

**Due to open in 2019, the M4 East will extend the existing M4 Motorway from Homebush to Haberfield, reducing congestion at the end of the M4, saving travel time for motorists and removing cars from local streets.**

## Asbestos management

As part of the M4 East construction works, excavation and property clearing will take place in some locations. These activities may result in the discovery of asbestos.

Discovering these materials is not an unusual occurrence as it was common for asbestos to be used in a range of building and construction materials up until 1987. Similarly, it is not uncommon to discover soil contamination on work sites.

## What is asbestos?

There are two main types of asbestos.

- Bonded asbestos. This is the most commonly found asbestos in the built environment. It is firmly interwoven within a material and, under normal circumstances, is unlikely to become airborne. Examples include roofing material, ceiling tiles, floor tiles, cement sheeting, gutters, rainwater pipes and water tanks.
- Non-bonded asbestos. This type of asbestos can be crumbled or reduced to powder by hand pressure when dry and is easier to release into the air when disturbed. Examples include insulation around pipes and electrical equipment and concrete formwork.

## How is asbestos material managed?

The potential for asbestos material was identified in the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the M4 East project and appropriate controls have been identified and implemented as part of the Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP), Soil and Water Management Plan, and other site specific management plans. Please visit [westconnex.com.au/M4East](http://westconnex.com.au/M4East) to access these plans.

Additionally, the CEMP includes an Unexpected Finds Procedure for managing asbestos in locations that may not have been identified in the EIS or in other contaminated land investigations.

## What safety procedures are in place?

WestConnex is working with the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) and SafeWork NSW to ensure we appropriately manage and remove asbestos according to our environmental and health obligations.

During the M4 East project the following safety procedures will be used to manage asbestos:

- air quality will be monitored during asbestos removal works
- signs, barriers and temporary fencing will surround areas containing asbestos
- a hygienist will be on site to monitor and control the asbestos removal works
- water sprays will be used to suppress dust
- any material containing asbestos will be encapsulated on site or loaded, transported and disposed of at licensed facilities by specially trained and licensed personnel.

For more information, please visit [safework.nsw.gov.au](http://safework.nsw.gov.au).

## Who is undertaking the work?

The identification, testing and management of asbestos is undertaken by appropriately qualified hygienists and consultants, assessors and licenced contractors.

## Who can I talk to if I have an enquiry or complaint?

If you would like further information, please contact the project team on **toll free 1800 660 248** or email [info@M4East.com.au](mailto:info@M4East.com.au).



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