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**Asbestos Response
Taskforce**

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Support Info Sheet

TOPIC: REGISTER OF PROPERTIES AFFECTED BY LOOSE FILL ASBESTOS

This information sheet provides information about the register of properties affected by loose fill asbestos and explains the rationale for publishing the list of addresses.

OVERVIEW

The ACT Government is required under the *Dangerous Substances Act 2004* to maintain a register of residential premises that contain or have contained loose fill asbestos insulation. This register, known as the Affected Residential Premises Register, will be established on 29 June 2015.

KEY DETAILS

- In March 2015, the ACT Government agreed to amend the *Dangerous Substances Act 2004* to establish a formal register of residential premises that contain, or have contained, loose fill asbestos insulation ('Mr Fluffy') and authorise the publication of a list of these addresses.
- To date the ACT Government has sought to balance the needs of affected homeowners and tenants with the needs of other members of the community in regard to the properties being publically known. Out of respect for the privacy of homeowners and tenants as they considered options around their houses, a list of affected properties was not released.
- Homeowners were advised that a list would be released in early 2015. This was then delayed to the week of 29 June 2015, noting that the voluntary Buyback Program closes on 30 June 2015, to give owners additional time to consider their options.
- There is significant interest from former residents, tradespeople, service providers, media and the general community in knowing whether a particular property is affected. This need has been partially addressed in the short term through free building file searches and the requirement for warning tags to be installed on affected properties.
- The balance of public interest has now shifted with the growing need for former residents, tradespeople, service providers, visitors and neighbours to be able to easily identify whether they have or have had an association with an affected property and to understand their potential exposure.

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- Additionally, the publication of the list will enable former residents of affected properties to participate in the health study being conducted by the [Australian National University's National Centre for Epidemiology and Population Health](#).
- The published list will not identify homeowners or tenants. The register, and the published list, will identify the affected properties by unit, block, section and division numbers. For convenience of use, the list will also show the accepted street address and alternative street address where applicable (such as corner blocks).
- The published list will be available on the Asbestos Taskforce website in excel and pdf formats from 1 July 2015. Guidance on understanding the list and support materials for around health and wellbeing will also be available on the website.
- A property will be removed from the register once it has met the deregistration requirements as detailed in the *Deregistration From The Affected Properties Register* Information Sheet.
- A range of supporting information sheets are available on the Taskforce website for those who identify that they have lived in, worked on or visited an affected property. Please refer to Further Information.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Access the Taskforce website at www.act.gov.au/asbestostaskforce for the following documents:

Deregistration From the Affected Properties Register Information Sheet

Your Health and Affected Properties Information Sheet

Tradespeople – Working in Affected Houses Information Sheet

ANU Asbestos Health Study Information Sheet

Site Soil Validation Report template

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