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Air emissions report delivered to DERM

Boyne Smelters Limited (BSL) has delivered its air emissions report to the Department of Environment and Resource Management (DERM).

BSL acting General Manager operations, Kerry Moran said the report was delivered to the Gladstone office of DERM today (30 September) following a request for additional information during a review of the initial report in June.

Mr Moran said the data gathered through this study would provide a better understanding of the emissions coming from the plant.

“This air emissions study is one of the most comprehensive ever undertaken for a smelter and we intend to use this data effectively in our operation in the future,” he said.

“We have made a commitment through this study to continue to improve the way we measure, monitor and report our emissions. Our community and our employees expect nothing less,” he said.

BSL committed more than \$4.6 million to the study, including installation of permanent platforms to allow for ongoing comprehensive sampling.

An atmospheric dispersion model was also developed as part of the study to help understand how and where emissions are dispersed.

Two new continuous dust monitors have been installed at Tannum Sands to the south east of the smelter and in the vacant land area to the north west of the operation.

The report will now be subject to a DERM review process to examine the data, sampling and modelling results.

Once approved by the DERM, the study results will be shared with employees and contractors at BSL, their families, the Boyne-Tannum and Gladstone communities, and anyone with a further interest in the results.

The study results will also be provided to the State Government for input to the Clean and Healthy Air for Gladstone (CHAG) Project, to contribute to further understanding air quality in the Gladstone region.

Background

The study was initially delivered to DERM in May this year. However, as part of the review process DERM requested some additional detailed information on what was happening in the operation at the time of the sampling.

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