# Data Quality Statement

## Summary information

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| Data asset name: | Preliminary Risk Screen Assessments (EP Act 2017) |
| Date: | 01/07/2022 |
| Data asset owner: | Environmental Protection Authority, Quality Directorate, Environmental Audit Unit. |
| Description of data asset: | This dataset covers all Preliminary Risk Screen Assessments (PRSA) which have been completed under the EP Act 2017 EP and have been submitted to EPA. All PRSA have a Part A, (PRSA Report file), Part B (Report Appendices file) and Part C (Executive Summary file). And auditors also provide a GIS file with both point and polygon information. |
| Legislation and authority: | Environmental Protection Act 2017 (s204). |
| **Scope and coverage:** | This data asset contains PRSA reports which have been completed for specific sites across Victoria. A PRSA used by auditors to assess sites for possible land contamination. It relates to a site’s existing or proposed future use and is primarily used in the planning system.  All PRSA’s are considered public documents. |
| **Reference period:** | 01/07/2021 to current date. |
| **Frequency and timing:** | PRSA’s are published when all quality assurance (QA) reviews have been completed. Once the QA is confirmed as completed, the PRSA is sent to EPA’s Public Affairs Branch for publishing. |
| **Formats available:** | PDF files, Point and Polygon GIS data. |
| **Other notes:** | PRSA data is currently being manually uploaded into the public register as an unstructured list. There are systems improvements currently being developed to include links to the PRSA reports. This will allow for PRSA to be automatically uploaded. |

## Data quality description

### Accuracy

The data in this asset is of high accuracy as it is completed by EPA-appointed Environmental Auditors who maintain their own internal QA processes. Environmental auditors are appointed by the Authority after a rigorous selection process, demonstrate their minimum of 10 years' experience and have the appropriate post graduate qualification.

The data is further assessed by EPA’s internal QA processes, with an administrative review of all PRSA’s submitted as a minimum QA review.

### Completeness

This data has a relatively high level of completeness.

### Representative

### The representativeness of this data is high as PRSA reports are statutory documents produced by EPA appointed environmental auditors and these reports also are subject to a robust Quality Assurance and review process by EAU.

### Timeliness/Currency

Data is updated on a fortnightly basis with a request lodged with the EPA’s PAB (public affairs branch)

### Collection

This data is lodged through the New EPA portal on the EPA website by auditor's using a secure login it is then stored within the business information system, Dynamics.

### Consistency

Data has been collected since 1 July 2022 using EPA’s business information system, Dynamics.

### Fit for purpose

The data is fit for the specific purpose for which it was intended.

# Disclaimer

This data asset is provided “as is”, without warranty to the suitability of the data for unspecified use. The burden of assessment of fitness of the data lies completely upon the user.

# For further information

For further information regarding this data quality statement please contact Environmental Audit Unit, Quality Branch, EPA at [environmental.audit@epa.vic.gov.au](mailto:environmental.audit@epa.vic.gov.au).

# Document control

## Version history

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| Version | Date | Comments |
| 0.1 | 24/11/22 | 1st Draft |
| 1.0 | 30/06/23 | Incorporated feedback. Final draft. |
| 1.1 | 19/07/23 | Added statement referencing ongoing data improvements underway in the “other notes” field. |