

Barangaroo: Hickson Road Remediation

Information on remediation works and odours

Key points

- Barangaroo is a former industrial site which contains contamination from landfill and the old Millers Point Gasworks
- Barangaroo Delivery Authority, and its contractor Lendlease, are cleaning up this historical contamination
- The remediation at Hickson Road started in May 2019 and will run until approximately October 2019
- Odours may be experienced near, or downwind from Hickson Road during the remediation project.

How might the remediation affect me?

Site investigations at Hickson Road have found historical contamination, including coal tar, in the soil. Due to the nature of some of the contaminants, the excavation and removal of contaminated soil at Hickson Road has the potential to generate odour, as well as dust and noise.

To minimise dust and odour impacts on the community during the remediation, works will be undertaken inside tents. Barangaroo Delivery Authority, and its contractor Lendlease, will also use misting sprays to manage any odours from the works.

However, odours may still be experienced near, or downwind from Hickson Road during remediation.

Can the odours affect my health?

Odours (or smells) are experienced when chemicals in gases stimulate nerves in the nose. Odours can be pleasant or unpleasant and are subjective. The same odour may be pleasant to one person and unpleasant to someone else.

Unpleasant odours can affect quality of life and may cause health effects like headaches and nausea. In most cases, the chemicals involved in this remediation that may cause odours will not have more severe health effects. Any person concerned about their health should consult their doctor.

Odour monitoring

Odour and air quality monitoring is being undertaken at and around Hickson Road to ensure the community is protected from any odour impacts.

Monitoring data is made publicly available each month at www.barangaroo.com/monitoringreports.

The NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA) is closely monitoring odour and air quality data.

The EPA also undertakes compliance activities, such as inspections and audits during the remediation.

What is an offensive odour?

An odour may be considered offensive if it is harmful or if it interferes unreasonably with the comfort of a person outside of the works.

Odour from Hickson Road is regulated by the EPA. Barangaroo Delivery Authority, and its contractor Lendlease, are required to prevent any offensive odours from occurring during remediation.

How can I report an offensive odour?

The EPA relies on help from the community to detect suspected offensive odour.

Detailed information, including the nature, strength, time, duration and wind direction greatly assist the EPA to identify and address any odour concerns.

The EPA investigates all reports of odours and encourages anyone with a concern to contact the 24/7 NSW Environment Line on **131 555**.

What happens if offensive odours are detected?

Should offensive odours be detected, the EPA will require Barangaroo Delivery Authority, and its contractor Lendlease, to take corrective actions to minimise any impacts on the community.

What are the roles of the NSW Government agencies?

The Barangaroo Delivery Authority is cleaning up this historic contamination at Barangaroo on behalf of the NSW Government.

The remediation at Hickson Road is regulated by the EPA. Barangaroo Delivery Authority holds an environment protection licence issued by the EPA. The licence places strict conditions on the remediation, including operating, monitoring and reporting requirements. This includes the monitoring of odour and air quality from Hickson Road.

The remediation is also regulated by the NSW Department of Planning and Environment under conditions of development consents.

NSW Health provides advice on the effective management of potential human health risks and assists with communicating these risks to the public. NSW Health does not have a regulatory role in the remediation of Hickson Road.

The EPA is working closely with NSW Health and the NSW Department of Planning and Environment to protect the community from any odour impacts.

Where can I find more information?

More information about the remediation of Hickson Road can be found on the Barangaroo Delivery Authority's website at <https://www.barangaroo.com/remediation>.

Alternatively, the community can contact the 24/7 Barangaroo Community Information Line by calling **1300 039 733** or emailing barangaroosouth@lendlease.com.

If you have any questions or concerns, call the 24/7 NSW Environment Line on **131 555**.

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