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Welcome to the 3rd International Conference on Asbestos Awareness and Management. The Asbestos Safety and Eradication Agency and Council are delighted to have all of you attend this very important conference, again featuring renowned international and local experts in asbestos management, public health, advocacy and governance to challenge you into thinking what is best practice in managing the dangers of asbestos in our community and abroad.

This conference will feature sessions on latest research into asbestos-related disease treatments and support group activities, asbestos identification and grading and the economic and social impact of ARDs. There will also be sessions looking at international aspects such as an update from the World Health Organisation activities in South East Asia, approaches to asbestos management overseas and the move to a worldwide ban on asbestos production and use.

There has been significant attention paid in the media and the general public to the issues around asbestos management, removal and disposal and it is incumbent on us to work with industry, unions, advocacy groups and the community to develop best practice approaches in all aspects of asbestos awareness and management to minimise the risk of exposure and asbestos-related disease.

Clearly, exposure to asbestos remains a big problem for Australia; for all governments, local, state and

national, for our health care sector and more importantly for the families of asbestos-related diseases sufferers who live with the consequences of asbestos exposure every day of their lives.

The agency has been fortunate in bringing together all states and territories in endorsing the National Strategic Plan for Asbestos Management and Awareness; the first time a plan of this type has been endorsed by all jurisdictions. This conference will be a great opportunity for all stakeholders to come together and assist the agency in delivering the goals and outcomes of the plan.

This event will provide important networking opportunities and a stimulating, thought provoking environment to discuss the big issues facing workplaces, stakeholders and the general community in raising awareness about the dangers of asbestos and how it can be managed into the future. This event will again highlight the important role the agency plays in delivering the National Strategic Plan and advocating for change on the ground, in Australia and internationally.

We hope you enjoy this conference.



Peter Tighe
Chief Executive Officer



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OVERVIEW

Welcome to Australia's third International Conference on Asbestos Awareness and Management being held at the world class Adelaide Convention Centre.

This conference plays a very important role for the agency in implementing the *National Strategic Plan for Asbestos Management and Awareness*; highlighting the risks posed by asbestos in the community and the impact asbestos-related diseases have on public and worker health.

The 2016 conference will highlight important research the agency has completed in how to manage the legacy issues relating to decades of production and use of asbestos in Australia and international leadership in managing the risks of and preventing exposure to deadly asbestos. The conference will also outline where awareness levels and attitudes to asbestos are at in 2016 following the national asbestos awareness survey earlier this year.

The event will bring together renowned local and international experts in asbestos management, health, advocacy and governance to look at what is best practice in managing the dangers of asbestos in our community and abroad. The conference will hear from the World Health Organisation on how Australia can play an influential role in reducing the reliance on asbestos in South-East Asia, with a spotlight on Cambodia this year.

Topics to be examined at this conference include:

- international updates and approaches to asbestos management
- research and practice into asbestos identification and grading
- > updates on the latest research into asbestos-related disease treatments
- identifying the economic and social impacts of asbestos-related diseases
- moving towards a worldwide ban on asbestos production and use
- research into asbestos and DIY home renovation in the residential sector
- > challenges and responses to asbestos waste disposal and dumping.

The conference will also be an important event in the lead up to National Asbestos Awareness Week in November where government, community and advocacy groups highlight the important work they do to raise awareness about the risks posed by exposure to asbestos and the support they provide to sufferers of asbestos-related diseases and their families.

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Landmark win against BHP Billiton in the High Court of Australia

Turner Freeman Partner, Annie Hoffman, brought a claim for Mr van Soest against BHP in 2012 after he was diagnosed with mesothelioma.

