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## INQUIRY INTO LOOSE FILL ASBESTOS INSULATION

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my father worked in the building industry in Newcastle NSW during the 1970s. He has a clear memory of loose-fill asbestos being pumped into the roofs of houses. He remembers the machine used and feeling shocked at how this material was blown into insecure spaces i.e. the roof cavity of homes, with no regard for the fact that should a hole open up in the roof it would blow out because it was "contained" only by the roof itself. It was common knowledge that the material used was asbestos.

Dad was an interior decorator and worked on houses, shops and hotels. He is but has very clear recollection of this practice.

Looks like Canberra may just be the beginning of what could be a very big iceberg. To think all the authorities knew how dangerous this substance was but did nothing about it.

Cheers,