

## Website FAQ

The former Bathurst Gasworks site operated from 1888 through until 1979 in conjunction with Orange City and Lithgow Councils. It was leased to AGL in 1979 who continued to produce gas at the site until 1987.

Since then the site has remained relatively unused, and is held under commercial lease from Crown Lands by a private company.

### **What is happening?**

The NSW Government is investigating the state of the Bathurst Gasworks site to assess whether there is contamination that needs cleaning up on site, or any structural repairs that are needed.

WSP Australia Pty Ltd (WSP) have been engaged to undertake the works on site on behalf of Crown Lands.

Crown Lands will work with WSP as the investigations take place on site and develop a remedial action plan, if required. The investigations on site are expected to start soon.

Crown Lands will work closely with Bathurst Regional Council to ensure the community are kept up to date with progress on the project.

### **When will the works on site start?**

Negotiations are currently underway between Crown Lands and the private company which has the lease on the site regarding access. Once this is finalised, works will commence.

### **What will WSP be doing on site?**

WSP has been engaged by Crown Lands to undertake a hazardous materials assessment and collect samples of soil and groundwater for laboratory analysis.

### **How long will the investigations take?**

The initial site investigations are expected to take several months.

### **What happens next?**

The Bathurst Gasworks has been part of the industrial fabric of Bathurst since 1888 and this investigation / assessment will help inform potential future uses for the site.

### **What previous studies have occurred on the site?**

Several site assessments were completed in the late 1990s on behalf of Council. These provided a framework for remediation activities done by Council (with funding assistance from the NSW Environmental Trust) in 2008 and 2009. These remediation activities removed tarry wastes, which were a risk of contamination.

### **Is the site heritage listed?**

Some of the structures on the Gasworks site have heritage significance. This investigation will discover the condition of all the buildings which will determine what remedial measures are needed.

PLUS SITE IMAGERY/MAP/LAYOUT if possible – historic photos would be good (this one is taken from an existing investigation report)

