



LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE ON LOOSE FILL ASBESTOS INSULATION

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INQUIRY INTO 'MR FLUFFY' ASBESTOS INSULATION

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During the 1960s and 1970s, pure loose-fill asbestos was sold as ceiling insulation for residential and commercial properties in Australia. A company known as 'Mr Fluffy' installed this insulation in properties in and around the Australian Capital Territory and parts of New South Wales. The full scope of affected properties in New South Wales is unknown.

A Joint Parliamentary Select Committee has been set up to inquire into and report on the issue of loose fill asbestos insulation across the state.

Committee Chairman, Reverend the Hon Fred Nile MLC said, "This inquiry has been established, amidst mounting public health concerns, to look into the extent of homes affected by loose fill asbestos insulation in New South Wales."

"We will look at what actions have been taken by governments to deal with loose fill asbestos insulation in other jurisdictions, and what role state and local governments should play to appropriately advise and assist home owners and occupiers to reduce the risks posed by loose fill asbestos insulation" said Revd Nile.

"The committee wants to know what steps are being taken to remove this dangerous asbestos and who has responsibility for its removal."

"We will also consider what responsibilities and requirements there should be for property owners to notify potential buyers, renters, tradespeople and emergency service officers about the presence of this dangerous insulation on their property" Revd Nile commented.

"The committee is keen to ensure the inquiry engages with relevant stakeholders and encourages submissions from interested groups, organisations and individuals," Revd Nile said.

The committee is currently seeking written submissions, with a closing date of 31 October 2014. Public hearings will be held in Queanbeyan on 14 November and Sydney on 17 November 2014.

For more information, including terms of reference and guidelines for making a submission, please visit the committee's website – www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/asbestosinsulation

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