



## Preparing our sites for new homes

As part of our work at Arlington, we will be completing land remediation, which means restoring land to its former state, making it ideal to build and live on. Land remediation involves testing soil for contamination and if found, removing any contaminated soil from the site in line with health and safety guidelines.

Sometimes, soil can be contaminated due to old building materials and practices, like asbestos and lead paint. In the past, it was common to bury old building waste like weatherboards, causing contaminants to leach into the soil. It's important we remove this to start with a clean building site for our future residents and the community.

### The process

At each site, testing is undertaken by an independent laboratory. If soil is shown to be contaminated, we are advised on how to remediate it or how much needs to be removed. Any removal will be completed by specialist licensed operators in line with current health and safety legislation and guidelines. Removed soil is securely disposed of in an approved landfill facility.

The remaining soil is then re-tested to confirm it is now safe to continue with construction activity.

### What will I see during this time?

We take extra precautions to secure the site during the land remediation process and ensure that materials are removed safely i.e. you may see our licensed contractors wearing protective clothing and breathing masks. This is to ensure they are protected while in direct contact with contaminated soil, it is safely contained onsite and does not impact on the community.

Whenever there is asbestos removal, our contractors prevent the release of dust using several measures. This includes fencing, environmental monitors and

controls along site boundaries, minimising breakage of solid asbestos, keeping the soil damp, and ensuring asbestos-contaminated material is wrapped in plastic before it leaves the site.

### How will this affect me?

We will do our best to operate as good neighbours and minimise disruption. We will be working onsite between 7.30am – 6.00pm. If there is a requirement to close roads or footpaths to accommodate truck movements or upgrade infrastructure, we will use an approved traffic management plan.

To minimise general dust and dirt from spreading in the area we will have procedures in place such as hosing truck tyres before they leave the site and keeping worksites damp during removals. We will closely monitor our procedures to ensure both our workers and the community remain safe.

### Who do I contact?

If you have any queries or concerns about the land remediation process please contact our stakeholder relationship manager Jo Burleigh

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