NOTICE OF WORKS

Environmental testing - Hogan Street, Tatura



O VicTrack will install a groundwater well (blue dot) and conduct groundwater monitoring (red dots) in Tatura

- Planned works 7am to 5pm, Monday 19 February and Tuesday 20 February 2018
- Planned works 7am to 5pm, Monday 26 February to Friday 2 March 2018

VicTrack and environmental firm BlueSphere Environmental are carrying out routine environmental testing on land at the corner of Hogan and Casey Streets, Tatura, opposite Apex Park.

One groundwater monitoring well will be installed at the corner of Hogan and Thomson Streets and 13 groundwater monitoring wells will be sampled on either VicTrack or Council owned land.

VicTrack conducts numerous environmental assessments across railway land in Victoria. These assessments are part of a proactive program to monitor, manage and clean-up railway land. Tests and sampling works are carried out by experienced staff working under EPA standards.

These works are being carried out to investigate legacy pollution on the land and will only consider the current railway use of the land. The works will not be considering future use of the land.

Minimising impact of works

Work zones will be identified by safety signage and have been timed to minimise impact on the community. Please observe safety signage and instructions. VicTrack apologises for any inconvenience or disturbance that these works may cause.



Frequently Asked Questions - Tatura Environmental Testing

What are the environmental tests looking for?

• The works are part of ongoing environmental assessments and sampling works to manage and monitor contamination related to past historical uses of the site as a former mechanic.

Why are the environmental works occurring in and around the Tatura site?

- The site was used as a mechanic for several years. Contamination from fuel stored on-site and possible spills have led to contamination of the groundwater.
- VicTrack have conducted environmental assessments since at least 2010.
- The groundwater monitoring will help VicTrack assess if impacts in groundwater are attenuating (being cleaned) via natural processes.

Why are the works carried out over consecutive weeks?

• The works will involve drilling and monitoring works to be done over consecutive weeks. A groundwater monitoring well will be installed over 19 February and 20 February. Later, 13 groundwater monitoring wells will be sampled from 26 February to 2 March.

Is there a risk to the public?

• There is no risk to the public under the existing use of the site. In the unlikely event that risks are identified, VicTrack will communicate these to the public.

How have the community been warned about the disruption caused by these works?

- VicTrack will liaise with Council and the local community to ensure they are aware of the works.
- VicTrack is committed to informing the community and offer channels for feedback or to respond to any questions.

What will the impact to traffic and parking in the area during the works?

- During the works, several car parking spaces will be closed. Residents are asked to organise alternative parking arrangements.
- Traffic management staff will be in place during the works to minimise the impact to motor vehicle traffic. There should be no traffic delays and there should be no pedestrian delays.

Will there be a lot of noise and dust from the works?

• The well installation works may produce some minimal noise and dust for a short period of time (e.g. half a day). Support vehicles and drill rigs will be used.

What will the drilling rigs look like?

• A standard geo-probe drill will be used to install one groundwater monitoring bore on Hogan Street, Tatura (see image below).



