

Agency Representatives,

**Important Change to Asbestos Management from 1 July 2022**

A Participating Agency's asbestos management program has until now been managed via two pathways:

1. Managed by the Participating Agency itself; or
2. Managed via the Department for Infrastructure and Transport (DIT) Asbestos Advisory Team (AAT), who would engage external consultants on behalf of Agencies to conduct asbestos activities including Asbestos Inspections and the creation of Asbestos Registers into SAMIS.

**Please note as of 1 July 2022, Ventia will provide previously managed DIT Asbestos Advisory Team functions. Agencies may still manage these works themselves, or they may engage Ventia.**

Agencies as the asset owners, are accountable for the ensuring compliant management of Asbestos for their sites including ensuring Asbestos Registers and Asbestos Management Plans are in place. Sites containing asbestos are to be inspected at least every 5 years (this is regulated by the SA Work Health and Safety Act 2012 and associated Regulations).

From 1 July 2022 Participating Agencies can engage Ventia to facilitate the same engagement and Agencies will be able to log jobs for the activities on a job-by-job basis or engagement for a forward program of Asbestos Inspections and the creation of Asbestos Registers. Where this service is accessed through the AGFMA these reports will be available and integrated within the Ventia IT Panorama system.

**Process Applicable under the AGFMA**

Where a Participating Agency engages Ventia for these services, these works are done as a Fee for Service and are not part of the base Management Fee.

**How to access Asbestos Services and Records via the FMSP?**

How to guides will be released through the Ventia Agency communications.

Engagement with the industry is occurring to coincide with the 1 July 2022 commencement for asbestos contractors to complete this work including the loading of information into Ventia's system.

Visibility of Asbestos Information is not presently viewable on Ventia's IT System and a solution is in the final stages of testing to provide such to Agencies. Further details will be provided to Agencies shortly.

**Do I have to use Ventia / AGFMA?**

No, Agencies remain able to engage an external consultant directly to conduct Asbestos Inspections and or create Asbestos Registers on their behalf. Should Agencies progress this work outside the AGFMA, Ventia will provide an option to store (upload/download) an Asbestos Register document within their IT System.

AGFMA Directorate have developed a Fact Sheet for Agencies to assist in understanding responsibilities and provide additional details such as the Asbestos Management Fund and other information here:

**[Asbestos Management](#)** NEW June 2022

Regards,

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