

Parkes Bypass

Newell Highway upgrade

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Naturally Occurring Asbestos

Areas containing Naturally Occurring Asbestos (NOA) have been identified on the Parkes Bypass construction site. A map highlighting these areas is over the page.

Transport for NSW works to an Asbestos Management Plan, which includes guidelines and methods for the safe assessment and removal of asbestos. This updated plan is currently under review by EPA and SafeWork NSW. Once this is approved, work can recommence in the impacted areas. As a precautionary measure, work has stopped at these areas and other locations within the project where there is potential for further contaminated material.

A licensed asbestos assessor has inspected all impacted areas and a hygienist is on site to

conduct further testing of these areas. Sampling and testing is taking place to ensure the worksite complies with industry guidelines and control measures are effective.



NOA comes in different forms. Pictured above are samples found on the Parkes Bypass site.

For more information on NOA, visit safework.nsw.gov.au/hazards-a-z/asbestos or epa.nsw.gov.au.



Air monitoring devices have been installed in multiple locations to monitor the levels of asbestos in the air, which will continue over the Christmas closedown period. The results have come back with extremely low readings (less than 0.01 fibres per millilitre of air) which are considered a very low risk to public health. The results are available online at nswroads.work/parkesbypass.

During the development of the project, extensive geotechnical investigations were undertaken. Over 100 boreholes were drilled and tested and no Naturally Occurring Asbestos was identified. The Parkes town area geographically is not known to contain naturally occurring asbestos, and this is a very unexpected find.

Transport takes its role in protecting the safety of the community very seriously and will continue to work closely with the EPA & SafeWork NSW in relation to the ongoing management of the site.

Contact us

The Christmas closedown period is from Wednesday 21 December 2022 to January 9 2023. No work will be happening during this time.

If you have any concerns or questions or would like more information please contact our Parkes Bypass project team:



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Areas with Naturally Occurring Asbestos on the Parkes Bypass

