

INQUIRY INTO LOOSE FILL ASBESTOS INSULATION

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Submission on loose-fill asbestos

We own a residence affected by loose fill asbestos. Our property is Queanbeyan; Loose fill asbestos, or Mr Fluffy, has been identified as being present in the ceiling and other cavities in the complex. At the time of purchase, the words 'Mr Fluffy' or loose-fill asbestos were not part of the vocabulary around our purchase and we were totally unaware of the serious implications of this type of material and how it will affect our ability to live in, rent or re-sell this property.

We purchased this bed-sit as a small investment property as part of our limited retirement funding, and possibly to live in if and when we decide to down-size later on. This investment has put both of us in the category of a self-funded retiree and is, at present, making me self-sufficient. Any loss of income from this investment will seriously impact on my ability to remain independent. It will also affect similarly in the near future. The whole circumstance is causing us considerable stress and we would appreciate speedy resolution to this matter.

We attended the first meeting held in Queanbeyan which was an introductory-type information sharing event. We will attend all future meetings to which we are invited.