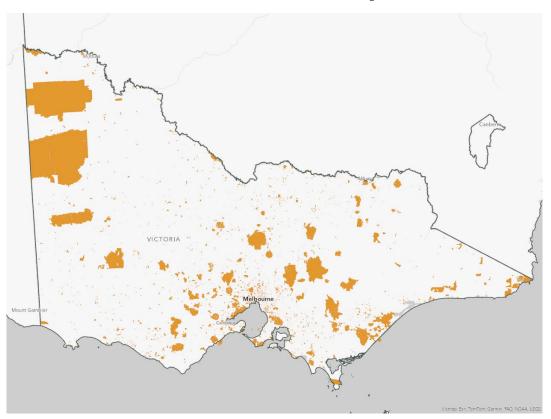


'Potential' Contamination Hazards (+25,000 Sites)





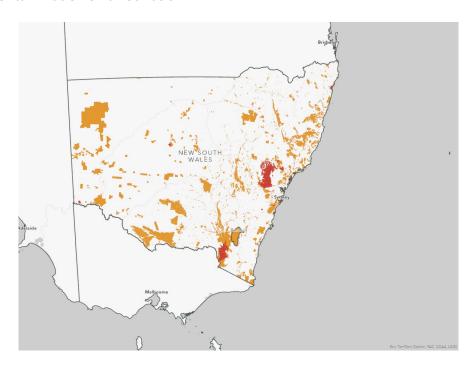
Lotsearch Contaminated Land Analysis - Victoria





Lotsearch Contaminated Land Analysis - NSW

Known vs Potential Contamination on a Lot Basis





Results

- Lotsearch have developed the most comprehensive 'Historical Land Use Database' (HLUD) in Australia.
- Millions of historical business records (Universal Business Directories & Sands & McDougall).
- Over 500,000 historical aerial photographs.
- Over 50,000 historical maps & plans.
- We have identified over 25,000 'known' contaminated, regulated or sites under investigation.
- We have identified over 250,000 'potentially' contaminated sites (former high-risk activities).
- Site history can now be easily delivered as <u>one</u> package.



Case Studies - 'In the News'



Case Study: Australia's Worst Toxic Dump





Inside Australia's worst toxic waste dump

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VISUAL STORY

The environment watchdog is cleaning up millions of litres of highly flammable chemicals, acids and other toxic waste it discovered secretly buried near the outback Victorian town of Kaniva.

by Chris Vedelago and The Visual Stories Team MARCH 3, 2023



This remote property in Victoria's far west – code named 'Lemon Springs' – is believed to be the site of one of the largest illicit toxic waste dumps ever created in Australia. Click here to access article!





Case Study: Former Poultry Farm

• Residential estate built on former poultry farm notified as contaminated





1991 2024



Case Study – PFAS



The substance, known as per- and poly-fluoroalkyl, has been used in firefighting foams at dozens of bases across the country since 1970, and the chemicals have remained in the soil and groundwater at some Australian airports and defence bases.

The Air Force started phasing out the use of the firefighting chemical in 2004 and undertook a national review of its impact on the environment around bases.

Residents at some impacted sites, such as Richmond Air Base in NSW, were advised by the Department of Defence to reduce their locally sourced fish, egg and red meat intake due to contamination fears.



PHOTO: Firefighting foam containing PFAS chemicals was used by Airservices Australia until 2010. (CRC CARE) RELATED STORY: Food contamination warning issued to

residents near NSW air hase RELATED STORY: 'World's next asbestos disaster': Fears grow for firefighters exposed to toxic foam

RELATED STORY: 'Our hands were saturated in it': Workers angry contamination risks not explained at airport site

Key points:

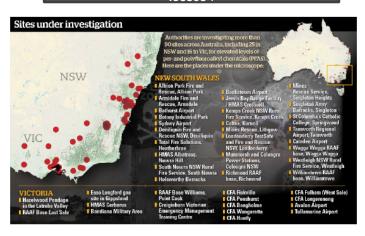
- · Department of Defence is looking into 28 sites contaminated with PFAS chemicals
- · After seven months of investigation the inquiry found residents should be compensated
- · Test results from 2013 found aviation firefighters had 20 times the normal level of toxic chemicals in their blood

