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Morning Darrell

Hope you're well.

Further to our brief phone conversation last night, I can confirm that Talis staff spent a day onsite at the Watkins Road facility yesterday.

The purpose of the site work was to undertake a high-level risk assessment of the site and its previous/current/future use from an asbestos perspective.

The intention was not to complete a detailed investigation to align with DWER expectations.

A Talis employee (Natalie Booth) attended site on 10/10/23 and undertook a rigorous inspection of the site. Originally intended to focus on areas to the north of the current transfer station activities, Natalie was also asked to consider the southern area of the site.

Numerous photographs were taken across the site and an array of samples were taken of both potential Asbestos Containing Material (ACM) fragments and soils (to identify the potential presence of ACM and fibres). A 'track' of the walkover is provided in the figure below.



Following conversations with Natalie, it is understood that potential ACM was found throughout the site, including the existing greenwaste stockpiles (green), new hardstand area (red) and areas associated with the existing transfer station activities (south of red and blue). A number of photos are attached for reference and samples will be sent for laboratory analysis. There are also a range of areas onsite that have previously been covered and are likely to contain ACM and other potential contaminants (not the subject of this investigation).

Given this, we would suggest that activity onsite has the potential to create further asbestos risk. The fragments themselves do not necessarily reflect a significant concern, but where vehicular movements and equipment is used onsite, this has the potential to mobilise asbestos fibres.

To this end, we would suggest that all public access to the site is immediately prohibited and any workers onsite have their activities restricted and are provided with appropriate PPE. Ideally, the site will be closed to all activity, pending further discussion/advice.

No further movement/processing of material should occur and we would recommend that any material remaining onsite is not removed until further assessment can be conducted.

Per previous recommendations, we also recommend that any greenwaste previously removed from the site is identified and tracked as far as practicable as there may be fragments of ACM or fibres within the material.

It is likely that a site-wide asbestos management plan will be required to be developed and given the site has been reported to the DWER as a Potentially Contaminated Site, a full intrusive investigation to align with their requirements is also recommended.

Further advice will be provided in due course in relation to the next steps associated with the investigation/management of the site and the associated infrastructure and materials.

We also recommend that the Shire seeks legal advice in relation to this matter (particularly in relation

to the potential for offsite risk), either through in-house legal counsel or via an external party (Talis can advise where required).

We would be happy to discuss this matter at your convenience and will also provide a more detailed summary once we have the laboratory results.

Regards

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**ASBESTOS**

ID: ACMS 2  
Project: TERESA  
Sample Depth: 10cm  
Date: 10/11/13  
Sampled by: NJ3

USE ONLY FOR NCPM  
Asbestos Containing Material  
Maximum 100gms\*

DANGER: May contain asbestos  
H302 - May cause cancer  
H373 - Causes damage to organs  
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# ASBESTOS

**AGENT:** ACMS 11  
**PROJECT:** TE25040  
**SAMPLE DEPTH:** 0-10cm  
**DATE:** 10/10/23  
**SAMPLED BY:** NIB

500mL soil for NEM1  
 Asbestos: Collecting Materials  
 Minimum 10mm<sup>2</sup>

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