



CSIRO Belmont Update

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Welcome to our latest update about the remediation works at Belmont that are part of the process for preparing the site for its proposed future use.

ABATEMENT OF FINAL STOCKPILE

Since our last newsletter, the remediation of the final section of the southern stockpile of excavated material has been completed. A small quantity of pieces of bonded fibro cement sheeting was removed from the stockpiled soils. Sampling and validation was undertaken on the remediated soils confirming the material was free of asbestos and suitable for reuse on the site. Accordingly, the remediated soil has been returned to the excavation pit and compacted.

All work was carried out in accordance with WorkSafe requirements, an approved asbestos management plan, and supervised by an independent industrial hygienist. Air quality monitoring was conducted at the site perimeters and the results confirmed no release of airborne asbestos fibres during the soil remediation.

LOOKING FORWARD

As a result of the changes to the site layout, the contour has altered through removal of asbestos contaminated soils and establishment of haul roads. New swale drains will be trenched on the site to ensure that water is contained in the site and the site stormwater systems following rain events. The water management drainage works will mostly comprise a main trench on the southern boundary and three additional trenches running in a northerly direction from the southern boundary towards the centre of the site, as per the indicative plan below.



Indicative plan of water drainage works: Blue lines show trenches. Red shows the location of mounds. Green arrows show the fall direction

Enviropacific Services (EPS) expect to commence the water management works on Thursday 3 December 2020. It is anticipated that the trenching will be completed within a week, providing there are no disruptions due to adverse weather. Contractors will wear protective personal equipment and clothing while carrying out these works to protect them in case there is residual asbestos contamination within soils on site.

Air monitoring will be conducted by the independent industrial hygienist during the works to ensure community safety and in line with WorkSafe practices.

The water management will be the final task for EPS to complete their contract work on site. EPS will attend the site over the next 12 months to rectify any defects to their site works, including the water management.

WORKING HOURS

To minimise disruption to the local community, work will be undertaken between 7am and 5pm Monday to Friday and weekend work is not anticipated.

OTHER INFORMATION

CSIRO will continue to maintain the grounds and verge by ensuring the grass is regularly cut and boundary trees are kept in good order. The fence around the property preventing unauthorised access to site will remain until the completion of the works. Graffiti will be removed/painted over on a monthly schedule.

KEEPING YOU INFORMED

CSIRO will provide further community updates as we have further news. These updates will continue to be available on our community website: <https://wp.csiro.au/belmontworks/>

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us on 1300 363 400 (9am-5pm Monday - Friday), or email us at: Belmontworks@csiro.au

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