

## Strategic plan 2013-2016 - Update

ITEM	Actions	Responsible Agency	Due Date	Current Status	Comments
<b>Strategic Priority 1 - Strengthen and build on existing strategies and programs to mitigate lead health risks in the environment</b>					
1.1	Finalise the revision to blood lead testing strategy to improve the participation of children aged between 1 and 4 years living in Mount Isa.	MLHMC	Aug 2014	Completed	NWHHS has developed a blood lead testing strategy incorporating opportunistic blood lead tests of children and pre-natal patients. Information also passed onto parents at the child's yearly checkup reminding them of having their child's blood tested for lead.
1.2	Implement the revised blood lead testing strategy	North West HHS	Dec 2013-15 and ongoing	Completed	In August 2014 NWHHS began implementation of a blood lead testing strategy incorporating opportunistic blood lead tests of children and pre-natal patients.
1.3	Evaluate the revised blood lead testing strategy to assess the improvement in participation rates	MLHMC	Ongoing- June 2016	Not Due	Ongoing monitoring of participation rates. Full evaluation to be undertaken in June 2016
1.4	Continue with implementation of health protection measures to reduce health risk in children who have blood lead levels equal to or exceeding the NHMRC goal of 10 µg/dL in Mount Isa	North West HHS	Ongoing	Ongoing	Health protection measures by Townsville Public Health Unit to reduce health risk in children with elevated blood lead levels are ongoing.
1.5	Review the outcomes/recommendation from <i>Mount Isa Lead Pathways Study</i> Air Report and incorporate as appropriate in lead health management strategies in Mount Isa	Xstrata and MLHMC	December 2014	Over due	Mount Isa Lead Pathways Study Air Report yet to be published. Glencore- Xstrata has advised that report is under peer review and proposed to be released by end of 2015
<b>Strategic Priority 2 - Promote the use of safe lead health management practices across government and non-government agencies in Mount Isa</b>					
2.1	Review and strengthen the use of safe lead health procedures in the management of assets and programs by state government agencies	MLHMC - TWG	June 2014	On-going	TWG has reviewed information used by agencies in Mount Isa and recommended information developed by LWLA is primarily used for consistency. TWG has made itself available to review specific information developed by agencies if required.
2.2	Advocate for consistency in the application of safe lead health practices by all government agencies in Mount Isa to safeguard employees, clients, tenants and visitor	MLHMC	June 2014	Completed and On-going	Correspondence sent to all government departments advocating for safe health practices.
2.3	Advocate for the establishment of a centralized	MLHMC	June 2014	Completed	TWG initial discussions identified confidentiality

	database to record environmental and health management data for Mount Isa (based on the specifications recommended by the TWG).				and privacy provisions in legislation administered by different agencies limits information sharing by agencies. Most data is also held in hard-copy reports and would need to be extracted for inclusions in any database. Based on these outcomes it was decided that a centralized database is not feasible.
<b>Strategic Priority 3 - Establish strategies to promote behavioural change which encompasses lead safe practices in the residents of Mount Isa</b>					
3.1	Support the Living with Lead Alliance (LWLA) to develop and deliver an extensive and ongoing public education campaign to minimise lead health risks to the residents of Mount Isa	MLHMC	Ongoing	Ongoing	Continuing Support – Correspondence sent to state agencies to continue LWLA funding.
3.2	Review and implement as appropriate the recommendations of the project Evaluation of health promotion activities undertaken by the Mount Isa Living with Lead Alliance to strengthen LWLA activities	MLHMC Sub-committee	June 2014	On hold	The project is hold pending stronger engagement with Indigenous community in Mount Isa. An evaluation will be undertaken once engagement and support strategy has been implemented.
3.3	Undertake targeted health promotion activities to raise awareness and promote safe lead health practice to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people living in Mount Isa	MLHMC Sub-committee	Ongoing	Ongoing	Living with Lead Alliance project officer is working very closely with Indigenous community (Indigenous Children and Parenting Program (ICaPP)) to support and raise awareness lead health risks including encouraging routine blood testing of young children. During 2013-2015 approximately an additional 28 indigenous children have undertaken BLTs at the QML Pathology laboratory.
<b>Strategic Priority 4 - Monitor and report on effectiveness of the lead health management strategies</b>					
4.1	Prepare two yearly report to the Minister for Health on environmental lead health management strategies in Mount Isa	MLHMC	June 2014 June 2016	Commenced	Draft Completed – To be endorsed
4.2	Prepare annual report on LWLA activities and programs to MLHMC	MLHMC Sub-committee	Annually 2013 to 2016	Completed	LWLA Annual reports published and available on the LWLA website.
<b>Strategic Priority 5 - Monitor ongoing research in the management of environmental lead health risks</b>					
5.1	Monitor emerging scientific evidence related to lead health issues and incorporate the findings into the lead health management strategies in Mount Isa and report to MLHMC as appropriate.	TWG	Ongoing	Ongoing	MLHMC Working Group has provided the Committee with assessments of Journal articles (upon request)

MLHMC – Mount Isa Lead Health Management Committee

North West HHS – North West Hospital and Health Service

NHMRC – National Health and Medical Research Council

TWG - Mount Isa Lead Health Management Committee – Technical Working Group