

POLICY STATEMENT

ASBESTOS MANAGEMENT

POLICY ADOPTED: 10 August 2015

Policy Objective:

To demonstrate Council's commitment to the effective management of the risks associated with exposure to asbestos, or asbestos containing materials. Council has a significant responsibility to assist, so far as reasonably practicable, the minimisation of asbestos exposure to:

- Workers engaged in undertakings where asbestos exposure is actual or potential; and
- Residents and members of the public within the Local Government Area.

Policy Statement:

Bland Shire Council is committed to ensuring the health, safety and wellbeing of all workers engaged to undertake work and any other persons who may be affected by activities undertaken by Council. Council will ensure, so far as reasonably practicable, that it meets its Primary duty of care, as defined by Section 19 of the Work Health and Safety Act 2011, including the provision of a work environment without risks and safe systems of work.

Council will also ensure that, through delegations provided by relevant legislation including the Local Government Act 1993, asbestos related hazards associated with the construction, development, demolition and use of residential, commercial, industrial and agricultural land be sufficiently managed through the provision of information & advice and enforcement activities.

Definitions:

Asbestos – a naturally occurring mineral silicate belonging to the serpentine or amphibole groups of rock forming minerals, commonly used in building products until the 1980's for its heat, erosion, fire and water resistant properties.

Asbestos Containing Material – any material, object, product or debris containing asbestos.

Responsibilities:

Council

- Manage public land which has naturally occurring asbestos or is contaminated with asbestos.
- Effectively manage waste, including emergency events or incidents.
- Apply appropriate planning controls and provide regulatory enforcement.
- Provide safe systems of work and a safe working environment for workers.

Workers

- Take reasonable care for their own health and safety while at work
- Take reasonable care for others as a result of their acts or omissions while at work
- Cooperate with any reasonable policy, procedure or instruction provided by Council.

Residents and members of the public

- Seek information, instruction and guidance from relevant authorities (including Council) relating to asbestos.

- Comply with regulatory controls imposed on waste management, planning and development.
- Obtain relevant approvals for building, construction or demolition work.

References:

Work Health and Safety Act 2011

Work Health and Safety Regulation 2011

Local Government Act 1993

Local Government (General) Regulation 2005

Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997

Protection of the Environment Operations (General) Regulation 2009

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Related Council Policy / Procedure
Asbestos Management Procedure
Asbestos Management Plan
Asbestos Register
Safe Work Method Statement 115 – Asbestos Sheet Removal
Safe Work Method Statement 206 – Cutting, Handling & Disposal of Asbestos Cement (AC) Pipe