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INQUIRY INTO LOOSE FILL ASBESTOS INSULATION

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Dear All,

As you would be aware, the Commonwealth has provided an option to the ACT government to relieve ACT Mr Fluffy owners.

My partner and I have a Mr Fluffy home in the ACT. We also have family in NSW, and now that we can finally start planning for our future, we are considering moving there. I fear what would happen if, by some remote chance we were unlucky enough to end up with another Mr Fluffy home - given NSW's terrible record in looking after their Mr Fluffy victims. I can tell you, after our terrible experience, we would arrange for many, many forensic tests to be carried on any house we are interested in purchasing in NSW. Imagine how worried the owner would be with the potential result!!

I am still shocked by NSW's Health government officials' attempts to convince their residents that there is nothing dangerous about Mr Fluffy homes <http://www.canberratimes.com.au/act-news/queanbeyan-residents-told-mr-fluffy-asbestos-homes-are-safe-20140627-zsmtf.html>.

One only has to read the story of Mike and Maryanne from Queanbeyan (page 6 of the FORAG Impact Statement available at <http://www.fluffyaction.com/390249628>) to start to understand the incredible burden NSW Mr Fluffy residents have been forced to carry for the past three or four decades. I fear that yet again, the NSW government will do nothing to protect its citizens.

You offer free tests to anyone worried that they may have Mr Fluffy insulation - but you know as well as I know that most people wouldn't want tests done - because if they confirm their worst fears, with no help from the government, they are immediately financially ruined!

There are maybe only 20 or so confirmed residential properties in NSW with Mr Fluffy insulation. Its a danger not only to the residents to continue to live with this stuff, but also the wider community!

The only option is for the NSW government to fund the solution.

I'm so impressed with how quickly the ACT government is responding to ACT Mr Fluffy home owner's plight.

I urge you to do what is right, and quickly!

Alana Smith