



Media Release

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Attention: News editors

STEPHENSON AVENUE EXTENSION PROJECT ASBESTOS MANAGEMENT

Main Roads advises it has implemented asbestos management measures on the Stephenson Avenue Extension Stage 2 construction site following the discovery of suspected asbestos within stockpiles of spoil material.

All work on the construction site has ceased until it is determined safe for workers to return.

A portion of the project is located above the old Hertha Road landfill site in Stirling and samples of the material were gathered last week for testing.

Although the test results are still forthcoming, the site has been closed as an added safety precaution.

The spoil material stockpiles represent less than 10 per cent of the total project construction site and are now exclusion zones.

It's not uncommon for asbestos to be present in locations such as old landfill sites, but Main Roads and its alliance partners ensure the highest level of precautionary measures are put in place if and when evidence of asbestos is identified.

While the risk to the community is currently considered low due to suppression from recent rainfall, Main Roads and its alliance partners delivering the project are putting in place a range of measures to mitigate any risk including:

- application of dust suppression polymer over the impacted areas
- air monitoring equipment installed across the site
- the appointment of an accredited contaminated sites auditor and other contamination experts to help in the management of the site. An industrial hygiene expert has also been engaged

Main Roads is working closely with the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation (DWER), WorkSafe and the Department of Health in the control and



management of the stockpiles and, any spoil which is confirmed as contaminated, will be managed safely in line with legislative requirements.

Main Roads and construction contractor S2ME Alliance are reviewing Management Plans to ensure the continued safe operation of the construction site and workers, while a plan for the safe removal of the suspected contaminated spoil material is being put in place.

Anyone with concerns regarding the project can contact Main Roads at 138 138 or enquiries@mainroads.wa.gov.au.

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