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Communique

Meeting 2025-3 – 19 November 2025

The [Asbestos and Silica Safety and Eradication Council](#) (the Council) held its eighth meeting on 19 November 2025 on the traditional Country of the Kurna people of the Adelaide Plains (Adelaide) bringing together Council members, agency staff, observers and international guests.

The Council firstly received an update on issues related to the [coloured sand recall](#).

Council members received an update on the delivery of actions in the [Asbestos National Strategic Plan 2024-30](#) (ANSP) and the Silica National Strategic Plan [Silica National Strategic Plan 2024-30](#) (SNSP). Members received presentations on the evaluation of the most recent awareness campaign and the Asbestos Awareness Survey and noted the agency's ongoing progress against strategic objectives. Members were invited to provide feedback and discuss current initiatives.

The Council discussed the development of the Stakeholder Engagement Plan and Operational Roadmap, including a presentation on stakeholder engagement activities. Progress on scoping a Customer Relationship Management (CRM) system was noted, with members encouraged to provide input on engagement strategies and operational planning.

An update was provided on the outcomes of the recent Senior Implementation Forum (SIF) meeting and the drafting of progress reports for the ANSP and SNSP. Members noted the importance of national coordination, monitoring, and evaluation in achieving the objectives of the strategic plans.

The Agency provided Council members with a comprehensive update on its recent and ongoing activities, highlighting both operational achievements and strategic developments across the reporting period. This update encompassed initiatives not only specific to asbestos and silica functions but also broader agency operations, reflecting the Agency's commitment to continuous improvement and sector leadership.

The Agency has played a key role in coordinating and supporting national events, such as the Parliamentary Group on Asbestos Related Disease (PGARD) Briefing at Parliament House, which brought together Members of Parliament, agency partners, and advocacy groups to advance awareness and policy action. The Agency's leadership in these forums underscores its commitment to building strong partnerships and driving collective progress towards the eradication of asbestos and silica-related diseases.

The Council welcomed presentations from international guests, including updates on campaigns and regulatory developments in California, Indonesia, Malaysia, and Fiji. Members discussed opportunities for collaboration and shared learnings from international efforts to address asbestos and silica risks.

The next Council meeting is scheduled for 22 April 2026, with the location to be confirmed.

The Council thanks all participants, presenters, and guests for their contributions and ongoing commitment. In closing the Council also thanked member Tracey Browne for her contribution to the Council and wished her well on her transition to retirement.