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From: Adrian Barnett [REDACTED]
Date: 5 February 2015 23:00:31 GMT+11
To: Wendy Farmer [REDACTED], Cathy Coote
[REDACTED], Nicola Rivers [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Revised materials

Good spot, some edits from me. Cheers, Adrian

From: Wendy Farmer [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, 5 February 2015 9:41 PM
To: Cathy Coote; [REDACTED]; Adrian Barnett; Nicola Rivers
Subject: Re: Revised materials

MR: Check this statement, Maybe first report showed 79% probability now
2nd report???????

Associate Professor Adrian Barnett, air pollution expert and biostatistician, said:
“My first report concluded that, when monthly temperatures are factored in, there
is a 94% probability that there was an increase in death rates in nearby Traralgon. I
concluded that there were 11 additional deaths over the four postcodes during the
time of the fire.”

Adrian's stat's 6th paragraph, last line Moe is spelt with a small m

Regards

Wendy

From: [Cathy Coote](#)
Sent: Thursday, February 5, 2015 10:17 PM
To: [REDACTED] [Nicola Rivers](#)
Subject: Revised materials

Sorry all - I revised these just a little with Wendy's input - can you work from these docs? Adrian

can you check the figures around deaths - we had '10' and '11' in two different places but we think that was a result of rounding up/down. Also please make sure you are happy with the quotes I have assigned you in the media release.

Cathy

Hazelwood mine fire: One year on, community still waits for answers

One year on from the Hazelwood mine fire, the Latrobe Valley community are still waiting for answers.

Latrobe Valley community group Voices for the Valley today released a new report analysing 6,421 deaths over 10 years, showing that people in some postcodes were at much higher risk of death.

“One year on, there are still many Latrobe Valley residents who are still profoundly impacted from the Hazelwood fire both in terms of their health and financial well being.” said Wendy Farmer of Voices for the Valley.

“We applaud that the Andrews government has committed to re-opening the Hazelwood Mine Fire Inquiry, and trust that the poor health responses and increase in death rates will be thoroughly investigated so that the community can finally have some resolution.” Wendy concluded.

Associate Professor Adrian Barnett, air pollution expert and biostatistician, said: “My first report concluded that, when monthly temperatures are factored in, there is a 80% probability that there was an increase in death rates, I estimated that there were 11 additional deaths over the four postcodes during the time of the fire.”

“After reviewing two extra postcodes and including 10 years of data, this new analysis now confirms those findings, and for the suburb of Traralgon there’s a 94% probability of higher deaths.”

Nicola Rivers, Director of Advocacy at Environmental Justice Australia said: “Recent research shows that less advantaged Australian communities are disproportionately affected by air pollution.”

“Latrobe Valley Residents have already spent a year worrying about the long term effects of the air pollution. The new Victorian government has committed to reopen the Hazelwood inquiry to look at this issue. They must lock in a date as soon as possible, because people need answers.”

For comment

Nicola Rivers, Director of Advocacy, Environmental Justice Australia

Wendy Farmer, Voices of the Valley

Ron Ipsen, Voices of the Valley

Associate Professor Adrian Barnett, air pollution and biostatistics expert, Queensland University of Technology

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