Mr van Soest was employed by BHP at their Whyalla Shipyard in 1962 for 11 weeks as a painter and docker. He worked on the construction of the PJ Adams where he worked in the vicinity of laggers installing asbestos insulation around pipes and boilers. BHP aggressively defended the case at trial. Although BHP admitted that Mr van Soest had been exposed to asbestos dust at BHP, it argued that it could not have known that the level of exposure to asbestos dust that Mr van Soest suffered was dangerous in 1962. At the time the National Health & Medical Research Council of Australia ("NHMRC") had prescribed a limit of exposure to asbestos dust below which it was thought that there was little risk of contracting an asbestos related disease. BHP argued that Mr van Soest's exposure to asbestos dust at Whyalla did not exceed the NHMRC standard and therefore it was not required to do anything to protect Mr van Soest from the dangers of

The trial judge rejected this argument finding that because BHP did not measure the level of asbestos dust in the air on the PJ Adams, there was no way of knowing how much exposure to asbestos dust Mr van Soest actually suffered. The court found, however, that it was known in 1962 that persons working in the ship building industry had contracted asbestos related

diseases and that BHP should have been aware that workers like Mr van Soest were at risk of exposure to asbestos dust.

The trial judge's decision was handed down on 17 June 2013. BHP appealed the decision and unfortunately Mr van Soest passed away shortly after on 24 July 2013. Mr van Soest's son continued the fight against BHP in the Supreme Court of South Australia. He successfully defended BHP's appeal, the Supreme Court handing down its decision on 19 December 2014. BHP sought special leave to appeal to the High Court of Australia against the decision of the Supreme Court. This was BHP's last roll of the dice in its efforts to avoid paying compensation to Mr van Soest's estate.

The application for special leave to appeal was heard in the High Court on 19 June 2015. Again, BHP argued that it did not have to do anything to protect Mr van Soest from his exposure to asbestos dust on the PJ Adams in 1962. Chief Justice Robert French and Justice Stephen Gageler rejected BHP's argument and dismissed its application for special leave to appeal.

The decision marks an end to a three and a half year legal battle against the company. The case was run aggressively by BHP as a test case and is a culmination of a series of hard fought legal battles with BHP.

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Welcome Reception – Sunday 13 November, 2016					
	6.00pm – 8.00pm Adelaide Convention & Exhibition Centre, Panorama Ballroom / Outside Terrace				
Day 1 - Monday 14 November 2016 AWARENESS					
8.30am – 9.00am	Arrival and registration				
9.00am – 9.15am	Welcome to Country Kaurna Elder Dr. Lewis O'Brien AO Facilitator welcome Matt Peacock Journalist and Author, Australian Broadcasting Corporation				
9.15am – 9.20am	Ministerial and opening address Senator the Hon Michaelia Cash (video) Minister for Employment, Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for the Public Service, Minister for Women, Liberal Senator for Western Australia				
9.20am – 9.25am	Opening address Australia leading the world in asbestos awareness and management and presentation of NSP progress report Peter Tighe Chief Executive Officer, Asbestos Safety and Eradication Agency				
9.25am – 9.35am	International address Towards a national ban in Cambodia His Excellency, Dr Ith Samheng Minister of Labour and Vocational Training, Royal Government of Cambodia				
9.35am – 10.15am	International Keynote World Health Organisation & South East Asia update Lesley Jane Onyon Regional Advisor, Occupational and Environmental Health, WHO Regional Office for South-East Asia				
10.15am – 10.45am	Morning tea – Exhibition trade area				
10.45am – 11.25am	2016 Asbestos Awareness Survey – where are we now with awareness and attitudes? Plenary Simon Howell Associate Director, Ernst & Young Sweeney				

11.25am – 12.00pm

Awareness Panel

General public awareness, what do we need to do?

Peter Dunphy

Executive Director, SafeWork NSW & Asbestos Safety and Eradication Agency Council

Melissa Ledger

Cancer Smart Manager, Cancer Council Western Australia

Tanya Segelov

Principal, Segelov Lawyers & Asbestos Safety and Eradication Council

12.00pm – 1.00pm Lunch – Exhibition trade area Session 1 Session 2 Session 3 International updates and Asbestos identification Update on latest approaches to asbestos and grading – research research into asbestosand practice related-diseases management treatments Speakers: Speakers: Speakers: Andrew Morgan **Elizabeth Cummings** Director, Asbestos Safety and Associate Professor, School of Anna Nowak **Eradication Agency** Health Sciences, University of Professor, National Centre for Tasmania Asbestos-Related Diseases, Linda Reinstein University of Western Australia President and Chief Executive Leonie Ellis Associate Professor, School of Officer, Asbestos Disease Awareness Sonja Klebe Health Sciences, University of Organization, United States Associate Professor, Faculty of Tasmania Medicine, Nursing and Health Sebastian Brandt Sciences, Flinders University Activist, Swedish Electrician Union Justin Macdonald Senior Consultant, Indoor Environmental Professional, EHS Assess Session 4 Session 5 Session 6 International campaigns Asbestos-related diseases Removal and to ban asbestos support group activities

