

# **Remediation Fact Sheet**

June 2024

Landcom will commence remediation works as part of development in Hillcroft – starting with Stage 5, before moving onto Stage 4.

Stage 5 works are anticipated to begin late-June 2024 and will take approximately three months to complete, pending weather conditions.

### **Frequently Asked Questions**

#### What is remediation of land?

It is not unusual for land in developed urban areas to be contaminated with hazardous materials like asbestos, heavy metals or petrochemicals. Remediation means identifying and cleaning up contaminated hazardous materials so that the land is safe for residential and other uses.

### Why is remediation of land important?

Remediation of land helps to clean up hazardous materials and minimise potential harm to humans and the environment.

## What contamination needs to be remediated in Claymore?

The initial investigation of the site found there are contaminants in the soil, including asbestos. The origin of the contaminants is unknown however, it is suspected to reflect the site's former use.

Before the 1980's, it was not uncommon for building materials containing asbestos to be used to construct houses and infrastructure such as telecommunication cables. The contaminants found on site include fill materials, demolition materials in earthworks, pipes and pits.

### What remediation works are planned?

The works are being undertaken by licensed contamination removalists whilst supervised by special environmental consulators JBS&G.

Contractors will wear protective gear, so they do not

come into contact with hazardous materials.

The works, upon completion, will be reviewed and approved by an independent site auditor appointed by the NSW Environment Protection Authority

SafeWork NSW has been notified of the works.

Remediation works involve:

- collection of asbestos fragments by raking and handpicking surface soils
- offsite disposal of collected asbestos fragments to an appropriately licensed waste facility
- excavation and stockpiling of impacted soils on a hard paved or plastic lined area or placing them into a lined skip bin before being taken offsite or loading them directly onto the back of a truck for disposal.

Some low-level contaminated materials will be remediated onsite and be buried deep under future roads with an appropriate Long Term Environmental Management Plan in place. This common approach is being undertaken to:

- reduce the amount of waste going to landfill
- reduce the number of trucks needed to remove material or bring in new material to site.

### How are impacts being managed?

A range of measures are in place to minimise potential impacts on neighbours and ensure works meet regulatory requirements, including:

- installing silt fences around the site
- monitoring vehicle access to minimise the tracking of soil around site
- sweeping and cleaning roads near the works area
- air monitoring for asbestos fibres
- spraying water to suppress dust.

Remediation works are being undertaken during the following hours, or as approved by Campbelltown City Council:

- Monday to Friday: 7.00am to 6.00pm
- Saturdays: 7.00am to 1.00pm
- Sundays and Public Holidays: No work permitted
- Emergency work is permitted to be completed outside of these hours.

Neighbours are safe to continue normal routines, including keeping windows open, gardening or walking near the site.





Remediation area in Stage 5.

## More information

If you have any questions or concerns about the remediation works, please contact Amber Clarke, Communications and Engagement Officer, on **02 9841 8659** or at **aclarke@landcom.nsw.gov.au**.