

POLICY STATEMENT

Asbestos Management

AUTHORISATION

POLICY TYPE: <i>(Council or Operational)</i>	Operational
POLICY LOCATION: <i>(eg. Corporate, Engineering, etc.)</i>	Engineering
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER: <i>(by position title)</i>	Director Technical Services
AUTHORISED BY: <i>(GM or Director Title)</i>	Manex
DATE ADOPTED:	20 September 2022
ADOPTED BY: <i>(Manex or Council)</i>	Manex
MINUTE NO: <i>(If required)</i>	
REVIEW DUE DATE: <i>(Four years unless statutorily required sooner)</i>	
REVISION NUMBER:	1

DOCUMENT HISTORY

VERSION NO.	DATE	DESCRIPTION OF AMENDMENTS <i>Include names of former policies that this policy will replace if applicable</i>	AMENDED BY <i>(Where required)</i>
1	4/7/2022	Updated Format	
0	10/8/2018	Asbestos Management (Doc Id 525383)	

REVIEW OF THIS POLICY

This Policy will be reviewed within three (3) years from the date of adoption or as required in the event of legislative changes. The Policy may also be changed as a result of other amendment that are to the advantage that Council and in the spirit of this Policy. Any amendment to the Policy must be by way of a Council Resolution for all policies categorised as “Council” policies or the approval of the General Manager for all policies categorised as “Operational” policies.

1. Purpose:

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.

2. Scope:

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 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 and advice and enforcement activities.

3. Roles and 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.

4. Definitions:

Asbestos – 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 Materials - any material, object, product or debris containing asbestos.

5. Legislation and Supporting Documents:

Work Health and Safety Act 2011

Work Health and Safety Regulation 2017

Local Government Act 1993

Local Government (General) Regulation 2005

Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997

Protection of the Environment Operations (General) Regulation 2009

6. Relationship to Community Strategic Plan:

This Policy supports Council's Delivery Program Strategy 12.4 Review and Implement Council policies and comply with WHS and Risk Management requirements