Speakers:

Wira Ginting

Director, LION-Indonesia (Local Initiative for OSH Network)

Kate Lee

Executive Director, Union Aid Abroad-APHEDA (Australian People for Health, Education and Development Abroad)

Apolinar Tolentino

Regional Representative, Asia Pacific, Building and Wood Workers International

Speakers:

Penny Jacomos

Social Worker, Asbestos Disease Society of South Australia

Julie Tucker

Centre for Social Impact, Swinburne University of Technology

Vicky Hamilton

Chief Executive Officer/Secretary, Asbestos Council of Victoria -GARDS

Amanda Richards

Secretary/General Manager of the Asbestos Disease Support Society, Queensland

remediation case studies

Speakers:

Ross Stevens

Director, Property Project Delivery Branch, Department of Finance

Andrew Kefford

Head of Asbestos Response Taskforce, Australian Capital Territory

Northern Territory – video piece

Stephen Hayes

IES Capital Projects, Director, Remote Essential Services Unit, Department of Housing and Community Development, Northern Territory

2.45pm – 3.15pm	Afternoon tea – Exhibition trade area
3.15pm – 4.15pm	Plenary Managing the importation of goods or materials containing asbestos into Australia
	John Mitchell Manager, Government Relations, NATA
	Marie Boland Executive Director, SafeWork South Australia
4.15 pm – 4.30pm	Day one wrap up
	Geoff Fary Chair, Asbestos Safety and Eradication Council
6.30pm – 11.00pm	Conference Gala Dinner Venue: Adelaide Convention Centre, Panorama Ballroom Dinner commences 7.00pm



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Day 2 – Tuesday ⁻	5 November 2016		
7.30am – 9.00am	Special Event – Industry Breakfast (Sponsored by SafeWork South Australia)		
	The Hon John Rau MP South Australian Deputy Premier, Attorney-General, Minister for Industrial Relations, and Minister for the City of Adelaide		
	Morris Lamacchia Marketing Services Manager SA/NT/TAS, Bunnings Group Limited		
8.30am – 9.20am	Arrival and registration		
9.30am – 9.45am	Facilitator welcome to day two		
	Matt Peacock Journalist and Author, Australian Broadcasting Corporation		
	Serafina Salucci Mesothelioma Patient		
	Terry Miller President, Asbestos Victims Association South Australia (AVA-SA)		
	Acknowledgement to lives lost		
9.45am – 10.45am	International keynote		
	Edward (Ted) Emmett Professor and Director of Academic Programs in Occupational Medicine, University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine, United States		
	Kathleen Ruff Founder and Head, RightOnCanada.ca		
10.45 am – 11.15am	Morning tea – Exhibition trade area		
Breakout sessions			
Session 7	Session 8 Session 9		

Current trials and Asbestos waste disposal Can we identify treatments for asbestosand dumping: challenges economic and social related diseases and responses impact of asbestosrelated diseases? Speakers: Speakers: Speakers: Thomas John **Andrew Doig** Medical Oncologist, Olivia Chief Executive Officer, Australian Sarina Lacey Newton-John Cancer Wellness & Sustainable Business Group Director of Health Economics and Research Centre Policy, The Centre for International John Bell Economics John Cannings Senior Associate, ACIL Allens Board Member, Rare Cancers Consulting Leo Dobes Australia Associate Professor, Crawford School of Public Policy, Australian National University

