

**PUBLIC FORUM
QUESTIONS/ANSWERS
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Questions – Katrina Willis

Disposal of asbestos-lined water pipes

1. How many council employees are licensed to handle material containing asbestos?

Response – Works and Utilities

Council employees who work in area that have likely contact with asbestos (eg water and sewer operators) are trained in asbestos awareness and are provided with appropriate Personal Protective Equipment. The handling of small volumes of asbestos (like water main repairs) is covered by appropriate Safe Work Method Statements. There is no specific requirement for Council employees to be licensed to handle asbestos; subject to some threshold criteria.

2. Where does council dispose of material containing asbestos, including broken water pipes?

Response - Works and Utilities

For the sporadic and small volume (non friable) asbestos encounters (eg water and sewer main repairs), decommissioned asbestos components are double wrapped in plastic and stored at secure Council sites in accordance with guidelines. These sites are cleared through the engagement of specialist and licenced asbestos disposal contractors.

3. How much material containing asbestos did the council dispose of in:
 - 2015-16
 - 2014-15
 - 2013-14

Response - Works and Utilities

Specialist contractor engagements for asbestos related collection and disposal across the above periods are as follows:

2013-14

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| 31-10-13 | Collection of suspected illegally dumped asbestos – Morisset St |
| 19-11-13 | Disposal of asbestos from Queanbeyan Admin building |
| 19-12-13 | Disposal of asbestos from Queanbeyan Admin building switchboard |
| 24-1-14 | Disposal of asbestos from Rusten House |
| 6-2-14 | Disposal of asbestos from Bungendore water mains |

2014-15

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| 4-8-14 | Collection of illegally dumped asbestos from Captains Flat waste transfer |
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| 15-8-14 | Collection of illegally dumped asbestos from Sawyers Ridge Rd, Braidwood |
| 12-8-14 | Disposal of asbestos from old Queanbeyan records office |
| 12-8-14 | Collection of illegally dumped asbestos Waroo-Carwoola Sts Queanbeyan |
| 17-10-14 | Collection and disposal of asbestos from Queanbeyan Senior Citizens building |
| 21-10-14 | As above |
| 6-2-15 | Removal of asbestos from redundant smoke wall 257 Crawford St |
| 20-3-15 | Remove friable asbestos pipe lagging Westpac common room |

2015-16

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| 23-6-16 | Asbestos removal Bicentennial Park Queanbeyan |
| 9-12-15 | Collect and dispose of loose asbestos sheeting from Bungendore and Braidwood depots |

2016-17

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| 13-9-16 | Remove contaminated soil from under Braidwood National Theatre |
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Preliminary design and environmental work for 13 intersections

4. Please provide the following details for each of the 13 intersections identified in the Googong and Tralee Traffic Study:
- progress of preliminary design and environmental work
 - cost of the work done to date
 - work that remains to be done
 - estimated cost of the remaining work
 - estimated time to complete the work

Response – General Manager

As resolved at the Council meeting on 9 November, Council officers will be preparing a report for a future Council meeting regarding these matters.

Palerang Council resolution 70/2016 – Public consultation on Ellerton Drive Extension

5. Which Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council official made the decision not to give effect to the Palerang Council resolution 70/2016, which states:

“That in the event of any full or part amalgamation of Palerang Council with Queanbeyan City Council, Council commence a process of public consultation on the Ellerton Drive Extension”?

Response – General Manager

No formal decision was made. Following the Panel recommendation on the Ellerton Drive Extension on 30 June 2016, the Council acknowledged the resolution of the former Palerang Council and noted the extent of community knowledge and engagement on the EDE, and then determined to approve the project.

6. When was the decision taken?

Response – General Manager

See question 5

7. Why was the decision taken?

Response – General Manager

Council has addressed this matter on a number of occasions, including by the chair at the Ellerton Drive Extension Determination Panel Meeting on 30 June 2016, the Public Forum on 8 June 2016 and at the recent community meeting in Queanbeyan on 9 November.

It is noted that the background material supporting the Notice of Motion that led to Palerang Council's resolution argued that there was a risk of then Palerang ratepayers being required to support the construction cost of the EDE if a merger occurred.

As previously mentioned, the loan for the Ellerton Drive Extension will be a low interest, long-term loan which will be fully repaid by developer contributions in accordance with planning agreement and contribution plans. This will include both the principal and interest amounts.