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Ms Julia Collins
via whspolicy@jobs.gov.au

Dear Ms Collins

RE: INDEPENDENT REVIEW OF THE ASBESTOS SAFETY ERADICATION AGENCY

Victorian Trades Hall Council (VTHC) makes this brief submission in support of the submission made by the Australian Council of Trade Unions (ACTU) to the independent review of the Asbestos Safety Eradication Agency (ASEA).

VTHC was founded in 1856 and is the peak body for unions in Victoria. VTHC represents over 40 unions and more than 400,000 workers in Victoria. These workers are members of unions that reach into every industry in the state, both in the public and private sectors.

VTHC has been advocating around the dangers of asbestos since the 1970's. VTHC joins the ACTU in congratulating the ASEA on its work to date and strongly support the role and functions of ASEA as specified in s 8 of the Act.

VTHC supports all of the recommendations made by the ACTU and in particular would like to draw the inquiries attention to recommendation (d) in the Priority areas of the NSP section regarding the NSP's aim should be the complete eradication of asbestos from the built environment by 2030.

If you have any questions or would like further information please don't hesitate to contact Paul Sutton, Lead Occupational Health and Safety Organiser at [REDACTED].

Sincerely,

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