



CUMBERLAND  
CITY COUNCIL

# Asbestos Management Policy

## AUTHORISATION & VERSION CONTROL

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## **PURPOSE**

This Policy outlines Council's commitment and responsibilities for asbestos management.

This Policy is supported by the '*Guideline to Asbestos Management in Cumberland City Council*' that provides detailed information on the role of Council. The Policy and Guideline are based on the Model Asbestos Policy for NSW councils developed by the Heads of Asbestos Coordination Authorities.

## **SCOPE**

This Policy and Guideline apply to the Cumberland Local Government Area.

## **POLICY STATEMENT**

Cumberland City Council is committed to ensuring that asbestos-containing material is managed and controlled to protect the health and well-being of its community.

## **PRINCIPLES**

The purpose of this Policy and Guideline is to protect staff, contractors and the community from the risks from asbestos containing material and are guided by the following principles:

- Defining the role of Council and other organisations in managing asbestos.
- Clearly outlining Council's regulatory powers.
- Communicating Council's approach to dealing with naturally occurring asbestos, sites contaminated by asbestos and emergencies or incidents.
- Providing general advice for residents on renovating homes that may contain asbestos.
- Outlining Council's development approval process and conditions of consent for developments that may involve asbestos.
- Provide information regarding waste management and regulation procedures for asbestos waste in the LGA, and
- Outlining Council's approach to managing asbestos containing materials in Council workplaces.

## **RELATED LEGISLATION**

- Contaminated Land Management Act 1997
- Code of practice on how to manage and control asbestos in the workplace (catalogue no. SW08285) published by SafeWork NSW
- Code of practice on how to safely remove asbestos (catalogue no. SW08286) published by SafeWork NSW
- Demolition work code of practice 2015
- Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979
- Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000
- Local Government Act 1993
- Local Government (General) Regulation 2005
- Protection of the Environment Operations (General) Regulation 2009
- Protection of the Environment Operations (Waste) Regulation 2014
- Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997
- State Environmental Planning Policy No. 55 – Remediation of Land
- State Environmental Planning Policy (Exempt and Complying Development Codes) 2008
- NSW Work Health and Safety Act 2011
- NSW Work Health and Safety Regulation 2011
- Workers' Compensation (Dust Diseases) Act 1942

## **RELATED DOCUMENTS**

[Guideline to Asbestos Management in Cumberland City Council 2023](#)