Williamtown, NSW

Oakey, QLD

National coalition launches for residents of country's 90 toxic sites

"The aim, he said, was to create a unified national voice that could force the government to clean up contaminated sites and compensate people for depressed property values and business losses"



https://www.abc.net.au/news/2018-12-03/pfas-contamination-residents-compensated-federal-inquiry/10576552 https://www.smh.com.au/national/national-coalition-launches-for-residents-of-country-s-90-toxic-sites-20180702p4zp1f.html



Nelson Parade, Hunters Hill, NSW



Further delay in the clean-up of radioactive contamination at Nelson Parade

John Besley, Northern District Times December 1, 2015 4:53pm





Hunters Hill Mayor Richard Quinn has slammed the delay of the removal of radioactive waste from Nelson Parade, calling the situation "gravely disappointing."

A Government Property NSW report released last week revealed that the clean-up of radioactive waste that was scheduled to commence earlier this year has been delayed until 2016-17 with the completion of the process in 2018-19.

The delay is due to a change in the location of where the waste will be removed to, after the Baird Government's original plans to transfer the waste to Kemps Creek in Western Sydney were scrapped following public uproar from Kemps Creek residents.

"I'm certainly not happy," said Cr Quinn.

Former Uranium Smelter (1911-1915)

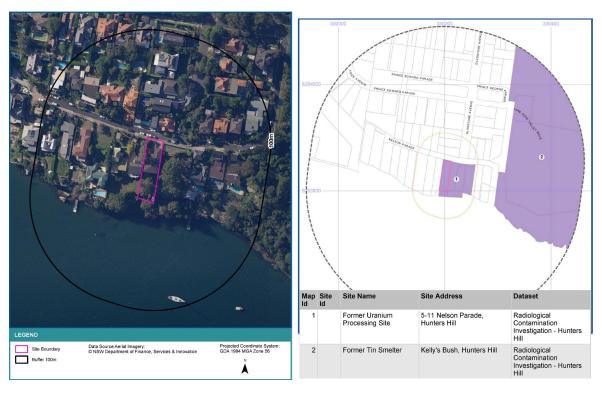
The government has bought contaminated blocks at 7, 9 and 11 Nelson Parade

Parliment inquiry recommending the site be decontaminated





Lotsearch Sample – Hunters Hill



24/07/2024



Camden High School, Camden, NSW



School was built on the site of a Gasworks.

After deaths and illness, a class action against NSW Education Department is likely.

School was closed in 2001 after contamination was discovered in soil.

http://www.abc.net.au/news/2013-07-23/cancer-cluster-fears-over-former-sydney-high-school/



Lotsearch Sample – Former Camden High School





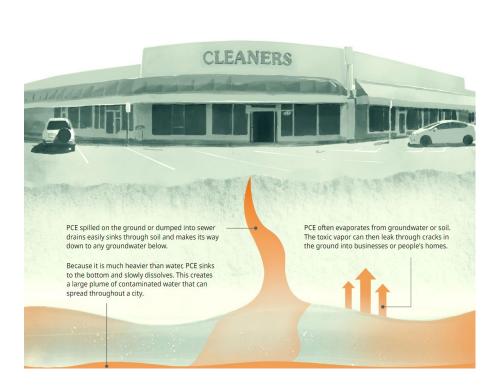
Case Study: Spotless Dry Cleaners (Brunswick)

CLEANING giant Spotless is mopping up after quietly ending a bitter seven-year legal stoush over contaminated land, knocking down a block of flats at the centre of the dispute.

The flats, in Barkly Street, Brunswick, sit on prime land but have never been occupied because of contamination leaching from a former Spotless drycleaning operation two doors away.

Premier Building and Consulting director Paul Simmonds said his company had "no idea of the level of pollution" when building began.

