

Asbestos Management Policy Engagement Summary



Between 11 August and 8 September 2025, Central Coast Council sought community feedback on the draft Asbestos Management Policy.

The policy sets out Council's moral and legal responsibility to minimise exposure to asbestos, for residents, members of the public, workers, and contractors in council workplaces. It ensures Council can continue to proactively protect the community and effectively manage risk.

The policy had been reviewed and updated with minor changes to meet current legislation, best practice and community expectations.

The options for providing feedback included:

- The Your Voice Our Coast online submission form
- Writing to Council via email or post

Engagement Results

A total of four submissions were received via the online form and email.

Feedback included:

- Recommendation to strengthen the policy by incorporating specific, localised details and a more proactive, authoritative tone. Recommendations include: enhancing information and accessibility of the policy, adopting a productive and mandated approach and strengthening specific policy sections such as public safety and awareness, Council accountability and fines and penalties.
- Questions around the management of asbestos on public land, including at Wamberal Beach.

How you connected



Your Voice Our Coast
305 views



The policy was downloaded
123 times



A total of **4** submissions received



Facebook – **3,911** people were reached, generating **8** reactions



LinkedIn – **843** views, generating **10** reactions



Targeted stakeholder email
- Delivered to **5**



eNews - Delivered to
19,973 recipients



Coast Connect print – readership of **62,000**

- Concerns around asbestos exposure in waterfront reserves such as Gosford waterfront, and recommendation to prevent exposure with systematic management. Suggestions to establish visible signage where children play, regular maintenance checks and setting up a neighbourhood/council 'asbestos alert watch' to assist with the prevention of exposure.
- Recommendation for Council's tips to accept asbestos for free to avoid illegal dumping.

You said...

"Regular Council/EPA maintenance checks are essential, or something like a neighbourhood-council 'asbestos' alert watch may assist in preventing dangerous exposure. The last thing we want is a child eating a fragment of asbestos. Prevention is attainable, and can be achieved with systematic management."

"While the Central Coast Council's draft Asbestos Policy is a strong foundation based on the NSW Government model, it can be significantly strengthened by incorporating more specific, localised details and a more proactive, authoritative tone. The primary goal of any asbestos policy must be the prevention of exposure, as there is no safe level of exposure to asbestos fibres... Central Coast Council can transform its draft policy into a leading document that not only meets legislative requirements but also demonstrates a clear, proactive, and unwavering commitment to the health and safety of its residents and visitors."

Analysis of key themes

Key themes from the submissions surround community concerns and expectations for asbestos management. The feedback highlights community concerns about asbestos exposure, particularly at Wamberal Beach and Gosford Waterfront, urging Council to implement visible signage and conduct regular checks. There are calls for the policy to adopt a more proactive and authoritative tone, with emphasis on incorporating specific, actionable information - particularly around public safety and enforcement measures. Overall, the community is seeking a more robust, preventative approach that prioritises transparency and active risk mitigation.

What's next?

Council will now consider the feedback received during public exhibition in the final version of the policy before it reports to the Environment and Planning Committee and is endorsed for adoption. Any relevant updates will be available on Your Voice Our Coast.

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