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Media Statement

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EPA working with Whyalla City Council after asbestos confirmed in mulch

The EPA is working with the Whyalla City Council after results today confirmed asbestos in samples of garden mulch.

The samples were taken from the property of a resident who had acquired mulch from the Whyalla City Council.

EPA inspectors are in Whyalla to investigate the situation.

The EPA's priority is to ensure the Council is taking the immediate steps required to ensure the community's health is not compromised.

The EPA will issue a Clean Up Order to ensure the Council rectifies the situation.

As a precaution, anyone who purchased mulch from the Council from the beginning of March this year should keep it wet, avoid disturbing the soil and contact the Council's customer service on 8640 3444.

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