

Environment Fact Sheet

Asbestos register



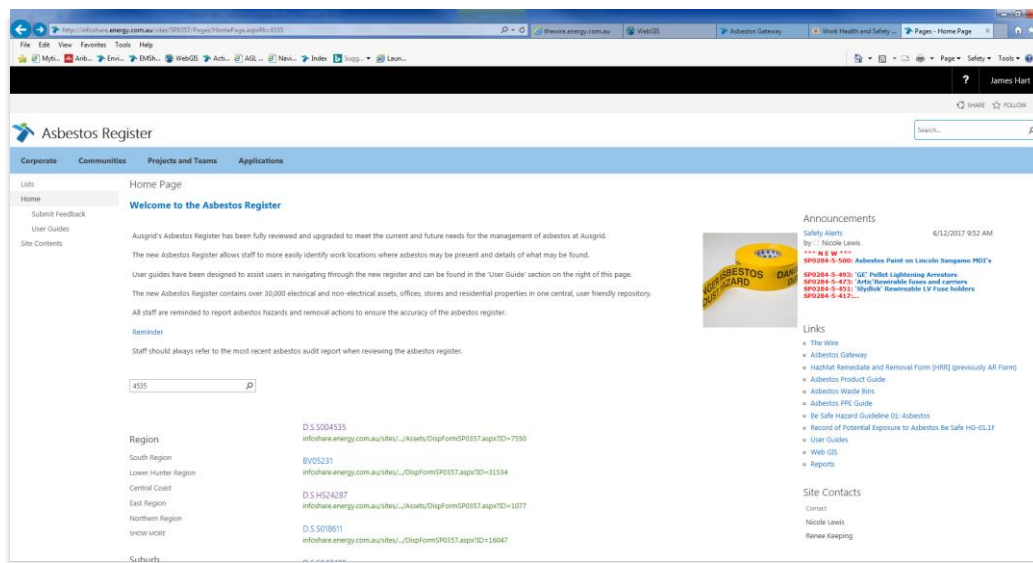
Key message

Ausgrid's Asbestos Register is the central repository for all known and suspected occurrences of asbestos, lead and other hazardous materials.

The asbestos register should be checked prior to undertaking works on assets which were built prior to 2004 or where the commission date is unknown.


Asbestos register

Ausgrid maintains an Asbestos Register as a tool to provide information for workers. The register contains the results of hazardous materials audits and surveys for over 40,000 electrical and non electrical assets.



How to access the asbestos register

The asbestos register can be accessed via:

1. the [Asbestos Gateway](#) on The Wire and from iPads using the icon  (available to Ausgrid employees only) or
2. WebGIS EL (available to approved external parties). For access instructions refer to [Environmental Fact Sheet – WebGIS EL](#).

Before works begin

Check the Asbestos Register during the job planning process to determine the potential impact of any hazardous materials on the planned work.

Before commencing any work, determine the appropriate controls for the task being undertaken.

Working with hazardous materials

Any work with the potential to disturb hazardous materials must be undertaken in accordance with WHS requirements and:

- NS211 Working with asbestos products
 - Be Safe HG-01 Asbestos
 - Be Safe HG-18 Workplace Hazardous Substances
 - Be Safe HG-20 Lead
 - Be Safe HG-21 Synthetic Mineral Fibre and
 - relevant Ausgrid Task Specific training.
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Working near hazardous materials

All workers should be made aware of the presence of hazardous materials and the requirement to avoid activities that will disturb the materials and take appropriate control measures.

When removing asbestos

Requirements for asbestos removal work include:

- All friable asbestos removal and non-friable asbestos removal of >10 square metres must only be undertaken by an independent Licenced Asbestos Removalist (LAR) (unless in accordance with an approved exemption).
 - Movement of >100 kilograms of asbestos waste or >10 square metres of asbestos sheeting requires EPA waste tracking. Equipment that contains asbestos is classified as 'asbestos containing material' and the total equipment weight applies.
 - Non-friable asbestos removal ≤10 square metres per job may be undertaken by Ausgrid workers who are trained, and have the required PPE and safety equipment.
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How to organise a LAR

Contact Hazardous Materials on 9394 6961 or via email hazmat@ausgrid.com.au

Updating the register

Advise hazmat@ausgrid.com.au of:

- all hazardous materials work removal work,
- new instances of suspected hazardous material, or changes in the condition of known materials, and
- suspected discrepancies in the Asbestos Register.

The above notifications are critical for the accuracy of the register which is required for the safety of our workers.

More information

For more information, please refer to the [Asbestos Gateway](#) on The Wire or email hazmat@ausgrid.com.au or call 9394 6961.

*****MANAGERS and SUPERVISORS - please ensure this update is circulated to relevant staff*****