

Toxic Heavy Metals Taskforce Tasmania (THMTT)

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Child Care Centre too close to Rosebery mine

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Call for relocation after remediation again last week

Last week the Rosebery Child Care Centre's playground was remediated yet again in an attempt to reduce exposure for children from toxic heavy metal emissions from MMG's Rosebery mine.

Kay Seltitzas from the Toxic Heavy Metals Taskforce Tasmania said "Our Taskforce have received complaints from people concerned about the proximity of the Child Care Centre to the mines above ground operations.

This is not the first time in recent years that the Child Care Centre playground has had to be remediated as a result of uncontrolled emissions from the mine.

No other mining town in Australia has a Child Care Centre located as close as twenty metres from core operations with young children exposed at the Child Care Centre to occupational levels of lead and other heavy metals especially from dust.

The Child Care Centre is immediately opposite the crushing plant and a small effluent safety holding dam currently also being upgraded after numerous contamination problems over the years.

Photographs taken last week show the proximity of the Centre to the mine and that this is clearly an unacceptable risk for children's health in a town that has previously recorded high blood lead levels and high urinary arsenic levels.



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The photographs could have been taken in a third world country.

We have written to Premier Lara Giddings to ask that she immediately instruct her Director of Health , Dr Roscoe Taylor to take proper action to protect young children from the risks of toxic metal poisoning and relocate the Child Care Centre” said Ms Seltitzas.

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