



Gabrielle Upton
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BLUE MOUNTAINS CITY COUNCIL PUT ON NOTICE

Local Government Minister Gabrielle Upton has issued Blue Mountains City Council a notice of intention to suspend it following serious allegations relating to its asbestos management practices.

The council now has seven days to respond to the notice and put forward an alternative case or face being suspended and an interim administrator appointed. Councillors will remain in place during the seven-day response period.

“I am concerned the council is not functioning effectively following the volume and scope of recent regulatory notices issued by SafeWork NSW and the Environment Protection Authority, including SafeWork’s decision to launch a full investigation into the council’s management of asbestos, the significance of the problem identified in these notices, and the level of community concern,” Ms Upton said.

Under the Local Government Act a council can be suspended for three months and an interim administrator appointed to restore its “proper or effective functioning”. The Act requires the Minister to give notice of intention providing the council with the opportunity to make any submissions on the intention to suspend.

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