Lunch – Exhibition trade area

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12.00pm – 1.00pm

	Breakout sessions				
1.00pm – 1.45pm	Session 10 Moving towards a worldwide ban Speakers: Kathleen Ruff Founder and Head, RightOnCanada.ca Robert Birse Assessment Manager- Wellington, Worksafe NZ Andrew McNee Deputy Secretary, Chemical and Wastes Branch, Department of Environment and Energy, Australian Government	Session 11 Managing asbestos in public buildings Speakers: Ged Keane Director & Principal Consultant, Keane Environmental Chris Keating Chief Executive Officer, Victorian School Building Authority, Department of Education and Training	Session 12 DIY renovation and asbestos in residential sector Speakers: Simon Howell Associate Director, Ernst & Young Sweeney Rodney Fox Managing Director, HSE (Health Safety Environment) Australia		
1.45pm – 2.15pm Afternoon tea – Exhibition trade area					

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2.15pm – 3.15pm	Plenary Session
	Subject – 'Where do we go from here' - next step in asbestos awareness and management in Australia and overseas
	Speakers:
	Geoff Fary Chair, Asbestos Safety and Eradication Council
	Peter Tighe Chief Executive Officer, Asbestos Safety and Eradication Agency
	Kathleen Ruff Founder and Head, RightOnCanada.ca
	Linda Reinstein President and Chief Executive Officer, Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization, United States
	Marie Boland Executive Director, SafeWork South Australia
	Brad Parker Assistant National Secretary, CMFEU
3.15pm – 3.30pm	Day two wrap up and conference close Geoff Fary Chair, Asbestos Safety and Eradication Council





Matt Peacock Conference facilitator

Award winning Journalist and Author, Australian Broadcasting Corporation

Matt is an award-winning journalist and also the staff-appointed director currently with the Australian Broadcasting Corporation. He has been chief political correspondent for current affairs radio in Canberra, as well as foreign correspondent in London (2001-2003), Washington (1990-1992) and New York (1993).

Matt produced a pioneering radio series on the asbestos industry at ABC Radio National's Science Unit. For many years, Matt worked for the prime-time radio current affairs radio programs AM, The World Today and PM, specialising in politics, environment and science. For seven years he also reported from outback Australia, specialising in rural and remote issues including Aboriginal affairs, founding the TV production house Remote Area Media. More recently he authored a book on the former Australian asbestos manufacturer James Hardie, Killer Company (Harper Collins, 2009), which is now a dramatic mini-series Devil's Dust.





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Kathleen Ruff Founder and Head, RightOnCanada.ca

Kathleen is the founder and co-ordinator of RightOnCanada.ca, a longtime human rights activist and board member of the

Kathleen is a former director of the Court Challenges Program and a former director of the BC Human Rights Commission. She was the founding editor and publisher of the Canadian Human Rights Reporter and host of the CBC TV program Ombudsman. She is presently one of the international coordinators of the Rotterdam Convention Alliance, which represents environmental and health organizations around the world that are working to defend and promote the Rotterdam Convention.

Kathleen received the Canadian Public Health Association's National Public Health Hero Award in 2011 for her advocacy to end Canada's export of asbestos and the medal of honour from the Quebec National Assembly in 2016.



Linda Reinstein

President and Chief Executive Officer, Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization, US

Linda became a public health advocate after her

husband, Alan, was diagnosed with mesothelioma in 2003. One year later, she co-founded the Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization (ADAO) to reach out to those who have been affected by asbestos-related diseases.

During the past 12 years, ADAO has become the largest independent non-profit in the U.S. dedicated to preventing asbestos exposure, eliminating asbestos-caused diseases, and protecting asbestos victims' civil rights through education, advocacy, and community initiatives.

Serving as President and CEO, Linda has been a strong political voice for major local, national, and international asbestos-related issues.



Edward Emmett

Professor and Director of Academic Programs in Occupational Medicine, University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine, US

Dr. Emmett is Professor and Director of Academic Programs

in Occupational Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine in Philadelphia. He is active in clinical practice, research and education in Occupational and Environmental Medicine.

Dr. Emmett has been Vice Chairman of the Joint ILO/WHO Committee on Occupational Health, Chairman of the Regional Working Group on Occupational Health for WHO, a member of the WHO Expert Advisory Panel on Occupational Health and also Chairman of the State of Maryland Hazardous Toxic Substances Study Commission, among other appointments.

