

**From:** TRC Communications  
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**To:** RWH Staff  
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### **What is happening?**

Remediation works of the incident site and repair of the air conditioning vent on Level 2 are still underway. Any items that have been deemed to be unable to be cleaned to the appropriate standard have been removed, including carpet tiles, synthetic cloth chairs and individual items of clothing. There has pleasingly been little needed to be removed, and all of the IT equipment and hardware has been able to be retained.

On Thursday 16 December, in order to determine the cause of the initial fault and identify an appropriate remedy, the air conditioning system was tested on Levels 1, 2 and 3 meaning access to these areas was still restricted as it is all one system. In order to continue the repair works, testing and further cleaning/removal of potential asbestos material within the IT area on Level 2 will be taking place on Monday 20 December. In addition to this, the Environmental Hygienist has been engaged to do further testing to determine if there has been any possible asbestos contaminated material exposure across Level's 1, 2 and 3.

Once this testing has been completed the Environmental Hygienist will be able to give us advice on next steps.

### **When will I be able to return to the office?**

It is still unknown when staff from Levels 1, 2 and 3 will be able to return to the office in the new year but more information will be provided next week. Staff are asked to continue working from home until advised otherwise.

Please speak with your Manager or Supervisor to discuss working from home or other arrangements if needed.

Ground Floor and Level 4 to continue operating under business as usual.

Please note that the Loading Dock will continue to be unavailable up until Wednesday next week.

We understand that this can be an added inconvenience after a challenging year, please note that rather than apply a short term fix, we are taking a rigorous, systematic approach to ensure not just the immediate safety of anyone involved in the incident, but the safety of everyone who works in Ray Walsh House, regardless of how low the risk may be.

For more information click here: [Friable Asbestos Incident | Staff Intranet \(nsw.gov.au\)](#)

Thank you,

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