

16 March 2020

## Soil and water sampling being carried out in Tarago

Environmental specialists from Ramboll Group will be carrying out further soil and water sampling in Tarago on behalf of Transport for NSW, from Monday 16 March until mid-June 2020. Additional testing may extend beyond this date if needed.

As part of further investigation into the presence of lead contamination at the Tarago rail yard, sampling of soil and water on nominated private and public land on Tarago will be carried out.

The testing follows soil contaminated by lead having been detected in the rail yard at Tarago and at one private property next to the rail yard.

Earlier testing found lead levels, other than at the rail yard and the adjoining private property, to be within the acceptable range, including at the Tarago Public School.

### Why are you carrying out further testing?

Further testing is being carried out to verify the risk assessment undertaken as part of the rail loop extension project. The additional testing is being carried out at nominated locations outside the original testing sites and at private property locations as requested by the Tarago community.

### Will the results be made public?

All results from the rail corridor and public lands will be made available. Consent from private property owners will be sought to make the test results available. A community drop-in session will be held in Tarago to present available results.

### When will test results be available?

The testing of the soil and water can take about seven weeks. We will expedite testing and analysis and as we receive results, we will communicate them through drop-in sessions in Tarago.

The community will be notified of drop-in sessions via letter box drop, community social media groups and the new webpage to communicate all available information on the contaminated rail yard site.

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