

DATE: 18 January 2019

SUBJECT: Sediment Control - Tweed Valley Hospital Development

Please attribute to a Health Infrastructure spokesperson

It has been brought to our attention that members of the public have raised concerns in online media regarding possible land contamination at the Tweed Valley Hospital site. Site contamination investigations are a key element of the environmental impact assessment studies that have been conducted for the hospital site.

Site contamination investigations conducted by independent experts in 2018 identified some small areas of pre-existing surface contamination on the Tweed Valley Hospital site.

These areas have been temporarily capped and securely fenced off from the rest of the site to make them safe and the work site has been inspected by an independent environmental consultant.

Remediation Action Plans have also been developed for these areas and this work will be carried out under strict controls and independently audited following approval of the State Significant Development application.

In addition, Woollam Constructions construction management plans include comprehensive procedures to be followed if there are unexpected finds during work on the site.

Environmental controls on the site include two runs of temporary sediment control fencing in areas where Civil works are underway, along the northern boundary that is designed to catch the sediment in stormwater run-off while the new sediment basins are being constructed. The sediment fencing is inspected on a regular basis.

With regard to the site safety-related concerns raised yesterday, the CFMEU (Construction, Forestry, Mining and Energy Union) returned to site this morning and closed out all matters raised.

Woollam Constructions has contacted SafeWork NSW and invited them to inspect the site.

The essential environmental protection works are continuing on the Tweed Valley Hospital site.

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