

Site investigation works – Friday 23 February

Dear resident,

RE. Soil investigation works – Friday 23 February.

This letter is to advise you that soil investigation works are required to be undertaken at the Marino Community Hall development site tomorrow, Friday 23 February between the hours of 07:00 and 17:00. The investigation works are needed following the identification of more fragments of bonded, non-friable, asbestos cement sheeting commonly referred to as bonded asbestos containing material (ACM), in soils on the site during construction works for the new Marino Community Hall.

You are being advised of these works as your property is adjacent to where the investigation works will be taking place. The recent discovery is in addition to the ACM in soil remediation works you were previously notified of, and which were safely completed in late 2023.

What is bonded ACM?

Bonded ACM is a cement product containing up to 15% asbestos. It is not friable, meaning it does not readily crumble and release fibres into the atmosphere when handled. Bonded ACM can release fibres into the atmosphere through high energy activities such as cutting or grinding, which are not occurring at the site.

The material being investigated at the site is bonded non-friable ACM.

Where is the bonded ACM?

The ACM is within fill materials that were historically placed at the site and were recently identified during redevelopment works at the site. The investigation is seeking to determine where these materials are, to help inform an appropriate management strategy for the site.

How will the investigation be completed?

A local, experienced site contamination consultant, LBWco, will be supervising the investigation works. All LBWco staff are experienced in assessing and remediating asbestos in soil and are considered competent persons under the South Australian Work Health and Safety Regulations 2012.



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Test pits will be excavated in areas of the site so LBWco can inspect for the presence or absence of the fill materials containing ACM. All test pits will be backfilled once completed. ACM fragments encountered during the investigation will be placed into a thick plastic bag onsite and disposed to an EPA licenced waste depot.

How long will the investigation works take?

We expect the investigation works to be completed on Friday 23 February 2024.

Is there a risk of being exposed to asbestos?

The risk of asbestos being mobilised into the atmosphere from this type of work is extremely low. However, to ensure the works are undertaken safely, strict dust control measures (wetting down soil) will be implemented onsite, visual monitoring for dust will be undertaken continuously by site personnel, and work will stop should dust be observed leaving the site.

Air monitoring for asbestos fibres will be undertaken at the boundary of the site. The monitors will be laboratory tested to assess for airborne asbestos fibres. Concentrations above background levels in the normal environment are not expected to be identified.

The personnel working onsite will be wearing appropriate personal protective equipment as required for working with asbestos during an investigation of this type.

What will happen next?

Council will assess the results of the investigative work and will communicate the next steps in March.

Who do I contact if I have any questions or concerns?

If you have any questions or concerns about the investigation program, you can contact the Council's Community Engagement team between 8:30am-17:00pm on weekdays via telephone or email:

Telephone: **0499 975705**

Email: **communityengagement@marion.sa.gov.au**



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