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MODEL ASBESTOS POLICY FOR NSW COUNCILS – S23A GUIDELINE

Purpose

To inform councils of the release of the Model Asbestos Policy as a guideline under section 23A of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

Issue

- Circular [12-42](#) informed councils of resources to help them develop asbestos policies.
- The 'Model Asbestos Policy for NSW Councils' has now been released as a guideline under section 23A of the *Local Government Act 1993*. This means that councils must consider the Policy when developing, adopting and implementing asbestos policies for their local government areas.
- The Policy, and a Guide titled 'Developing Your Council's Asbestos Policy: A Guide to the Model Asbestos Policy for NSW Councils', are available on the websites of the Division at www.dlg.nsw.gov.au (Home>>Information for Councils>>Directory of Policy Advice for Councils>>Asbestos) and Local Government NSW at www.lgnsw.org.au (Home>>Key Initiatives>>Asbestos Model Policy).
- Local Government NSW is hosting a series of asbestos management training workshops across NSW to help councils adopt the Policy. Further details are available on Local Government NSW's website (see above) or by contacting Ms Amy Lovesey, Project Manager – Asbestos, on telephone no. (02) 9242 4128 or email: amy.lovesey@lgnsw.org.au.

Action

Councils are now required, by virtue of section 23A of the *Local Government Act 1993*, to consider the Model Asbestos Policy when developing, adopting and implementing an asbestos policy for their local government area.



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