Dr. Emmett's current research activities include studies of the role of toxic occupational and environmental exposures in causing disease, and of the relationship between health and productivity. He is also working with the United Auto Workers Union (UAW), General Motors Corporation and Delphi Corporation in a new role as the "Risk Communicator" to better translate research results into preventive actions by management and workers at the workplace.



Lesley Jayne Onyon

Regional Advisor, Occupational and Environmental HealthRegional Office for South-East Asia, World Health Organisation

Lesley Onyon is a toxicologist

who has worked for over 25 years in fields relating to chemicals management and occupational and environmental health at both governmental (UK and Australia) and intergovernmental levels (OECD, UNEP and WHO)

She is currently based in New Delhi, India where she works as Regional Advisor for Occupational and Environmental Health at the WHO Regional Office for South-East Asia. At WHO South-East Asia Regional Office, she provides coordination and technical support on occupational and environmental issues to the eleven Member States of the WHO South-East Asia region: Bangladesh, Bhutan, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, India, Indonesia, Maldives, Myanmar, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Timor Leste

Asbestos is identified by WHO as one of the top ten chemicals of public health concern. Supporting countries to take action to eliminate exposure to all forms of asbestos is one of her responsibilities.



Apolinar Tolentino,

Regional Representative, Asia Pacific, Building and Wood Workers International

Apolinar started his work with BWI in 1998 as Education Officer of the

Philippine Project Office and was directly involved in the BWI Global Ban Asbestos campaign by conducting awareness seminars in the selected countries target for legislative ban. He was one of the founding coordinators of the Asia Ban Asbestos network and assisted in setting-up of country-level ban asbestos network like InaBan in Indonesia. He has participated in various regional and international conferences on asbestos particularly to counter the moves of Trade Union Alliance Chrysotile promoting fake claim for safe use of asbestos.



His Excellency, Dr Ith Samheng

Minister of Labour and Vocational Training, Royal Government of Cambodia

His Excellency, Dr Ith Samheng, is the Minister of Labour and Vocational

Training for the Royal Government of Cambodia. He is also the Chairman of the National Commission for Resolving Strike and Demonstration Issue as well as the Chairman of the Industrial Relation Working Group between Government and Private Sector.



Wiranta Ginting

Director, LION-Indonesia (Local Initiative for OSH Network)

Wiranta completed his Masters degree in Sustainable International Development from the Heller School for

Social Policy and Management at Brandeis University, MA. USA.

His interest in social movements has led him to be involved in grassroots movements in Indonesia, focusing on building a strong, democratic and independent grassroots organization.

After finishing his degree, he returned to Indonesia and joined LION, where he became director. His involvement in INA-BAN (Indonesian Ban Asbestos Network) started when he joined LION in 2010.



Sebastian Brandt

Activist, Swedish Electrician Union

Sebastian is a 33-year-old electrician from southern Sweden and youth secretary at LO Skåne – regional branch of the Swedish TUC. He is a union

activist for the Swedish electricians union and regional safety officer in southern Sweden with responsibility for 4500 union member's safety.



Geoff Fary
Chair, Asbestos Safety and
Eradication Council

Geoff Fary MAICD FAIM was Chair of the Australian Asbestos Management Review between 2010 and 2012. Prior to this he was

Assistant Secretary of the Australian Council of Trade Unions for 3 years.

Geoff has also held positions as Executive Director of the Association of Professional Engineers Scientists and Managers, Australia (APESMA) and National Vice President of the Industrial Relations Society, Australia and a number of other senior corporate and government roles. His former board memberships and directorships include George Weston Foods Limited, Australian Employee Buyout Centre, APESMA Lawyers Pty Ltd, Victorian Government Purchasing Board, Safe Work Australia, Defence Reserves Support National Council and Commissioner for the Australian Safety and Compensation Commission.

He is a member of the Australian Institute of Company Directors and the current Chairman of the Australian Institute of Management (Vic/Tas).



Peter Tighe

Chief Executive Officer, Asbestos Safety and Eradication Agency

Peter was appointed Chief Executive Officer of the Asbestos Safety and Eradication Agency in August

2013 for a period of five years. Prior to this, Peter was National Secretary of the Communications, Electrical, Plumbing Union, a position he held from 1995 to 2013.

