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VICTORIAN WORKCOVER AUTHORITY EXEMPTION

Occupational Health and Safety Regulations 2017
Exemption Numbers H24/00256

1. I, Sam Jenkin, Executive Director, Health and Safety, acting under regulation 537(1) of the Occupational Health and Safety Regulations 2017 (Regulations) and any and all other enabling powers hereby exempt Ashcorp Holdings Pty Ltd from complying with:
 - (a) the requirement of regulation 214(1) that an employer, self-employed person or a person who manages or controls a workplace must not perform asbestos removal work, or arrange for asbestos removal work to be performed, in respect of the workplace except in accordance with Division 7;
 - (b) the requirement of regulation 244(2) that an employer at a workplace must identify asbestos under that employer's management or control, including asbestos-containing material that is fixed or installed in any plant under the management or control of the employer, that is likely to be disturbed by proposed demolition or refurbishment work and –
 - (i) if the proposed work is refurbishment work, ensure, so far as is reasonably practicable, that the asbestos is removed; or
 - (ii) if the proposed work is demolition work, ensure, so far as is reasonably practicable, that the asbestos is removed before the demolition work is commenced.
 - (c) the requirement of regulation 280 that an asbestos removal licence holder performing asbestos removal work must ensure that asbestos waste is disposed of –
 - (i) as soon as reasonably possible; and
 - (ii) in an appropriate manner that eliminates the release of airborne asbestos fibres; and
 - (iii) at a place or premises authorised under the **Environment Protection Act 2017** or regulations made under that Act to receive asbestos wastesubject to the remainder of this exemption.
2. I am satisfied that granting this exemption will result in a level of health and safety at the relevant workplace that is at least equivalent to that which would be achieved by observance of regulations 214(1), 244(2) and 280 of the Regulations.

Application of exemption

3. This exemption shall apply only to work that is associated with the trial Encapsulation Pipe Re-line (EPR) process for replacement of asbestos-cement water pipes as specified in Ashcorp Holding Pty Ltd's 2024 exemption application.
4. This exemption shall only apply to the EPR trial being conducted at Fair Street, Shepparton, between Vaughan Street and Sobraon Street.

Term of exemption

5. This exemption takes effect on the day on which notice of this exemption is published in the Government Gazette and remains in force for a period of five years.

Definitions

6. Unless otherwise indicated, all terms have the same meaning as in the **Occupational Health and Safety Act 2004** or the Regulations.

Dated 6 March 2025

SAM JENKIN
Executive Director, Health and Safety
For and on behalf of the Victorian WorkCover Authority

SPECIAL

VICTORIAN WORKCOVER AUTHORITY
EXEMPTION

Occupational Health and Safety Regulations 2017

Exemption Number H24/00257

1. I, Sam Jenkin, Executive Director, Health and Safety, acting under regulation 537(1) of the Occupational Health and Safety Regulations 2017 (Regulations) and any and all other enabling powers hereby exempt Goulburn Valley Water Regional Corporation (GVW) from complying with:
 - (a) the requirement of regulation 214(1) that an employer, self-employed person or a person who manages or controls a workplace must not perform asbestos removal work, or arrange for asbestos removal work to be performed, in respect of the workplace except in accordance with Division 7;
 - (b) the requirement of regulation 220(1) that a person must not store asbestos; and
 - (c) the requirement of regulation 244(1) that a person who manages or controls a workplace or plant that forms part of a workplace must identify asbestos under that person's management or control that is likely to be disturbed by proposed demolition or refurbishment work and –
 - (i) if the proposed work is refurbishment work, ensure, so far as is reasonably practicable, that the asbestos is removed; or
 - (ii) if the proposed work is demolition work, ensure, so far as is reasonably practicable, that the asbestos is removed before the demolition work is commencedsubject to the remainder of this exemption.
2. I am satisfied that granting this exemption will result in a level of health and safety at the relevant workplace that is at least equivalent to that which would be achieved by observance of regulations 214(1), 220(1) and 244(1) of the Regulations.

Application of exemption

3. This exemption shall apply only to work that is associated with the trial Encapsulation Pipe Re-line (EPR) process for replacement of asbestos-cement water pipes as specified in GVW's 2024 exemption application.
4. This exemption shall only apply to the EPR trial being conducted at Fair Street, Shepparton, between Vaughan Street and Sobraon Street.

Term of exemption

5. This exemption takes effect on the day on which notice of this exemption is published in the Government Gazette and remains in force for a period of five years.

Conditions

6. GVW must take samples in accordance with item 7, analyse those samples, and provide a copy of the results to WorkSafe's Licensing Unit and Hygiene Unit, at the following intervals:
 - (a) prior to commencing the trial;
 - (b) one year from the date this exemption takes effect;
 - (c) two years from the date this exemption takes effect; and
 - (d) five years from the date this exemption takes effect.
7. GVW must, at the intervals outlined in item 6, take samples for analysis in accordance with the Standard Sampling Program included in GVW's 2024 exemption application.
8. GVW must maintain records of the asbestos-cement water pipes in their Asset Management System in accordance with their Asset Management Policy to ensure that they are identified in any future asset location enquiries.

Definitions

9. Unless otherwise indicated, all terms have the same meaning as in the **Occupational Health and Safety Act 2004** or the Regulations.

WorkSafe means the Victorian WorkCover Authority.

Dated 6 March 2025

SAM JENKIN
Executive Director, Health and Safety
For and on behalf of the Victorian WorkCover Authority

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