

Mulch removal and replacement works: Mulch factsheet | 2024

What has occurred?

Sections of the Rozelle Parklands and associated sites within Rozelle Interchange tested positive for traces of bonded asbestos. The testing of mulch samples was undertaken by independent occupational hygienists and have returned positive results showing traces of “bonded” asbestos.

What sort of mulch was used in the Rozelle Parklands

During the construction of the Rozelle Parklands, the material used was 25mm recycled coarse timber mulch and it was supplied by an EPA accredited supplier. Recycled timber mulches are a blend of recycled timber material and natural timber.

The plan to remove the mulch

John Holland CPB Contractors (JHCPB) is removing and replacing the mulch as directed by the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) within the parklands and surrounding landscaped areas.

The mulch will be removed using a variety of techniques including hand tools to avoid damaging plants or trees. Small excavators and vacuum trucks may be used where required. The mulch will be stockpiled in designated locations within the Rozelle Parklands and will then be safely transported in covered trucks to a licensed waste facility that is licensed by the EPA to receive asbestos waste.

As a safety precaution, all workers conducting the mulch removal works will be wearing disposable coveralls, that include a hood, masks, glasses, and gloves. All people involved in the mulch removal process are trained in asbestos handling protocols and follow strict procedures.

Clearance after mulch removal

Once the mulch has been removed from the Parklands and surrounding locations, the area will be inspected by an independent qualified and certified consultant once the mulch has been removed. A clearance certificate will be issued by a licensed Asbestos Assessor. This certificate will verify that the trees and vegetation are free from any contamination.

Replacement mulch

Replacement organic mulch will be tested by the suppliers, as well as independent qualified consultants to ensure the material is free of contaminants. The testing of the organic mulch will occur prior to delivery and then again once received at the parklands. This testing process will be reviewed by the EPA site auditor and all stockpiles of material delivered will be checked by a suitably qualified person prior to placement.

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