

Health, Communities, Disability Services and Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Comr

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To: Health, Communities, Disability Services and Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Committee
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Dear Sir / Madam,

Please accept this email as a formal submission of my yes vote in favor of the Bill changes to the Dust Register in Qld. I have family and friends who have been diagnosed with silicosis from working in the artificial stone benchtop industry. I cant understand after reading articles about this very deadly and totally preventable disease that there has not been a National Register to acknowledge this tragedy and to prevent further cases years ago; a Qld Register is a start. Workers in this industry, many in their early 30's, were not advised of the dangers or provided with adequate safety protection and are now being told they will die from this disease, some possibly within only a few years.

I hope this register will inspire the Government to acknowledge the suffering these victims and their families are going through; their only crime was to go to work and pay taxes in Australia with a trust that the safety equipment they were provided was adequate - it was not! I also hope the Government will acknowledge that they owe it to these workers to urgently fund trial research in an attempt to help the victims as much as possible and to set up some rehabilitation centres for these victims to seek help.

Yours Faithfully
David Price