

Council Policy



Policy Title:	Asbestos
Policy Number:	5.03
Focus Area:	CS2 Great Support
Responsibility:	People & Culture
Meeting Adopted:	18 May 2021 [Council Resolution 180521/23]

OBJECTIVE

The aim of the Asbestos Policy is to provide important information and guidance to Council workers and Richmond Valley Council's community on how to safely manage asbestos and asbestos containing materials, including the lawful disposal requirements. The document defines Council and Council staff responsibilities and guidance, including asbestos in the workplace and handling asbestos in accordance with current Work Health and Safety legislation.

POLICY

Richmond Valley Council is committed to the management of risk as an integral part of its governance, planning and operational processes. Asbestos is identified as a significant risk to the health and safety of the general public, workers and volunteers exposed to asbestos when in a friable form.

Richmond Valley Council aligns with the 'Office of Local Government's Model Asbestos Policy for NSW Councils' and has developed an Asbestos Management Plan outlining:

- Council's asbestos management processes and controls;
- General requirements for renovating buildings and structures that may contain asbestos;
- Council's development approval process for developments that may involve asbestos and conditions of consent;
- Waste management and regulation procedures for asbestos waste in the local government area; and
- Maintenance of asbestos registers and record keeping.

Responsibilities

The General Manager and Directors are responsible for the management of asbestos within the workplace and public facilities. This is in accordance with the Work Health and Safety Regulations 2017 (NSW) Chapter 8. Managers at all levels are responsible for the implementation of the Council Asbestos Management Plan and associated risk management processes within their area of responsibility.

Workers and contractors are responsible for following council guidelines and supervisory direction in accordance with the asbestos risk management controls within the Council management plan and applicable safe work method statements.

REVIEW

This policy will be reviewed by Council at the time of any relevant legislative changes, compliance requirements or at least every four years.

Version Number	Date	Reason / Comments
1	19 August 2014	New policy – Resolution Number 190814/14
2	18 May 2021	Policy review – Resolution Number 180521/23