He was also National Secretary of the Electrical Trades Union and Executive Member of the Australian Council of Trade Unions from 1991 to 2013. During this time, Peter was also chair of EE-Oz Energy Skills Australia, E-Profiling Pty Ltd, the National Electrical and Electronic Industry Training Council and trustee/board member of CBUS Superannuation.

Peter has extensive experience in workplace health and safety issues and in tackling the hazards of asbestos containing materials.



Thomas John

Medical Oncologist & Senior Clinical Research Fellow, Olivia Newton-John Cancer Wellness & Research Centre / Austin Hospital, Lung Oncology Clinic

Thomas is a consultant medical

oncologist recognised both nationally and internationally as an expert in cancers of the thoracic cavity; which includes lung cancers, thymus cancers and mesothelioma. He also has an interest in genetics and cancers that may run in some families.

Thomas trained at Monash University in Melbourne from 1991 - 1996 (MBBS), obtaining his Fellowship of the Royal Australian College of Physicians in 2004 (FRACP) and completing a PhD through the University of Melbourne in 2008. He undertook a post-doctoral fellowship at the University of Toronto under the mentorship of Professors Ming-Sound Tsao and Frances Shepherd, two internationally acclaimed lung cancer researchers.

Thomas moved back to Australia in 2010 and is now heavily involved in both basic research within a laboratory and also clinical trials. He is also the head of the Lung Oncology Clinic at the Austin Hospital.



The Hon John Rau MP

South Australian Deputy Premier, Attorney-General, Minister for Industrial Relations, and Minister for the City of Adelaide

John is the South Australian Deputy Premier, Attorney-

General, Minister for Justice Reform, Minister for Planning, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for Child Protection Reform, Minister for the Public Sector, Minister for Consumer and Business Services and the Minister for the City of Adelaide.

After completing his law degree, John worked at legal firms Duncan & Hannon and later at Johnston Withers & Associates, where he was made a partner. He was an adviser to the Hawke Government from 1985-1988, and has been a Barrister since 1997.

In 2002, he was elected to the South Australian House of Assembly where he served on various Parliamentary Committees until being appointed to the Ministry in March 2010. John is a former member of the ALP National Executive. He was appointed Deputy Premier in February 2011.



Lou Williams

Australian National Director, Global Ban Asbestos Network

Lou (Louise) was diagnosed in 2003 with Peritoneal Mesothelioma and in 2009 with Pleural mesothelioma.

Since 1985 Lou has continued to advocate, educate and raise awareness of the deadly dangers of asbestos and for the ban of asbestos.

She received the 2014 Alan Reinstein Award in the US for her commitment to education, advocacy and support to countless patients and families around the world.

Earlier last year Lou's body began to shut down and she was just a week away from death when she was offered the life-saving drug Keytruda.

Lou is currently campaigning to fast track the listing of Keytruda for Mesothelioma on the PBS.



Simon Howell

Associate Director, Ernst & Young Sweeney

Simon has over 25 years of experience in market research.

His career started in the UK but Simon has also worked in

Europe, the US and, for the last 15 years, Australia.

Simon has extensive experience in managing strategic research projects in Australia and worldwide.

He holds a BA (hons) in Mathematics & Economics and Masters In Management Science & Operational Research. He has also lectured at University College London.

Simon was the project lead for both the Asbestos awareness survey and the DIY home renovators' research.



Julie Tucker

Centre for Social Impact, Swinburne University of Technology

Julie is a PhD student at Swinburne University's Centre for Social Impact. Her research seeks to understand how ideas

and discourses about asbestos have shaped the evolution of Commonwealth asbestos policy since 2004.

A lawyer by trade, Julie spent a number of years in London working as a legal advisor in an inner city law centre. This was followed by a seven-year stint in Guatemala where she helped establish an NGO specializing in capacity-building training for grass-roots human rights organisations in Mexico, Guatemala and Honduras.

Julie's research interests include the lived experience of women and men affected by asbestos-related disease in Australia and the potential of digital technology to support and enable communities.

