



MEDIA STATEMENT

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FORMER LANDFILL WASTE REMOVED AT STOCKTON

Hunter Water has commenced removing more than 8,000 tonnes of waste from a former landfill, which has been temporarily stockpiled on its land at Stockton beach.

A specialist contractor, licenced to dispose of the material containing friable asbestos, began work at the site this morning.

The work will involve excavators loading the material on to trucks and transporting it to the Summerhill Waste Management Centre for disposal. It is expected to take around three weeks to complete.

Due to the inherent hazards of disturbing friable asbestos, workers will be wearing full personal protective equipment (PPE) for their safety.

An occupational hygienist will be on site during the removal of the waste, and air monitoring and dust suppression will also be carried out.

The waste was uncovered back in January after large swell exposed a former landfill on Hunter Water land at Stockton beach.

Immediately from becoming aware of the issue, safety has been Hunter Water's top priority.

We consulted with a range of agencies and carried out initial testing before any work took place to ensure the landfill material was treated safely and appropriately.

While stockpiled on our site, the material has been covered with a specialist fabric and regularly inspected to ensure there is no risk to public health or the environment.

We thank the local community for their patience as we work to safely dispose of the waste, and we again ask for their cooperation in staying clear of the site while the work is undertaken.