

Consultation starts on plans for excavated material at Barangaroo

Consultation with workers, community members and union representatives will start this week about the movement of excavated material to the Headland Park at Barangaroo, as announced by Environment Protection Authority (EPA).

All of the necessary approvals exist for the movement of excavated material from Barangaroo South to the northern end of the site to create the Headland Park, and these approvals allow for up to 1% of asbestos containing material to be used.

To provide additional assurance to the community, the EPA has appointed an independent public health expert to conduct additional consultation with workers and community members and assess work practices before any of this work commences.

Dr Tim Driscoll is a specialist in occupational and environmental medicine and has over 20 years experience dealing with occupational health and safety issues including asbestos-related diseases.

Dr Driscoll will meet with workers, community members and union officials over the coming week to listen to their concerns and study the detailed remedial action plans, human health and ecological risk assessments and asbestos management plans in place for the activity.

“The Barangaroo Delivery Authority supports the EPA initiative and is committed to ensuring the community and environment is protected during both the construction phase and the future operation of the Barangaroo precinct.

“As a former industrial site, Barangaroo has a responsibility to remediate and manage the site for current and future generations,” Mr Tabart said.

“The most sustainable solution to deal with material that meets stringent site acceptance criteria is to keep it on site in a properly designed containment manner,” Mr Tabart said.

Stringent measures are in place to ensure the safety of the community and workers on site, with an extensive monitoring and testing regime in place.

Commencing from today, Dr Driscoll will consult with union representatives and community members as part of his assessment of the plans and processes.

Further information on the plans and remediation can be found at www.barangaroo.com