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Coffs Harbour bypass asbestos remediation work

The Australian and NSW governments are funding the \$2.2 billion, 14-kilometre Coffs Harbour bypass project. The bypass will boost the regional economy and improve connectivity, road transport efficiency and safety for local and interstate motorists.

As part of major construction on the Coffs Harbour bypass, the project team will be removing and relocating asbestos-containing materials (ACM) from inside the project boundary between October and November 2023.

This work will be carried out during approved construction hours starting **Tuesday 3 October 2023** for about **one week**, weather permitting.

We have engaged a licensed local contractor to safely remove, relocate and dispose of the ACM and an experienced independent hygienist will be onsite at all times during this work.

This work will involve:

- workers in additional personal protective equipment (PPE) accessing site
- installing fencing and signage to mark exclusion zones
- using machinery to dig and load ACM into covered trucks
- undertaking sampling, testing and inspections
- air quality monitoring.

The safety of workers and the community is our highest priority and there are strict measures in place to minimise risks and reduce any potential harm. All work will be carried out in line with the relevant legislation, SafeWork NSW codes of practice and the Transport for NSW's (TfNSW) Asbestos Management Plan. For more information about asbestos management on the project, please view our factsheet at www.pacifichighway.nsw.gov.au.

How is dust being managed during this work?

To minimise and contain dust during ACM work, we:

- dampen all surfaces regularly using a water cart
- protect exposed materials with covers and soil binder
- review weather forecasts and stopping work in strong winds.

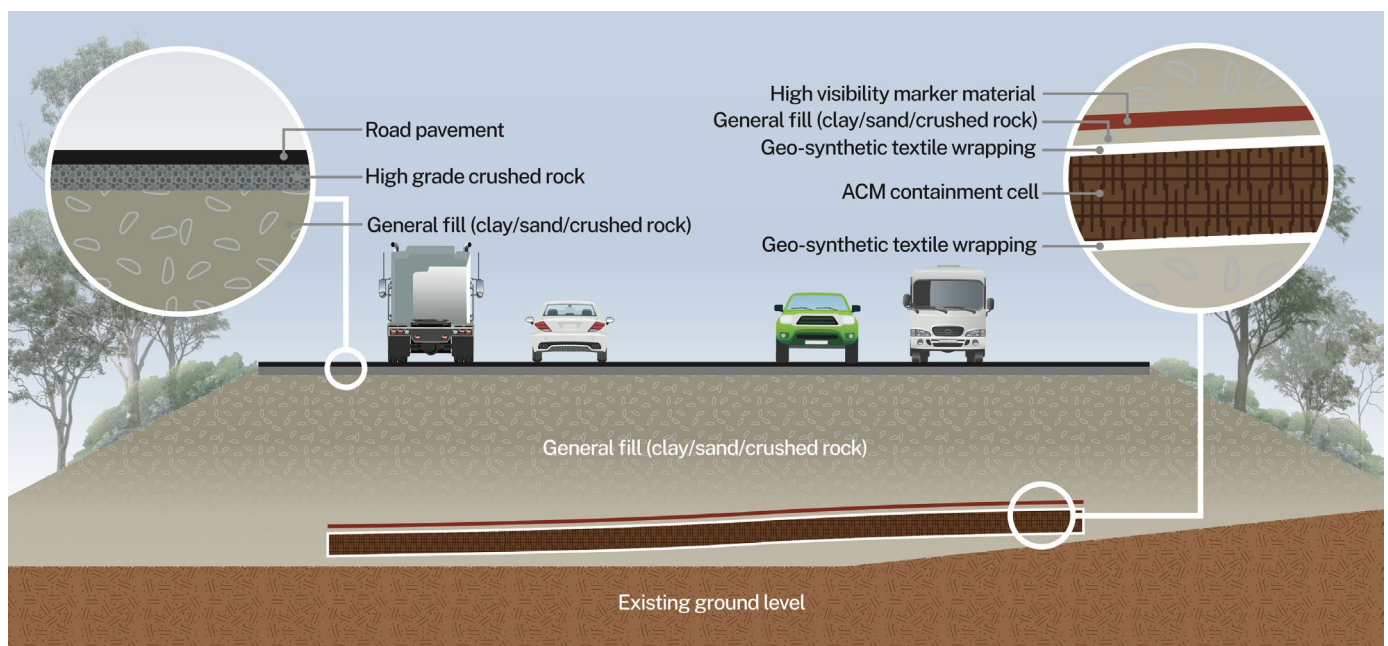
How will the work affect you?

All work will take place inside the project boundary and this specific site area will be closed for all other construction activities until the ACM have been removed. Access to private property will be maintained at all times. Noise from machinery and vehicles is expected to be moderate and will be minimised where possible.

Relocation

Some of the ACM will be removed and safely transported to a licenced waste facility. The remaining ACM will be encapsulated in a specially designed containment cell, which is then buried and surrounded by general fill (dirt), as illustrated below. This containment method is determined based on suitability requirements, including the nature of the contamination, size and scale, and whether other contaminants are present.

The containment cell will be buried at various locations in the vicinity of Coramba Road and Shephards Lane. Burying the ACM within the project boundary improves safety and environmental outcomes by minimising transportation and reducing the space occupied in licenced waste facilities. Under the road corridor, the ACM is in a known, secure, and approved location where it is less likely to become disturbed in the future. The Environment Protection Authority has provided guidance on managing ACM onsite and the approach forms part of our environmental planning approval.



Safety

Coffs Harbour bypass is continuing major construction with active working sites across the alignment. We have started, and will continue, to be using large plant and equipment across our sites as well as carrying out controlled blasting, hammering and drilling. For the safety of the community and our workers, access to the bypass construction site is restricted to authorised personnel only. Members of the public should not enter any Coffs Harbour bypass construction site at any time.

Road work speed limits will be in place throughout construction of the bypass. Motorists must obey these reduced speed limits at all times for the safety of all road users, the community and the workers. For more information about the importance of motorists' driving to speed limits and conditions, read Transport for NSW's speed factsheet at www.transport.nsw.gov.au/system/files/media/documents/2023/speed-fact-sheet.pdf.

Approved construction hours

The approved construction hours for the project are:

- **Monday to Friday from 7am to 6pm**
- **Saturday from 8am to 1pm.**

Looking ahead

Upcoming construction work in this area includes:

- Concrete batch plant operations at Englands Road, North Boambee which will include some out of hours work to meet construction requirements – this extended hours work will be notified separately
- Out of hours refuelling and plant and machinery maintenance along the alignment
- Earthwork activities along the alignment – this may include extended hours on Saturdays which will be notified separately
- Controlled blasting at various locations along the alignment in coming months – specific locations will be notified separately.

We apologise for any inconvenience and thank you for your patience as we build this important project.

Subscribing to the project

The Coffs Harbour bypass electronically distributes weekly updates including about traffic changes and controlled blasting to keep the community and motorists informed during construction. If you would like to be added to our email notification distribution list, please send an email to community@chbteam.com.au including your name, contact details and address.

Contact

If you have any enquiries or complaints, please contact the project team on 1800 550 621 or community@chbteam.com.au

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