

Heavy Metals in Foxdale former mine-working area, and Peel Marina

Important note: The analytical results from which these data are extracted relate only to the samples tested, which had been taken for specific investigatory purposes in locations where mine contamination was suspected – no inference regarding heavy metal content in soils not similarly contaminated by residues from mine workings is implied nor should be inferred.

	Arsenic	Cadmium	Chromium	Copper	Lead	Nickel	Zinc
Peel Marina sediment (5 samples taken by DEFA in 2013)	40 - 49	3 - 6	34 - 41	75 - 126	1570 - 2480	29 - 34	870 - 1420
Soils from Foxdale area in vicinity of mines (range of majority) excluding obviously mine spoil	20 - 200	1 - 13	10 - 60	10 - 260	400 - 6500	8 - 80	250 - 5000
Mine spoil from 'deads' area	up to 460	up to 17	up to 30	up to 670	up to 70,000	up to 35	up to 1900

All results in milligrams per kilogram (mg/kg) dry weight

70,000 mg/kg corresponds to 7% lead, which may indicate some unextracted lead ore.

The above data are from analysis carried out by the Government Laboratory.

In addition the Government Laboratory has analysed water from the river downstream of the Poortown site

	Arsenic	Cadmium	Chromium	Copper	Lead	Nickel	Zinc
River water from downstream of field adjacent to Poortown Quarry, 5/03/15	<5	<0.5	<5	25.8	57.9	12.1	85.8

All results in micrograms per litre (µg/l)

N.B 1000 µg/l = 1 mg/l

