



SEQ Stabling Program - Banyo

Asbestos removal

Following recent construction activity, CPB Contractors (formerly known as Leighton Contractors) has identified a 250 metre asbestos pipe within the project site adjacent to the Shorncliffe railway line.

What is asbestos?

Asbestos is a naturally-occurring mineral that was used extensively by the building industry due to its durability, strength, fire resistance and insulation properties, between the 1940s and 1980s. The use of asbestos has been banned nationally since 31 December 2003 because of its health risks.

How common is asbestos?

Almost one in three houses in Australia contains asbestos. Removal of asbestos from buildings is a regular occurrence in the community. However, because asbestos is a hazardous material, its removal needs to be carefully managed according to procedures set down in legislation.

What type of asbestos is being removed?

The asbestos that has been identified is a bonded, non-friable asbestos called Chrysotile (White Asbestos) and Amosite (Brown Asbestos).

Will the local community be affected by the asbestos or its removal?

There is no risk to public safety from the asbestos removal and disposal process. Local residents overlooking the site may notice fencing and barricades around the work zone. During the clearing program, residents may also notice crew wearing protective clothing including overalls, gloves and masks.

How will the asbestos be removed?

Over a period of two weeks, the asbestos pipe will be removed from site. The pipe will be exposed by removing soil from around it and splitting the pipe into smaller sections, to make it easier for removal.

The smaller sections of pipe will be wrapped in plastic and placed directly into either a bag or an asbestos bin and removed from site. Both the bag and plastic will be 0.2 millimetres thick, with all joints sealed.

For your information



Has air monitoring been undertaken?

Air monitoring will be conducted throughout the removal process.

How will I know that the work will be carried out safely?

All works will be undertaken by a licensed asbestos removal contractor appointed by CPB Contractors.

The works will be carried out in accordance with Queensland's *Work Health and Safety Act 2011* and other codes, which outline the legal obligations and requirements that need to be followed to ensure the safe removal and disposal of asbestos. In accordance with Section 466 of the *Work Health and Safety Regulation 2011*, Workplace Health and Safety Queensland (WHSQ) has been notified of the asbestos removal.

Will there be any future asbestos removal activity?

A staged approach to asbestos removal at this site will continue as work progresses and moves to other areas of the site. This will be managed in accordance with the same safety procedures.

Who can I speak to if I have any further questions?

For queries related to these works, please contact a member of the project team on Queensland 1800 783 334 or you can email stabling@qr.com.au.