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## Detection of soil contamination at Bungendore

Transport for NSW has identified lead contamination in the soil along the rail corridor at Bungendore.

While the rail line at Bungendore is currently used to carry passengers between Sydney and Canberra, previously lead ore from the mine at Captains Flat was transported to Bungendore in small, uncovered wagons. At Bungendore, the lead ore was transferred into larger wagons and then transported via rail to Port Kembla.

We have found elevated levels of lead in soil in the areas next to and within the rail tracks and some areas of rail corridor where trains were previously required to slow down, stop or load and unload. This includes near the unofficial car park for the Bungendore Public School on the corner of Majara Street and Kings Highway and the woolshed which is used by the Lake George Men's Shed.

### Community information session

We're holding a community information session. We don't have all the answers yet as we're still learning about the contamination, what it means and what we need to do to keep you safe, but we want to share all the information we have with you, let you know what will be happening next and timelines. This information session will be an opportunity for the community to hear from and ask questions of Transport for NSW.

Due to COVID-19, this session will be held online. To attend, you will need to register. To register, please email [bungendore.info@transport.nsw.gov.au](mailto:bungendore.info@transport.nsw.gov.au)

**Date:** Thursday 7 October 2021

**Time:** 6pm to 7pm

If you can't attend the community information session and have questions, please call 1800 491 566 to speak with the project team or email [bungendore.info@transport.nsw.gov.au](mailto:bungendore.info@transport.nsw.gov.au)

### What is happening?

We're continuing to investigate. This will include air monitoring and further soil testing in the rail corridor, at the station and at the informal car park at Majara Street and Kings Highway.

We have informed the EPA and are working with the relevant government agencies to ensure we fully understand and address any impacts on the community.

We're putting up a temporary fence to prevent access to parts of the rail corridor while we undertake further investigations. This will impact parents' ability to park at the unofficial car park on the corner of Majara Street and Kings Highway and prevent access to the Lake George Men's Shed. We apologise for any inconvenience.

## Further information

For more information about lead exposure, please see the [NSW Health website](#).

For more information about managing lead in the environment see the [EPA website](#).

## Contact us

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