

Former Waratah Gasworks

Community Information



Council met in December 2016 and resolved to award AECOM Australia Pty Ltd with the contract to undertake further detailed site contamination investigations of the former Waratah Gasworks site. Grant funding towards these investigations has also been provided by the NSW EPA.

AECOM have commenced preparatory works for these investigations and sampling will commence in the next few weeks. AECOM staff will contact residents/landowners shortly to arrange access for sampling of residential properties as required.

Prior to undertaking these further investigations AECOM will also be contacting property owners to obtain signed Property Access Permission and Authorisation forms where required.

The sampling and analysis phase is likely to take approximately four months to complete and a report will be prepared mid-2017. Further updates on the progress of the investigation will be provided over the coming months.

Precautionary advice

While the investigations are ongoing, the following precautionary advice is provided to occupiers of residential premises within and adjacent to the investigation area:

- You are advised not to eat any vegetables grown at the property or eggs laid by hens on the property until this matter has been investigated and further advice is provided.
- Avoid having areas of bare soil by maintaining grass cover or otherwise covering bare areas.
- Minimise exposure to soil during gardening activities by minimising dust generation, wearing gloves and washing hands after handling soil.
- If children are playing in sand pits or soil, it is advised that this occur in a raised bed or structure above the natural ground level. The raised bed or structure should contain sand or soil that has not been sourced from onsite to avoid any potential contamination.

Council is liaising with the NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA) and Hunter New England Local Health District and will continue to seek their advice through the investigation to ensure any health and environmental concerns are addressed.

More Information

Newcastle City Council website:

**[www.newcastle.nsw.gov.au/Council/News/
Environmental-investigation-at-historical-Waratah](http://www.newcastle.nsw.gov.au/Council/News/Environmental-investigation-at-historical-Waratah)**

Contacts

If you have any questions related to the investigation, please contact Newcastle City Council between 8:30am and 5:00pm, Monday to Friday, on **4974 2522**.

For enquiries please call **4974 2522**

