



Department of Biodiversity,
Conservation and Attractions



Wedge and Grey

Wedge and Grey Shacks fact sheet

Asbestos in shacks and associated structures

- Asbestos is managed in accordance with the Asbestos Management Plan (AMP) for Wedge and Grey reserves (copies available via the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions website dbca.wa.gov.au). The Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA) will update the AMP as new information becomes available or as required. All licensees should be aware of the content of the AMP and its management implications.
- Wedge and Grey reserves are classified under the *Contaminated Sites Act 2003* as 'Possibly contaminated – investigation required' until further assessment of asbestos fines is undertaken. Due to a lack of knowledge available to DBCA regarding the levels of asbestos containing material (ACM) to the internals of shacks it is assumed that all shacks and associated structures contain asbestos, unless demonstrated otherwise.
- Licensees are encouraged to contact DBCA to advise of the removal of ACM from shacks and associated structures. DBCA will update the AMP accordingly.
- Licensees are encouraged to remove ACM that are damaged or show visible signs of deterioration and abrasion (friable surfaces) and replace with non-asbestos containing materials rather than treatment, encapsulation, cleaning or painting/sealing of in-situ asbestos cement materials.
- Removal (or cleaning where appropriate) of gutters, pipes, rainwater tank sediment and impacted soil where asbestos cement roofs or wall sheeting is removed is recommended.
- DBCA will maintain asbestos warning signs at entry points and waste transfer sites advising visitors of the presence of ACM in Wedge and Grey reserves.
- Where demolition or maintenance of shacks and associated structures is to be carried out, all fibre cement materials should be assumed to contain asbestos, unless demonstrated otherwise.
- The removal and disposal of ACM from shacks and associated structures must be undertaken in accordance with the Wedge and Grey AMP.
- Disposal of ACM within the reserves including the waste transfer stations is prohibited. ACM must be disposed of at an appropriately licensed waste facility.
- Where dismantling or removal of shacks or associated structures is to be carried out, a demolition permit is required from the Shire of Dandaragan in accordance with the *Building Act 2011*.
- Where dismantling or removal of shacks is carried out, the soils in the vicinity of the shack are to be assessed by a qualified person to determine whether the site is free of visible ACM. If asbestos is present, the affected soil should be removed, and the site remediated in accordance with legislative requirements.
- Where DBCA is required to remove asbestos from an Occupancy Area, this will be undertaken with the full cost of doing so payable by the licensee.
- Where activities require ground disturbing works within an Aboriginal heritage site formal advice should be sought from the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage (DPLH) by emailing swsheritage@dplh.wa.gov.au before the ground disturbing works commence, with works being carried out in compliance with such advice, noting that it is an offence to destroy or damage an Aboriginal site.

This fact sheet must be read in conjunction with the 2019 Licence conditions - Wedge and Grey.

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