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Actions from Tarago Community Information Sessions

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Action	Responsibility	Status
<p>Is water at the school contaminated?</p> <p>The testing of the school’s water supply in 2020 and 2022 does not indicate that the rainwater tanks have been contaminated with lead from the site in the rail corridor. The reduction in lead concentration after flushing indicates that the lead detected in the first flush samples in 2020 came from lead solder in joints in the copper pipe, or brass parts of the bubblers.</p> <p>These are common sources of lead in plumbing, and NSW Health have confirmed this can be effectively managed with flushing measures. NSW Health’s guidance is based on nationally agreed guidance from enHealth. For further information please refer to the NSW Health webpage Drinking water flushing and management for schools.</p>	Dept Education	Complete
<p>Dept Education to provide reports from 12 March 2020 to the community.</p> <p>The Department of Education has provided the independent hygienist reports to individual stakeholders on request and will also make the reports available on the School Infrastructure NSW Tarago Public School webpage.</p>	Dept Education	Complete
<p>Can the bubblers be capped, and school kids supplied with bottled water until the community is satisfied about the health of the water?</p> <p>NSW Health provided the following response:</p> <p>The responsibility to provide safe drinking water rests with each water supplier. The Department of Education is the drinking water supplier for Tarago School and has agreed to provide a more detailed response to this question.</p> <p>NSW Health can confirm that the Department of Education is addressing potential risks to human health by implementing its Quality Assurance Program, which is required under the NSW Public Health Act. The Department of Education has provided two consecutive sets of sampling results in which lead concentrations are below the Australian Drinking Water Guidelines value. The Department has also implemented appropriate management actions to address the risk of lead from plumbing fittings.</p>	NSW Health	Complete

<p>There is not an ongoing health risk for which NSW Health would need to direct the Department of Education to cap the bubblers as requested, or make them replace their plumbing. NSW Health will continue to liaise with the Department of Education to ensure risks continue to be mitigated.</p>		
<p>Can Transport fence the Station Masters Cottage?</p> <p>Yes, the fence was installed on 14 September 2022.</p>	Transport	Complete
<p>How is the sealant and capping being checked and how often?</p> <p>Monthly and after 10mm of rain. This is a visual inspection.</p>	Transport	Complete
<p>How do you know 10mm of rain falls in Tarago and if that triggers site inspections?</p> <p>We use the Bureau of Meteorology data for the local area. The measurement location is at Goulburn Airport.</p>	Transport	Complete
<p>Can you provide copies of the inspection reports?</p> <p>We have provided reports in the interests of transparency. Some reports were sent in response to the email request from the President of Tarago & District Progress Association. We will provide all copies of reports that are made available to Transport.</p>	Transport	Complete
<p>Is the Risk Assessment on the Transport website?</p> <p>Yes, the Human Health Risk Assessment is on the web page. It is Report 4 in the Reports section towards the bottom of the web page transport.nsw.gov.au/tarago</p>	Transport	Complete
<p>Is the Interim Management Plan on the website?</p> <p>Yes, the plan is on the website. See reports 2 and 3 in the Reports section towards the bottom of the web page transport.nsw.gov.au/tarago</p>	Transport	Complete
<p>Can you add real time log of the inspections to the website and update monthly?</p> <p>Transport will provide a log of inspections and update this monthly on receipt of the information from its contractor.</p>	Transport	To be implemented from October 2022
<p>When will Transport start enforcing the 20-minute wait on the rail line? This was sold as the benefit of the loop extension project. We don't want trains waiting behind the school for hours.</p> <p>The standard operating approach is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the loaded train service leaving Sydney waits at Goulburn until confirmation that the empty train service leaving Crisp Creek will depart on or close to time. 	Transport	Complete

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> upon arrival at Tarago, the loaded train service waits for the departure of the empty train service, and only at this point will the loaded train service enter the loop. The intent is that the trains cross neatly at Tarago. <p>There are processes in place and a requirement that the Network Controller on duty escalate to the Train Control Manager if the loop needs to be used for an extended time.</p> <p>The stabling of trains behind the school for hours should only happen on an ad hoc basis. This may happen where there is an incident or unplanned event such as delays with the passenger service from Canberra.</p> <p>Additionally, UGLRL have committed to changing work instructions and the timetable to better articulate where this train should be pulled up under differing circumstances.</p>		
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<p>The inspection reports on the containment cell that were shared by Transport on 29 August show that there was an issue with the cell in mid-April 2022? What work was done to rectify the cell before the inspection on 30 April which said it was ok?</p> <p>Transport’s contractor has advised that no work was done on the containment cell.</p>	Transport / UGLRL	Complete
<p>Does Transport have written copies of the twice weekly rail corridor walks completed by UGLRL?</p> <p>There is no obligation on UGLRL to undertake twice weekly inspections in accordance with the Lead Management Action Plan.</p>	Transport	Complete
<p>Katie Gibson to provide her address for Transport to check with the consultants about testing that was conducted on the rainwater tank on her property.</p> <p>Katie has provided her address.</p>	Transport	Complete