

Voluntary Management Proposal – Captains Flat Station & Yard December 2022

What is a Voluntary Management Proposal?

A Voluntary Management Proposal (VMP) is a legal agreement between the NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA) and Transport for NSW to plan for and complete remediation. It outlines the key stages in the remediation process and the proposed timing for each stage. If the VMP is not delivered the EPA may issue management orders or take some form of action.

Why has Transport amended the Voluntary Management Proposal?

We require more time to complete our milestones and have requested an extension of time from the EPA for the Voluntary Management Proposal (VMP) to remediate the Captains Flat Rail Corridor.

Transport submitted this request to the EPA through an amendment to the VMP under Section 44 of the *Contaminated Land Management Act 1997*.

We acknowledge that this will result in some delays to complete remediation.

The community and stakeholders can provide comments on the updated VMP by contacting the EPA via email info@epa.nsw.gov.au

Why has Transport requested more time?

We need more time to complete a Remediation Options Assessment (**ROA**) and Remediation Action Plan (**RAP**) for the Site. As part of this work, we have completed a future land use assessment to determine the most suitable land use for the Site. The future land use assessment considered social, economic and community benefits. The assessment recommended that the Site is remediated to support recreational and public open space.

Transport completed an ROA and prepared a RAP to support the recommended future land use. The RAP identified some data gaps which require additional investigations to completely inform the remediation strategy and enable the preparation of detailed design and engineering.

Due to the additional investigations, the project schedule has been updated to reflect the additional work required. This has impacted on the milestones in the previously approved VMP.

What are the revised timeframes?

Transport has completed a detailed review of the activities required to complete the project and determine the impact to the project schedule. The amended timeframes for the remaining milestones and reports are outlined in the following tables. The tables compare the original deadline and the amended deadline.

Works Schedule	Original VMP Date	Current VMP Date	Proposed VMP Date
T1. Detailed Site Investigation	Completed	Completed	Completed
T2. Development of an Interim Environmental Management Plan to mitigate risks from the Contaminants at or originating from the Site	Completed	Completed	Completed
T3. Development of a stakeholder/community engagement plan	Completed	Completed	Completed
T4. Determine future land use for the Site and assess remediation options to achieve intended use	Completed	Completed	Completed
T5. Develop Remediation Action Plan	Completed	Completed	Completed
T6. Section B (B1 & B2) Site Audit Statements from the Auditor	30 June 2022	31 December 2022	20 January 2023
T7. Prepare Statement of Heritage Impacts	NA	31 December 2022	30 November 2023
T8. Develop Detailed Design and Engineering	NA	31 December 2022	30 November 2023
T9. Preliminaries required to implement remediation including planning permits and approvals and procurement	30 April 2023	31 March 2023	30 November 2023
T10. Implement Remediation	30 November 2023	31 December 2023	30 November 2024
T11. Complete validation reporting an Auditor review of remediation	30 May 2023	30 June 2024	30 January 2025

Report Schedule	Original VMP Date	Current VMP Date	Proposed VMP Date
R1. Detailed Site Investigation	Completed	Completed	Completed
R2. Environmental Management Plan for Contaminants at or from the Site	Completed	Completed	Completed
R3. Stakeholder & Community Engagement Plan	Completed	Completed	Completed
R4. Remediation Action Plan	Completed	Completed	Completed
R5. Section B1 & B2 Site Audit Statement	29 July 2022	31 January 2023	31 January 2023
R6. Validation Report	30 August 2023	30 September 2024	30 January 2025
R7. Section B4 Site Audit Statement and Site Audit Report	30 August 2023	NA	31 July 2025

Will the EPA approve the amended Voluntary Management Proposal?

The EPA will consider our proposed changes and feedback from the community and stakeholders before deciding to approve the amended VMP.

If approved, the amended VMP will be placed on the EPA website.

How can I comment on the revised timeframes?

The community and stakeholders can provide comments on the updated VMP by contacting the EPA via email info@epa.nsw.gov.au. Comments are required by 23 January 2023.

Further information

Transport will keep you informed as planning continues.

If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact our project team on:

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