

Economic Development Queensland



Oxley Construction update

JULY 2019

Economic Development Queensland (EDQ) is committed to keeping the community informed about the project on the site of the old Oxley Secondary College off Seventeen Mile Rocks Road.

As reported in December 2018, the demolition contractor began removal of all existing school buildings, including asbestos, concrete slabs, footings, piers and any underground structures and services.

Demolition is complete, and the demolition contractor has left the site.

During the works to remove underground infrastructure, subsurface material that had been imported and placed on the site when the school was constructed in the 1960s, was suspected to contain asbestos. Environmental assessments were consequently carried out and a final report provided to EDQ in the first week of June. The report confirmed the presence of Asbestos Containing Material (ACM).

As has been the case since works commenced in December 2018, the ACM impacted area remains contained within a secure perimeter. In its current state, the subsurface ACM presents no risk to the community, including the childcare centre.

To determine the extent of ACM, site investigations have commenced and will likely continue over the next month. Site investigations will involve taking further soil samples throughout the ACM impacted area, as well as the balance of the site, excluding the bushland area which has not been subjected to any historic earthworks or import of uncontrolled fill.

As site investigations are occurring, air quality monitoring will be conducted to continue to ensure there are no impacts on the nearby childcare centre or residents.

Once the type and extent of the ACM has been determined, an appropriate remediation plan will be developed and implemented. This activity will not take place for at least the next 2-3 months. At that time, a further construction update will be released to provide details about the type and extent of ACM found and the method and timing for remediation works.

We will ensure all remediation work will be undertaken by qualified professionals, as is best-practice, and in accordance with legislative requirements.

Once remediation is complete, necessary clearance certificates will be issued. Subject to the necessary development approvals being granted, the site will then be ready for redevelopment.

More information

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