

Information for waste industry

This guide explains the streamlined process for tracking bushfire-generated waste containing asbestos from NSW to Queensland for disposal

The guide has been prepared in collaboration with the NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA) and Queensland Department of Environment and Science (DES). Asbestos waste that is transported out of NSW must be tracked in accordance with both NSW and Queensland waste tracking requirements.

What waste is to be tracked?

All bushfire-generated waste that contains asbestos must be tracked if it is being transported to Queensland for disposal.

Why is waste tracked?

Interstate tracking of asbestos waste lowers the risk of harm to human health and the environment. Tracking also provides a chain of control from where the asbestos waste starts, through the transport stage and ultimately to where the asbestos waste finishes.

What has been changed?

The waste tracking process for bushfire-generated asbestos waste has been streamlined in response to the 2019-2020 bushfire season in NSW.

To speed up bushfire recovery in NSW, the streamlined process allows for many properties to be included by an applicant in one approved batch from the DES.

How does it work?

People in NSW can now apply to the Queensland DES for a consignment authorisation notice for the transport of waste generated from many properties located in a single NSW local government area (LGA) or suburb.

The streamlined waste tracking process only applies when:

1. The waste contains asbestos and has been generated by bushfires in NSW.
2. The application is for multiple loads of waste within a suburb or LGA with the same transporter and taken to the same waste facility for disposal.
3. Each address of where the waste comes from must be listed, as well as the amount being transported from each address.

As well as a consignment authorisation from the Queensland DES, Waste Transport Certificates are needed by the NSW EPA for each waste collection site and each waste load transported from NSW to Queensland.

What do I need to do?

1. Contact the waste disposal facility in Queensland to organise receipt of the asbestos waste.
2. Confirm with the facility their requirements for:
 - documentation
 - specific packaging and disposal
 - fees, charges and levies.
3. Complete the Queensland DES [consignment authorisation application form](#) available on the DES website.
4. Attach the list of property addresses where the asbestos waste is being transported from within a suburb or LGA.
5. Send the completed form and address list to the Queensland DES at waste.track@des.qld.gov.au.
6. If approved, the Queensland DES will issue you with the consignment authorisation notice by email.

Note that waste cannot be transported until the Queensland DES issues you with a consignment authorisation notice.

7. Apply to the NSW EPA for a Waste Transport Certificate by sending the following information to hazardous.materials@epa.nsw.gov.au:
 - Your consignment authorisation notice from the Queensland DES
 - Company name and ABN or ACN
 - Name, mobile number and email address of the contact person to send the Waste Transport Certificates to
 - Postal address to send the Waste Transport Certificates to
 - Number of Waste Transport Certificates requested (one per load going to Queensland)
 - Date by which the Waste Transport Certificates are needed.
8. Make sure a valid Waste Transport Certificate goes with each load of waste from each collection location for disposal and is completed by each party.

A flowchart of the streamlined waste tracking process is provided opposite.

Key contacts

NSW Environment Protection Authority - Waste Transport Certificates call 131 555 or email hazardous.materials@epa.nsw.gov.au.

Queensland Department of Environment and Science - Consignment Authorisation call 07 3330 5677 or email waste.track@des.qld.gov.au.

References

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Streamlined Waste Tracking Process – Asbestos Containing Bushfire Waste for transport from NSW to QLD

Complete the QLD DES

Application for consignment authorisation form

- a) Application form available at: https://environment.des.qld.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0035/85769/consignment-form.pdf.
- b) Make a list of all asbestos waste collection site addresses.
- c) Send completed application and site address list to waste.track@des.qld.gov.au.
- d) Queries can be directed via email to waste.track@des.qld.gov.au or by phone on (07) 3330 5677.

Send your QLD DES consignment authorisation notice and information to the NSW EPA

- a) Send the following information to hazardous.materials@epa.nsw.gov.au
 1. **Consignment authorisation notice** issued by DES.
 2. **Company name.**
 3. **Name, mobile phone number and email** of contact person for waste transport certificate receipt.
 4. **How many** certificates are needed and when.
 5. **Postal address** to send the certificates to.
- b) Queries can be directed via email to hazardous.materials@epa.nsw.gov.au or by phone on 131 555.

If granted, the NSW EPA issues the applicant with the requested number of certificates via post

Issued with Waste Transport Certificate by the NSW EPA

- a) Once the certificate has been issued by the NSW EPA, the clean-up contractor, transporter and receiver complete the relevant sections of the certificate.
- b) The site address where the waste was collected is entered into the certificate on the bottom line of the 'Waste description' field.
- c) Ensure a valid certificate accompanies each load of waste from each collection site for disposal and is completed by each party.