



MEDIA RELEASE

Community invited to have their say about the Halewood Health Study

The Morwell and Districts Community Recovery Committee are encouraging members of the Latrobe Valley Community to participate in the current review about the Hazelwood Health Study.

Following the Hazelwood Mine Fire of February/March 2014, Monash University were appointed to conduct the 20 year Health Study. The current study only includes people who live in Morwell.

The CRC advocated strongly to the recent Inquiry that this needs to be expanded to include the people who worked in the mine and station at the time including contractors, all emergency service personnel and the workers in the Morwell CBD, who experienced the greatest exposure to the smoke and ash.

The State Government has agreed to implement recommendations from the Inquiry to review the scope of the Health Study. They have commissioned Deloitte Access Economics to undertake the review. The CRC is encouraging people to go to the community consultations to have their say.

Review questions include:

- Should the health study be extended to cover emergency responders (such as firefighters)?
- Should it include people from other parts of the Latrobe Valley?
- How should the study and the community work together?
- What should happen to the information collected by the study?

Sessions will be held at the Morwell Bowling Club, Hazelwood Rd. Morwell:

YOUTH Session 1 at 4.30pm – 6.00pm on Thursday 9 June

Session 2 at 12.00pm – 1.00pm on Friday 17 June: for any Latrobe Valley community members who would like to come and discuss the study.

Session 3 at 5.30pm – 7.00pm on Friday 17 June: for any Latrobe Valley community members who would like to come and discuss the study.

Drinks and food will be provided. To assist with catering, people are asked to contact the Deloitte Access Economics project manager, Bonnie, on 03 9671 7910.

Community members are also welcome to contact Carolyne Boothman, Chair of the Community Recovery Meeting, by phoning 0419 526709, or using the link on the new website www.morwellcrc.org.au under “contact us”.

