

Nelson Parade REMEDICATION

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Dear Resident,

The State Property Authority, a division of the Land and Property Management Authority, will soon be clearing overgrown vegetation from 7, 9 and 11 Nelson Parade. The clearing works are due to commence next week.

We will continue to keep you informed of works on the site and address any concerns you have.



Removal of vegetation

What is happening on the site?

A licensed contractor will be trimming and removing overgrown vegetation from 7, 9 and 11 Nelson Parade to clear the area in preparation for planning for remediation of the site.

Vegetation will be cut to approximately 15 centimetres above ground level and will include the removal of noxious weeds and exotic species such as privet and rhus trees. All cut vegetation will be removed from the site.

Trees with a circumference of around 30 centimeters will not be removed. Some weeds and exotic species up to 3 metres in height will be removed.

Remnants of buildings that once occupied the site and have since been demolished will need to be removed during the clearing. This may involve removal of asbestos sheeting, which the contractor is equipped to do in accordance with Government requirements.

Who will be doing the work?

The work will be undertaken by licensed contractor, Matt Dalley Demolitions, who will conduct all operations under strict guidelines developed by both the Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation (ANTSO) and WorkCover.

On site works are expected to take approximately six weeks. Temporary scaffold stairs will be installed and the entire site fenced before clearing work commences. We ask all residents to remain clear of the site while works are being carried out.

Works are set to begin next week. The hours of work will be Monday to Friday from 7.00am – 5.00pm and Saturday from 9.00am – 1.00pm in accordance with Hunters Hill Council regulations. There may be some noise disruptions during these times.

Will the site be protected?

Most of the site will have vegetation cover maintained to approximately 15 centimetres in height to help maintain the stability of the soil underneath. Any exposed soil will be covered using geo-fabric which prevents soil erosion. A barrier will be installed near the foreshore to prevent excess soil run off.

No remediation works are being undertaken at this time so there is minimal risk of any disturbance of contaminated material. The State Property Authority is committed to ensuring residents' safety. There will be strict safety measures in place and all activities monitored closely.

Daily dust monitoring and air monitoring during the works will ensure the highest level of protection for workers and residents. The State Property Authority will also conduct regular inspections of the site.

There will be safety measures in place to prevent the accidental removal of contaminated materials. Workers will also wear a personal monitoring device to monitor exposure levels. ANTISO and WorkCover have endorsed the work methods for the site clearing.

How will material be removed off site?

The cleared vegetation and materials will be taken off site by trucks. Contractor vehicles will not be parked in Nelson Parade. It is anticipated that the clearance and removal of vegetation will generate no more than one to two truck movements per day. When possible, residents are encouraged to park in adjoining streets to ensure safe truck access.

A site manager will be on site during the work. Contact details for enquiries will be available at the site entrance.

How do I find out more?

For more information on the remediation process visit the State Property Authority website at www.spa.nsw.gov.au.



Next steps

- 01 Vegetation removal is scheduled to begin next week and will take approximately six weeks to complete.
- 02 Following this, further site testing will be done on numbers 7, 9 and 11 Nelson Parade as well as on foreshore land in front of numbers 5 and 13 to assist in finalising the Remediation Action Plan.
- 03 A remediation contractor will soon be engaged to assist with preparation of the Remediation Action Plan (RAP) and Environmental Assessment report (EA). The contractor will work closely with an expert panel, made up of health, environmental and contamination experts.
- 04 The RAP and EA will provide important details to guide the remediation process. It is anticipated that the RAP will be submitted to the Department of Environment, Climate Change and Water in early 2010. The RAP will form a key component of the EA which will be submitted to the Department of Planning who will place the document on public exhibition.
- 05 Pending assessment and approval of these documents, remediation is set to commence by the middle of 2010.

Contact us

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