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CRANBOURNE GAS LEAK CLASS ACTION UPDATE

Slater & Gordon have been instructed by over 360 residents to investigate the possibility of a class action on behalf of residents of the Brookland Greens Estate.

It is now likely that Slater & Gordon will advise residents that a class action against the City of Casey should be commenced on behalf of residents.

Slater & Gordon will present their initial findings at the Community Legal Forum being organised by the Peninsula Community Legal Centre to be held at 7pm on Wednesday at the Balla Balla Centre in Berwick-Cranbourne Road.

Slater & Gordon has devoted significant resources to the hundreds of inquiries it has received from concerned residents. Slater & Gordon will shortly provide residents a detailed information bulletin in a question and answer format to assist clients in addressing their many legal difficulties arising from the crisis.

A formal letter of advice and retainer agreement explaining Slater & Gordon's No Win No Fee terms of engagement will follow within the week.

Residents who have been affected should keep detailed notes and receipts concerning expenses that they have incurred as a result of the leak.

A Class Action would seek compensation for out of pocket expenses, distress and diminution of property values.

Slater & Gordon are acting in a similar claim arising from the impact on property values of lead contamination in the Queensland town of Mt Isa. Slater & Gordon has a long history of acting on behalf of communities affected by environmental disasters including acting for Papua New Guinea villagers impacted by the BHP Ok Tedi mine and for victims of the Longford Gas explosion.

Slater & Gordon is investigating the Brookland Greens Estate case on a No Win - No Fee TM basis and concerned residents should contact Slater & Gordon on **1800 555 777**.

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