



MEDIA STATEMENT

Thursday 25 January 2018

STOCKTON EXPOSED LANDFILL RECTIFICATION WORKS BEGIN TODAY

This morning contractors will begin rectification works at the recently exposed landfill site on Hunter Water land at Stockton beach.

Testing conducted on the landfill material on Monday returned a single sample confirming the presence of friable asbestos.

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

There is no risk to surrounding residents as a result of these works, however, Hunter Water again asks for the public's cooperation in staying away from the site until rectification works are complete.

Signage and temporary fencing that was first installed on Friday will remain in place to warn visitors to keep clear of the landfill area.

The initial works will involve two 20 tonne excavators and the installation of a geo-fabric to contain the waste on site, while the long term strategy for coastal erosion in the area is developed. We expect these initial works to be completed in a few days.

The installation of the geo-fabric cover will be inspected and maintained daily by Hunter Water until further sand dune stabilisation commences in mid-February with specialist equipment currently being manufactured interstate.

We thank the local community for their patience as we work as quickly as possible to stabilise the site.