

Councillor Question Time – answers to questions taken on notice*

Cr Simic asked if there was a commitment from the EPA to continue monitoring the situation above the normal monitoring, which is usually once a week.

(Cr Simic)

Response

The EPA made the following public statement on 5 Sept that highlights a commitment to monitor the situation above normal monitoring

“The good news is after four days of monitoring the northern beaches of Port Phillip Bay, we’ve seen no signs that water quality has been affected.

“Dead fish that have washed up in Port Phillip Bay have likely been moved from the creek backwash by wind and currents.”

Dr Hinwood said measures had been in place to contain the fire water at the West Footscray factory site but due to the sheer volumes of water used – as much as 16,000 litres a minute at some points – run off had occurred.

“The contaminated water is still being removed from the creek and with time, the creek will recover,” she said.

“EPA will continue to work with Melbourne Water and Maribyrnong Council to monitor the creek and the clean up.”

**Note: answers to any questions in Councillor Question Time which were answered at the meeting are included in the minutes of that meeting.*