What are the time frames for the investigation? How will it happen?
We plan to commence surface testing on houses previously tested by the Courier Mail on Monday 24 November and follow up with indoor air monitoring on 27 and 28 November.
Measurements will be taken inside and outside of selected houses to determine if the asbestos levels are elevated.
Areas to be monitored depend on the proximity to the former factory, past weather conditions, type and age of housing and the presence of asbestos building materials.

Is there a possibility for ongoing testing?
Residents will be informed of the progress of the investigation via www.health.qld.gov.au/asbestos.

What are the risks associated with asbestos fibres?
Asbestos fibres are a health risk when they become airborne and are breathed into the lungs.
The people most at risk traditionally include those who have had long term exposure to high levels of airborne asbestos fibres. This includes those who worked with asbestos such as factory workers, builders or tradespeople.
Currently, increased risk of exposure mainly occurs when maintenance, removal, renovation or demolition of buildings containing asbestos material occurs.
Current or former residents concerned about their health should call 13 HEALTH (13 432584) or consult their local GP.
Information about asbestos, associated health risks and this investigation can be found at www.health.qld.gov.au/asbestos.

How do you identify if you might have an asbestos-related illness?
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What is the possibility of getting health checks for all former/current residents?
We are writing to local GPs advising them that people are encouraged to get a health check if they are concerned.
What about the former factory workers?

Former workers can register their exposure in the work place with WorkCover Queensland by phoning 1300 362 128.

The Asbestos Related Disease Support Society Queensland (ARDSSQ) can provide information and support services for former workers who were potentially exposed to asbestos by calling 1800 776 412 or emailing asbestoshelp@westnet.com.au.

What is the risk to people in communities where there is a lot of development occurring?

Since the plant closed 31 years ago, the site has undergone redevelopment, which has reduced the sources of asbestos. Some sites identified as ‘contaminated’ have since been remediated and have restrictions on their use to protect public safety.

Queensland’s workplace and health and safety laws have clear and strict requirements when it comes to the treatment of asbestos.

If you are concerned a business is not safely working with asbestos, please contact Workplace Health and Safety on 1300 369 915.

If you are concerned a homeowner is not safely working with asbestos, please contact Brisbane City Council on (07) 3403 8888.

What about asbestos that could be at dumps and other sites and dumps that aren’t on the Environmental Management Register?

It’s believed waste products from the former factory were buried on-site and off-site in the surrounding area. We are working with the Department of Environment and Heritage Protection to identify whether any former dump sites are not on the Environmental Management Register.

The investigation will determine any other sites where significant asbestos contamination exists. These will be checked against the sites raised at the community meeting and their condition assessed.

We will work with the community to outline any risks and any action needed every step of the way. Anyone with information that could aid the investigation is encouraged to call 13 HEALTH (13 432584)

Are Super6 roofs safe? And how should they be managed/replaced?

If your house was built before the 1990s, asbestos materials may have been used to construct the roof and ceiling.

Asbestos materials that are intact, well maintained and undisturbed are not a risk.

Asbestos building materials in the roof of your home could be the source of asbestos fibres in the roof cavity, but that does not mean there is a risk to health.

How will asbestos dust in roofs be managed?

Building materials may be the source of asbestos fibres in roof cavities but that does not mean there is a risk. Any materials containing asbestos that are intact, well maintained and undisturbed are not considered a risk.

Queensland Health will begin testing to determine whether a health risk exists due to possible asbestos in roof cavities.
Once the data is collated within the next month, a decision on what may need to occur, if anything, will be made with residents.

**What do you do if you find asbestos in or around your home?**

Any materials containing asbestos that are intact, well maintained and undisturbed are not considered a risk. Keep any asbestos building materials well maintained and undisturbed.

If you find small pieces of asbestos on your property and want advice on safe removal please call 13QGOV (13 74 68).