



Macquarie Fields Station Upgrade

Asbestos presence fact sheet

Safe Accessible Transport program

May 2025



Transport for NSW acknowledges the people of the Dharawal Nation as the Traditional Custodians of the lands on which we work and pays respect to Elders past and present.

This fact sheet provides information on asbestos impacted soil removal occurring at Macquarie Fields Station following its discovery in late April 2025.

What was discovered?

Tiny fragments of material containing asbestos were identified in soil at Macquarie Fields Station during site clearing activities in April 2025. Work in the affected area stopped immediately and the area was isolated, with controls put in place to minimise risks.

What is asbestos impacted soil?

Asbestos impacted soil is one of the most common types of soil contamination in Australia.

Bonded asbestos found in soil normally presents a very low public health risk because, in this form, asbestos fibres cannot be released except in cases of damage, prolonged rain or saturation or fire. Appropriate precautionary measures and compliance with legislative regulations and Codes of Practice reduce the risks even further.

Upcoming remedial work

Materials containing these small asbestos fragments within the work area will be safely relocated to the project stockpile location during the planned out of hours work over the weekend **3 and 4 May 2025** as well as the subsequent weeks during ongoing excavation work. Following that, the material will be removed off-site to a licensed facility.

Further remedial work will be undertaken, as required. Transport will notify the community if this needs to occur.

How is community safety managed?

Community safety is a priority for Transport for NSW. A specialist remediation contractor has been engaged to safely undertake the removal work in accordance with the requirements of SafeWork NSW and the NSW Environment Protection Authority. The following control measures will be implemented during the work to ensure the safety of the community and staff carrying out the work:

- Management plan in place when handling the material including additional environmental controls and safety gear.
- The specialist remediation contractor holds a SafeWork NSW Asbestos Removal Licence.
- SafeWork NSW will be notified of the removal works in accordance with regulatory requirements (if quantities trigger this requirement).
- All work will be undertaken in accordance with SafeWork NSW and NSW Environment Protection Authority requirements.
- A third-party occupational hygienist will be on call during removal work for any unexpected contamination.

How can I find out more?

If you have any questions or concerns about asbestos remediation on the project, please contact the project team on **1800 684 490** or **projects@transport.nsw.gov.au**

Contact us



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