Recommendation 10

The State should continue the long-term health study, and:

- > extend the study to at least 20 years;
- > appoint an independent board, which includes Latrobe Valley community representatives, to govern the study; and
- > direct that the independent board publish regular progress reports.

Implementation Action

| Action | | Due Date | Stat |
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| R10.1 | Long Term Health Study – successful tenderer engaged following community consultation | November 2014 | |
| R10.2 | Contractor and DH agree on final study design which is to provide for: | | |
| | Contractor establishing appropriate clinical governance structures which also incorporate and encourage community engagement and consultation. | July | |
| | b. Contractor, during the course of the study, specifying what benefits might be delivered to the community . | | |
| R10.3 | Mortality and allied data provided by DH to contractor for inclusion in the development of the study | July 2015 | |
| R10.4 | Regular reporting and community engagement requirements fulfilled. | July | |
| R10.5 | Publication on DH website of periodic reports from the study supported by a subscribable public mailing list. | July | |
| R10.6 | Decision on study conclusion date to be informed by progress and findings of the study. | July | |

Affirmations Linked to Recommendation 10

Affirmation 25

The State undertake projects to understand the health impacts and predict the movement of smoke from planned burning and bushfires.

Affirmation 28

The State commission a long-term study into the long-term health effects of the smoke from the Hazelwood mine fire.

Implementation Action

| Action | | Due Date | Status |
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| A25.1 | Projects to understand health impacts and to predict the movement of smoke from planned burning and bushfires conducted. Projects underway: | July | |
| | a. Smoke – impacts on community health and social perceptions; and b. Smoke – emissions and transportation model. | | |
| A25.2 | Requisite people and systems capacity within agencies to repeatedly and reliably undertake smoke monitoring established. | July | |
| A25.3 | Data collection to occur through 2014-15 summer to underpin research. | March 2015 | |
| A25.4 | Operational predictive model implemented for 2015-16 summer. | December 2015 | |
| A25.5 | Products from research projects (see A 25.1) made available to assist the development of the State Smoke Framework. | July | |
| A25.6 | Relevant learnings from the long term health study (Rec 10) incorporated into the smoke predictive model (see A 25.4). | July | |
| A28.1 | Long term health study conducted. | July | |