

Broderick Road cleanup project community update: 72% of waste removed from the site



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Nearly 207,000 m³ of waste (about 72% of the volume of waste originally on the site) has been removed from 300–400 Broderick Road, Lara. There is now about 79,313 m³ of waste in one large stockpile remaining onsite.

The cleanup project is expected to take until mid-2022 to complete.

Protecting the community and the environment

EPA's priority is to prevent harm from pollution and waste by ensuring removal works are carried out safely, efficiently and with minimal impact to neighbouring businesses, the community and the environment.

All waste removed from the site is subject to a strict sampling and categorisation process, to ensure its handled correctly and disposed of at appropriately licensed landfills.

The remaining stockpile is broken down into smaller zones. Waste from each zone is analysed and categorised in an offsite lab. The categorisation is then checked by an independent environmental consultant and checked again by EPA. The receiving landfills also undertake their own reviews of the categorisations. Waste is only removed from the site once all these checks are complete and the categorisation is confirmed.

A qualified, licensed asbestos removalist removes all waste that contains asbestos at Broderick Road. This is done under strict WorkSafe controls.

Works are continually assessed and managed to control any dust being produced and air quality is monitored at fence boundaries and in works exclusion zones.

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

More information about the Broderick Road cleanup project, including environmental controls and asbestos removal, is available at epa.vic.gov.au/Broderick-Road or email BroderickRD@epa.vic.gov.au.



Figure 1: the Broderick Road site before the cleanup project started in April 2019.



Figure 2: the site with only one stockpile remaining in September 2021.