

## 1. INTRODUCTION

To develop a policy for asbestos disposal which meets the disposal standards required by NSW Workcover Authority and Environment Protection Authority legislation, which will reduce the risk and exposure of asbestos to Council staff and the public

Asbestos is a naturally occurring mineral which was extensively used by the building and construction industry until 1987. Asbestos fibres are capable of being caught in lung tissue leading to respiratory disease and death.

## 2. PURPOSE

The purpose of the policy is to provide guidance on the disposal of asbestos waste

## 3. SCOPE

Applicable to all disposers of asbestos waste in the Moree Plains Shire.

## 4. POLICY STATEMENT

### CONDITIONS:

Asbestos products will be collected, transported, and disposed of in accordance with regulations which govern the disposal of asbestos waste, being:

*NSW WorkCover - Working with Asbestos Guide 2008*

### COLLECTION AND STORAGE

All bonded asbestos waste must be:

- kept damp (prevent runoff water)
- collected, labelled and sealed using appropriate plastic or leak proof containers
- stored in labelled, plastic-lined bins that are covered, or leak-proof containers that are covered
- placed in bins or trucks that are large enough to contain full sheets without breaking them
- stored in a secure area
- removed from the site as soon as practicable.

All friable asbestos material must be:

- kept damp or sealed with PVA glue
- collected and sealed in 200-micron thick, appropriately labelled, plastic bags
- double wrapped in 200-micron thick plastic bags
- in bags that weigh not more than 25 kilograms, and are less than half full
- stored in a secure area, awaiting removal
- removed from the site as soon as practicable.


The Department of Environment Climate Change and Water (DECCW) allows transport of asbestos contaminated soil in unlined bulk trucks, provided the soil is kept damp, the load is securely locked and covered with plastic and a fully protective tarp, and the truck is decontaminated before it leaves the waste facility.

### TRANSPORTATION

All asbestos waste must be transported in a covered leak-proof vehicle and:

- not mixed with general building waste
- not taken to a waste facility for recycling.

Only vehicles licensed by the DECCW can transport friable asbestos waste in the metropolitan area.

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## DISPOSAL

- Asbestos waste in any form must be disposed of in a manner approved by DECCW and at a waste facility licensed by the DECCW to accept asbestos waste.
- Vehicles and their containers must be cleaned before leaving the waste facility.
- To demonstrate proof of proper disposal, copies of asbestos waste disposal receipts are to be kept for inspection by WorkCover, the DECCW or the local council.

Asbestos products which are not correctly packaged for delivery and disposal will be refused entry at Moree Waste Management Facility in accordance with the Protection of the Environment Operations (Waste) Regulation 2005. The offender may be reported to NSW WorkCover and/ or DECCW.

If exposed asbestos is found after disposal, the disposer will be required to reload and remove the material for Moree Waste Management Facility as soon as possible.

### *Payment of disposal fees*

Council will charge for the disposal of asbestos waste at Moree Waste Management Facility in accordance with the current fee & charges schedule as listed in Council's Delivery Program and Operational Plan. Asbestos disposal fees must be paid either at the time of disposal or by account.

### *Identification of waste.*

Unless laboratory results are provided, asbestos material is identified at the discretion of Council's Landfill Operator. Ie. Asbestos is suspected – treat as

### *Identification of origin of waste.*

A person must provide details of where (property & building) any asbestos originated from.

### *Requirement to Produce WorkCover NSW licence to remove bonded asbestos*

A Workcover NSW licence to remove asbestos from the premises of origin is required to be shown to Council prior to depositing asbestos where the amount of bonded asbestos is likely to have a surface area greater than:

- 10 square meters of surface area from 1 January 2008

### *Limitations on where asbestos waste can be accepted.*

Asbestos can only be accepted at the Moree Waste Management Facility, where licensed to do so.

## **5. EXCEPTIONS**

There are no exceptions

## **6. DELEGATION**

The General Manager is authorised, pursuant to Section 377 of the Local Government Act 1993, to allow a matter that does not conform with a policy to proceed if the General Manager is of the opinion that the variation from the Policy is of a minor nature.


## **REFERENCES**

### RELATED LEGISLATION

The following legislation is applicable to this policy :


- NSW Workcover Authority - "Working with Asbestos" 2008 Guidelines
- Department of Environment Climate Change and Water
- Protection of the Environment Operations (Waste) Regulation 2005.

## **7. REVIEW**

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