First review of the Dust Diseases scheme

# Recommendations

## **Recommendation 1**

That the relevant Minister urgently convene a taskforce of industry, regulatory and workforce representatives to review safety standards in the manufactured stone industry and consider regulatory changes necessary to protect workers in the industry.

## **Recommendation 2**

That icare consult with stakeholders to examine the feasibility of establishing a national dust diseases data collection system.

# **Recommendation 3**

That Dust Diseases Care ensure that its fact sheets and brochures emphasise the importance of lodging a Dust Diseases scheme application quickly, and explain the nexus between receipt of application and payment of benefits.

## **Recommendation 4**

That icare expedite the development of an online application process for the Dust Diseases scheme that provides for 24 hour electronic lodgement and receipt, similar to that provided by the Dust Diseases Tribunal.

## **Recommendation 5**

That the NSW Government consider establishing a statutory internal appeals panel to provide an affordable and independent avenue to review decisions about Dust Diseases scheme eligibility.

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