Certified Contaminated Site Practitioner Scheme

Stakeholders

Sponsor: CRC CARE

Representative: Prof Ravi Naidu, Managing Director

Appointees: Dennis Monahan, Chair and Bruce Perkin, Executive Officer

CRC CARE Participants

Environmental Regulators – EPA from SA, Victoria, Western Australia and NSW

Representative: Andrew Pruszinski (SA)

Industry – Minerals and Petroleum

Representatives: Dr Bruce Kelly (Minerals) and Paul Barrett (Petroleum)

Professionals – ALGA, Auditors, ACLCA

Representatives: Michael Dunbavan, with Steve Bos and Paul Lightbody as observers (ACLCA)

Process

Pre September 2013 – CCLP Committee

Independent Chair (DM) appointed by CRC CARE with broad representation from stakeholders with the purpose of developing a concept for a professional certification scheme.

ACLCA (Alex Simopoulos and 3 above) participated and ALGA was represented by Dr John Hunt and initially Dr Peter Nadebaum.

Mid-2013 – CRC CARE Board supports concept and Executive Officer is appointed. Scheme developed by CCLP Committee is announced at Clean-up 2013.

Post September 2013 – Advisory Board to Scheme

Advisory Board formed from Committee which is trimmed to 6 members (Chair, CRC CARE, EPAs, Industry (2) and Professionals)

Position Papers are produced by Exec Officer for AB discussion – 3 meetings so far, next in March

Future – National Executive Council for Scheme

Current AB becomes NEC for initial implementation period under sponsorship of CRC CARE
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Status and Aspiration

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<td>Auditors – engaged for review of complex projects; CPs for balance of review</td>
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<td>ACLCA – companies supporting a reliable professional standard</td>
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<td>Regulators not saying much, except for the Auditor Schemes</td>
<td>Regulators requiring use of CPs regularly</td>
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<td>Poor performance goes unquestioned with no means of review</td>
<td>Disciplinary process for CPs who do not meet standard; ACLCA needs to match process</td>
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<td>Different training and approaches across regions</td>
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Scheme benefits

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<td>Establishing the framework for promoting best practice standards for service excellence</td>
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Key requirements of the scheme

The requirements for a practitioner to be certified under the proposed scheme are:

Education – a degree level qualification in a related engineering or science discipline

Professional practice – a minimum 5 years’ practical experience in assessing and remediating contaminated sites

Competencies – demonstration of a defined set of competencies either through an assessment of prior learning or completion of appropriate training courses

Professional development – commitment to 50 hours per year of relevant activities

Ethical and professional conduct – commitment to the scheme’s policies.

What happens next?

Exec Officer prepares an information package for consultation with stakeholders.

Consultation period likely to be April and May – to be advised.

ACLCA Members across Australia must provide input if the Scheme requires change.

Roll-out of the Scheme

Scheme will operate as a not-for-profit organisation which covers its operating costs through fees for certification.

Long term function of the Scheme depends on experienced professionals volunteering time as assessors of junior staff applying for Certification.

Training will not be provided as a function of the Scheme, but training will need to be consistent with professional competencies required for Certification.