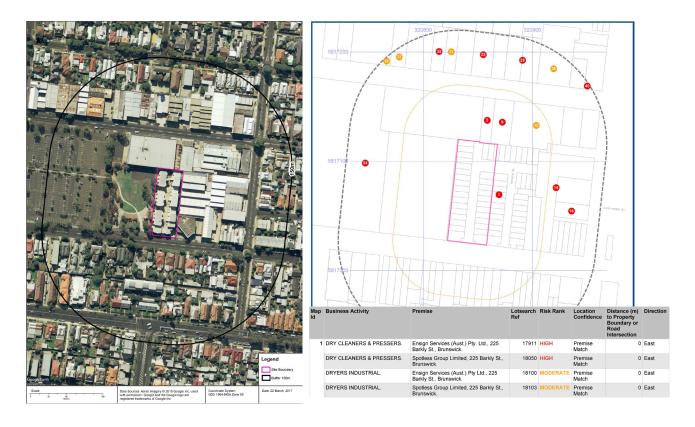
"We were astonished to find that large quantities of drycleaning chemicals... have migrated onto our land from the adjoining property," he said.



https://www.smh.com.au/business/cleaning-giant-to-mop-up-20100715-10csm.html



Lotsearch Sample – Brunswick





Former Tip, Ballarat, VIC

Black Hill residents trash Ballarat Council over former tip contamination ABC Ballarat By Danna Diaz Updated 24 Jun 2016, 11:56am Victoria's environmental watchdog has intervened in a dispute between the City of Ballarat and a resident, who is claiming 10 Olympic-sized swimming pools of rubbish has contaminated his property. Mark Hosking, who owns a three-acre property across the road from the landfill, points to a large pile of rocks covering what used to be a trench. After initially uncovering trash on his property in 2008, he paid an environmental firm, Cardno Land Piner, to assess the full extent of the problem. "That's where they dug up and found the rubbish," he said. The firm found almost 14,000 cubic metres of waste underneath an acre of Mr Hosking's property equating to an area about the size of 10 Olympic swimming pools. It is believed to have leaked from the historic council-owned Black Hill tip, now known as the Chisholm Street Recreation Reserve across the road. Rubbish removal quote \$3.5M The former paramedic said he had spent more than \$350,000 on legal fees in an effort to get the Ballarat Council to own up to the contamination. "I'd just like the council to take responsibility for this and take responsibility for their lack of transparency." "I had a quote on removing the rubbish from my land and it was \$3.5 million dollars." Mr Hosking said his property was now worthless because of the extent of the waste. "Basically, I've got a noose around my neck and the council is pulling it tighter," he said. Robert Brookes used to own a house on the same street, and believes the nearby Leerama Court housing estate was actually built on top of a rubbish dump. Mr Brookes said when he worked on the site in 1991, now the site of 21 houses, he often dug out large mounds of trash including rubble and plastic. "When I was digging stuff out, I could smell all the gases coming out of the ground," he said "As they started building more blocks for the housing, more and more was coming up. There was a hell of "The land developers should have been on to that straight away because they knew it was there, but why didn't they say something? "How did they even get permits to build houses on it?" EPA calls on council for report on tip boundary

The Environment Protection Authority (EPA) has ordered the City of Ballarat to "detail exactly where

waste extends beyond the boundary of its former Black Hill landfill

Resident discovered that his property had waste underneath equating to the size of ten Olympic swimming pools.

Rubbish removal quote for \$3.5 million.

Historical aerial photos highlight former tip.

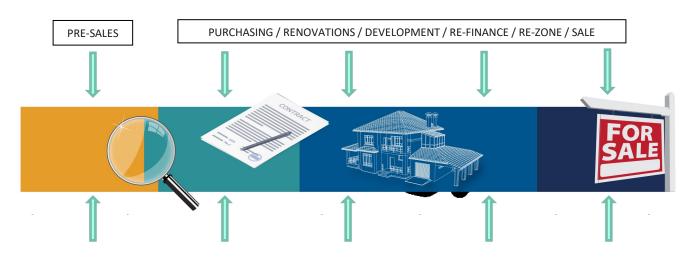
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