

Has asbestos been found at 300-400 Broderick Road?

Sampling of waste in the stockpiles at Broderick Road has shown some asbestos contamination. Removal of this material continues to be managed in accordance with strict WorkSafe controls.

How do I know I haven't already been exposed?

Since beginning to clean up the site, EPA has monitored air quality for asbestos. To date all monitoring results have been below the asbestos detection limit. The contractors undertaking remedial works for EPA have put in place controls to mitigate offsite impacts.

Controls in place for removal works at Broderick Road

The principal contractor for stage three removal works at Broderick Road is Ausdecom.

Ausdecom is a qualified asbestos removalist, licensed by WorkSafe. More information about asbestos removal licences can be found at www.worksafe.vic.gov.au/asbestos-removal-licences. Ausdecom's team of staff is experienced with managing asbestos in construction and demolition waste. Their team includes an occupational hygienist.

Controls are in place to mitigate site impacts, such as dust. These include:

- high volume water and fog cannons, to wet the pile down
- exclusion zones set up for all works
- personal protective equipment (PPE) for all employees onsite
- air quality monitoring along all fence boundaries and additional monitoring at exclusion zones and within the work area, monitored by an independent occupational hygienist
- truck washing including a wheel wash system for vehicles leaving the site.

In addition to these controls, the waste is:

- removed from the site in EPA-permitted trucks, in line with strict WorkSafe controls
- transported to landfills licensed to accept asbestos-contaminated material
- tracked to its destination by EPA.

We have security monitoring the site 24/7 with CCTV and infrared cameras. Works are continually assessed and managed onsite to control any potential dust being produced during the works. EPA are working closely with the contractor to monitor all the controls currently onsite.

Further information

Contact EPA on 1300 372 842
(1300 EPA VIC) or epa.vic.gov.au

<https://www.epa.vic.gov.au/Broderick-road>

An independent environmental consultant and an independent occupational hygienist have been engaged to oversee all controls and sampling onsite.

For more information about asbestos removal visit www.worksafe.vic.gov.au/asbestos.

WorkSafe Compliance Code: removing asbestos in workplaces can be found at www.worksafe.vic.gov.au.

Removal of pre-processed stockpiles 2a, 2b, 3, 4a, 4b, 4c

About 83,500 m³ of waste was removed from the smaller, pre-processed stockpiles onsite. These stockpiles contained soil, mulch, timber and plasterboard.

From June 2020 to February 2021, about 42,000 m³ of waste was removed from stockpile 3.

Sampling showed the presence of asbestos contamination in some of these stockpiles. The stockpiles were removed following strict WorkSafe controls.

Air quality monitoring along fence boundaries, at works exclusion zones and in the cabs of machinery during these removal works has confirmed results are below the asbestos detection limit.



Removal of stockpile 1

There is about 192,000 m³ of material remaining onsite, contained within one large stockpile (stockpile 1). Sampling has shown this stockpile consists of construction and demolition waste, with small pieces of non-friable asbestos present throughout the pile.

Removal of this stockpile commenced in February 2021 and will continue until mid-2022. Sampling of the stockpile will continue as removal works proceed.

Air quality monitoring will continue through until the completion of the waste removal works.



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