

FITZROY GASWORKS REMEDIATION

GENERAL FACT SHEET

The former Fitzroy Gasworks site has a long industrial history and is heavily contaminated. To ensure the site is clean and safe for future development, the Environment Protection Authority Victoria (EPA) has issued a Clean Up Notice. Enviropacific has been appointed by the State Government to remediate the site.

WHERE IS THE FORMER FITZROY GASWORKS SITE?

The site is located approximately 4km northeast of the Melbourne CBD, in Fitzroy North, bounded by Smith Street, George Street, Queens Parade and Alexandra Parade. It is surrounded by the suburbs of Fitzroy, Clifton Hill, and Collingwood. The site comprises two parcels of land, one of which was formerly occupied by light industrial units (433 Smith Street) and the City of Yarra public works depot (111 Queens Parade).

WHAT IS REMEDIATION AND WHY IS IT TAKING PLACE?

Remediation is the removal of pollution or contaminants from environmental sources such as soil, groundwater, sediment or surface water. The Environment Protection Authority (EPA) issued a Clean Up Notice requiring remediation of contamination on site. The removal of the contaminated soil will deliver a cleaner, safer environment for the people of Fitzroy North and surrounds.

WHO IS ENVIROPACIFIC?

Enviropacific manages some of the most complex environmental projects in Australia. This includes former gasworks sites that require the implementation of stringent environmental controls. Enviropacific provides applied science and engineering solutions to treat and dispose contaminated material to make our environments and communities safer and healthier.

HOW LONG IS THE REMEDIATION GOING TO TAKE?

Remediation works commenced in Autumn 2019 and will take approximately two years to complete. The works are being delivered in two phases:

- Phases 1A and 1B involved site testing to confirm the extent of ground contamination, preparation and finalisation of a Remediation Action Plan. (Complete)

- Phase 2 works involves the excavation of contaminated material. The materials are then moved off-site in accordance with EPA waste transport requirements to Enviropacific's SOLVE Thermal Treatment Plant in Altona, a licensed processing facility. (Ongoing)

WHAT ARE THE IMPACTS FROM WORKS ON SITE?

There has been some noise and occasional traffic disruptions during the works. Dust and odours are being managed with minimal impact to the community. More information can be found in the Impacts and Activities (FAQ).

WHAT MIGHT I SEE ON SITE OVER THE COMING MONTHS?

Phase 2 remediation works commenced in May 2019, with an anticipated completion date of mid-2021. During this time there will be activity across much of the site:

- Continued installation of site fences/hoarding
- On-site community information centre
- Pile wall installation
- Odour Control Enclosures
- Remedial earthworks
- Intermittent road lane and footpath closures

ENVIROPACIFIC ARE WORKING WITH THE COMMUNITY AND KEY STAKEHOLDERS TO PROVIDE INFORMATION ON WORKS, UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AND DISRUPTIONS, AND WORKING TO PROMPTLY RESPOND TO QUESTIONS REGARDING THE REMEDIATION PROCESS.



Figure 1: Drill Rig on site



Figure 2: Excavation of Tar Pit within Odour Control Enclosure

HOW MANY TREES WERE REMOVED FROM THE SITE?

Trees were removed due to the extent of contamination on site, and to satisfy the requirements of the EPA Clean Up Notice. To mitigate the loss of existing vegetation, Development Victoria is committed to replacing trees on a minimum one-to-one basis. More information about tree planting will be available in the Development Plan for the site.

WHAT ARE THE EXPECTED OUTCOMES OF THE REMEDIATION PROCESS?

The remediation process will ensure soil and groundwater conditions meet the health and environmental standards required by an independent Victorian EPA auditor, and that the site will be suitable for future use.

Remediation is needed to protect the existing and future communities that will use the site.

WHERE HAS THIS BEEN DONE BEFORE?

The remediation works and the control measures in place are well understood methods that have been demonstrated to be protective of human health and the environment. Enviropacific safely delivered the Point Cook RAAF Base Remediation over a two-year period, one of the most significant remediation projects undertaken in Victoria. Enviropacific was awarded the 2015 Australasian Land and Groundwater (ALGA) Clean-up Project Excellence Award for the site.

HOW TO USE THESE DOCUMENTS

This General Fact Sheet provides information on site activities and impacts.

For more project information see:

- Activities and Impacts (FAQ) – Updated December 2019
- Contaminants, Health and Safety (FAQ) – Updated December 2019

For up to date information and project updates, please refer to our website www.enviropacific.com.au/projects/former-fitzroy-gasworks-remediation/

Register to receive updates: www.development.vic.gov.au/projects/fitzroy

Contact the project team via email: fitzroygasworks@enviropacific.com.au or phone: **1800 560 822**.

We will respond to you within 24 hours (weekdays only).

Please note that the community information centre has been suspended until further notice due to COVID-19 social distancing requirements. When restrictions are lifted our community information centre will be open every 2nd Tuesday of the month from 3-6pm.