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## **MEDIA ALERT**

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# NCA to commence asbestos remediation works at Acton Peninsula

In March 2022 asbestos was discovered in parts of Acton Peninsula. For public safety, the National Capital Authority (NCA) fenced off the contaminated area and commenced regular air monitoring. The tests have consistently returned negative for asbestos in the atmosphere, meaning it is not airborne and air quality is safe.

The NCA will soon commence remediation works at seven localised sites along the western foreshore. Contractors will remove the layer of contaminated soil and replace it with clean material. Once the areas are certified by the experts as safe, the temporary fences will be removed.

Works will then follow along the eastern foreshore where the contaminated soil will be capped. Fencing will remain in place to minimise cycle and foot traffic so as not to disturb remediation activities. The NCA will take advice from the experts regarding when to remove the fencing.

In the coming days, the public can expect additional signage to go up around the fenced areas. The NCA will also place signage at the commencement of the bush track at West Basin, detouring visitors away from the bush track and onto paved paths towards the National Museum of Australia (NMA) and Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies (AIATSIS). Both institutions will remain open for business.

The NCA will continue to conduct air quality inspection on the whole peninsula during the remediation process to ensure it continues to remain safe.

For more information, please contact the NCA at [info@nca.gov.au](mailto:info@nca.gov.au).

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