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What do you think are the key environmental challenges which will impact the EPA in the future?

Integration of high density residential apartments with polluting industry in urban renewal zones

What aspects of the EPA's work do you value and wish to preserve in the future?

It is difficult to define any area in which the EPA has excelled.

How can the EPA effectively work in partnership with other government agencies to meet the environmental challenges of the future?

By lifting its game and cease being obstructive to municipal authorities attempts to abate pollution.

How can the EPA's role in safeguarding the community against the health impacts of pollution be clarified or strengthened?

Taking into consideration the miserable track record attributed to the EPA, legislation to strengthen pollution control could assist.

How could statutory frameworks more effectively prevent future environmental risks and land use conflicts?

The influence polluting industry weilds over the EPA renders the organisation impotent. An organisation that considers the impacts of the polluted before the polluters would benefit.

What role should the EPA play in emergency management?

The EPA's track record of emergency management is at best, poor. Unless the poor culture within the organisation is repaired, I would be concerned when the EPA was managing.

How can the EPA better identify and, where necessary, address problems that are the result of past activity?

The EPA's gifting \$600,000 to the VACC in 2013 resulted in the issue of an EPA green stamp certificate to spray painters in residential zones. The operators of this green stamp status continue to use and release deadly isocyanites into the environment. When a Hawthorn early childhood centre's infant room was invaded by strong paint solvent fumes, leaving no avacuation option, the EPA advised them that all is OK, they have a green stamp certificate. This is despite the EPA having access to the attached videi file and independent documentation showing that the offending exhaust falls well below the height required in their "pollution abatement notice". Furthermore, the EPA's own tests show that the exhaust velocity is at least 15% lower than required by law. Knowledge of this is Child neglect. Enabling the continuance constitutes EPA endorsed "Child abuse"

What can the EPA do to avoid potential future problems?

Simply by enforcing existing law. The aforementioned circumstances at the Hawthorn Infant centre prompted the City of Boroondara to request the EPA to conduct simultaneous noise and exhaust velocity tests in conjunction with the C.O.B to establish compliance. The EPA's refusal to participate thwarted a clean air outcome in the infant centre and neighbouring residences. An EPA that showed integrity in this area would assist to avoid future problems

What role should the EPA play in improving environmental outcomes beyond those necessary to safeguard human health?

If the EPA developed a culture that attracted and kept really good people. They cannot make meaningful contribution to the community without doing this.

What role should the EPA play in reducing greenhouse gas emissions?

An enforcement role

How do you see environmental justice being applied to the work of the EPA?

By an authentic and determined response to polluters

What can we adopt from other regulators and regulatory models to implement best-practice approaches and ensure that the EPA can rise to key future challenges?

First we need a leader of genuine character to bring the shambles into a functioning order. Without this the organisation will remain an embarrassment.

Are there any other issues relevant to the Terms of Reference that you would like to raise?

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