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ASBESTOS MANAGEMENT

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OBJECTIVE

The Asbestos Management Policy will identify how Council will manage asbestos and provide information to the community.

APPLICABILITY

Workers at all Council workplaces and users/visitors to Council buildings.

GENERAL

Council is required to adopt an Asbestos Management Policy in accordance with Guidelines issued by the Office of Local Government.

Asbestos fibres when airborne have the potential to cause serious health impacts, including asbestosis, lung cancer and mesothelioma. Asbestos in the Orange Local Government Area may occur in one of the following forms:

- **Naturally Occurring Asbestos**
Some rocks and associated soils in the Orange Local Government Area naturally contain an asbestos mineral called Chrysotile. These rocks and soils are commonly associated with a series of elongated “serpentine belts” in the eastern section of the Local Government Area.
- **Asbestos products in buildings and other infrastructure**
Asbestos was commonly used in the manufacture of building products until the mid-1980s, after which it was gradually phased out. Many buildings constructed prior to a total ban on the use of asbestos in 2003 are likely to have asbestos containing materials.
- **Asbestos contamination resulting from disturbance of either of the above**
Contamination may be the result of illegal dumping of asbestos containing materials, from incidents such as building fires or prior uncontrolled placement of asbestos containing materials.

Various legislation and regulations impose responsibility and obligations for managing asbestos on organisations and individuals. The Asbestos Management Plan provides guidance in relation to measures that will assist compliance with those requirements.



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RELATED POLICIES/DOCUMENTS

Asbestos Management Plan

Model Asbestos Policy for NSW Councils (Office of Local Government)

Work Health and Safety Act 2011

Work Health and Safety Regulation 2011

Contaminated Land Management Act 1997

Local Government Act 1993

Responsible Area – Development Services

REVISION					
	DATE	RESOLUTION		DATE	RESOLUTION
1	3 March 2015	15/084	6		
2	15 August 2017	17/398	7		
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SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS

Amendment Date	Section/Reference and Amendment
June 2017	Updating of document. Comprehensive review of Asbestos Management Plan following internal audit of implementation of the Plan.