

5 March 2020

Community information session - detection of lead contamination in Tarago rail corridor

A community information session will be held on Monday 9 March 2020, from 6.30 to 8pm at Tarago Hall, 18 Wallace Street, Tarago.

As part of the Tarago Rail Loop Extension, soils contaminated by lead have been detected in the rail yard at Tarago.

At the request of the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA), further testing was carried out in a number of locations in the vicinity of the rail corridor. This detected the presence of lead at one private property in Tarago in excess of acceptable limits.

All other test locations were found to have lead levels within the acceptable range, including the Tarago Public School.

A public statement was issued on 3 March and enclosed to this notification.

Why a community information session?

This information session will be an opportunity for the community to hear from and ask questions of representatives from Transport for NSW and relevant health and environmental experts.

What if I can't attend?

If you can't attend the community information session and have questions, please call 1300 661 390 to speak with a representative of the project team.

What are the details of the session?

Date: Monday 9 March 2020

Time: 6:30 - 8pm

Place: Tarago Hall, 18 Wallace Street Tarago

Public statement on detection of lead contamination in Tarago NSW

Over the period of July to December 2019, John Holland Rail, on behalf of Transport for NSW (TfNSW), carried out work in the Tarago rail yard as part of the Tarago Rail Loop Extension.

As part of this, John Holland Rail engaged an environmental consultant to undertake an assessment of contaminated materials on site which identified soils contaminated by lead. Limited works were undertaken in the area of contamination under a lead management plan to protect workers.

In November 2019, the NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA) was notified of the lead contamination in this part of the rail corridor.

At the request of the EPA, further testing was carried out in a number of locations in the vicinity of the rail corridor. This detected the presence of lead at a private property in Tarago in excess of acceptable limits.

The owner of this property has been notified and TfNSW and NSW Health are working closely with the owner to support them and manage any associated risks.

All other locations which underwent testing were deemed to be at acceptable levels, including Tarago Public School. Further testing has also been carried out at the school by Department of Education. Results from the samples are expected in the coming days.

TfNSW is committed to ensuring the health and wellbeing of the community. We are working with NSW Health, the EPA, Department of Education and Goulburn Mulwaree Council to ensure we fully understand and address any impacts on the community.

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For more information about lead exposure, please see advice from [NSW Health](#).

For more information about managing lead in the environment see the [EPA fact sheet](#).

If you wish to speak to a representative of the project team, please call on 1300 661 390.