Her most recent project, commissioned by the Asbestos Safety and Eradication Agency in 2016 seeks to understand the provision of support and services for people with asbestos-related disease across Australia, including areas of unmet need.



Leo Dobes

Associate Professor, Crawford School of Public Policy, Australian National University

Leo completed his PhD at Oxford University before joining the Department of Foreign Affairs.

His 30-year public service career included intelligence analysis in the Office of National Assessments and policy roles in Defence, Treasury, and Transport and Regional Services

As a Senior Executive Service officer, he played a key role in developing and implementing the reform of the Australian telecommunications sector in 1989-91, and was instrumental in establishing an Environment Branch within the Bureau of Transport Economics.

A past President of the ACT branch of the Economic Society of Australia, he teaches a Masters course in Cost-Benefit Analysis at the ANU Crawford School of Public Policy, where he is an honorary Associate Professor.



Penny Jacomos

Social Worker, The Asbestos Diseases Society of South Australia

Penny, B.A.Soc.Wk.,MA(SS) is a graduate of the University of South Australia. Her 38 year background of Social Work

has been primarily in aged care and rehabilitation. She currently works in Therapy Services at Alwyndor Aged Care and provides a social work/counselling service for Asbestos Diseases Society of South Australia (ADSSA), which was set up in June 2005. Penny has Social Work consulting privileges at ACHA Health; Calvary Health Care Adelaide; Griffith Rehabilitation Hospital and Clinical Care Professionals.

She completed by research her Masters of Arts Social Work at Flinders University 2011, where she examined the social support of asbestos victims and their family caregivers and identified the referral pathways using clinical data.



Justin Macdonald

Senior Consultant, Indoor Environmental Professional, EHS Assess

Justin is a Senior Consultant at EHS Assess in Melbourne. He has many years of experience in property risk, with a focus on

asbestos assessment and management.

Justin's other areas of experience include fire risk and compliance, indoor air quality, ventilation, occupational hygiene and technical OH&S (i.e. confined space and plant risk assessment).

Justin has proven project management skills and has successfully managed national hazardous materials and hygiene abatement projects.

Justin is currently working with Jena Dyco International and the Specialised Cleaning and Restoration Industry Association (SCRIA) to develop and deliver tailored asbestos awareness training for workers in the mould and restoration industry.



Sarina Lacey

Director of Health Economics and Policy, The Centre for International Economics

Sarina is the Director of Health Economics and Policy at the Centre for International

Economics, which is an economics consultancy that advises public and private sector clients on challenging economic issues.

She has been particularly involved in analysing funding models for health services, which includes quantifying how investments in health deliver value to individuals, taxpayers, and the wider community, and assessing where health investments deliver best value for money. Her work in this area has been wide ranging – from evaluating applications for new health technology listings onto the MBS for the Department of Health, to evaluating palliative care programs, investments in pathology, and the merits of hospital-in-the-home programs, to name a few.

Sarina recently completed a feasibility study for measuring the economic and social impacts of asbestos and asbestos-related disease for ASEA to create a baseline for future policy work to assess whether changes to eradication strategies might deliver net benefits.



Ross Stevens

Director, Property Project Delivery Branch, Property Construction Division-Department of Finance

A Fellow of the Australian Property Institute, Ross is currently employed by the

Commonwealth Department of Finance in its Property and Construction Division with responsibility for the delivery of remediation projects of Commonwealth owned (non-Defence) properties.

His current projects include the Cox Peninsula NT remediation, the Industrial Waste Collection site at Lucas Heights NSW, and Malabar Headland NSW. Previously, Ross has worked in property portfolio management within the Department of Finance and the CSIRO where he has had responsibility for a broad range of functions including environmental and heritage management.

Originally from Melbourne where he worked as a commercial property valuer, Ross has lived in Canberra for the past 20 years with Lyn and their two children.



Leonie Ellis

Deputy Head of School and Graduate Research Coordinator, School of Engineering and ICT-University of Tasmania

Dr Leonie Ellis holds a Bachelor of Commerce, a Bachelor

of Computing degree and a PhD from the University of Tasmania. Her PhD was in the area of Technology Based Change. She worked with Tasmania Police at a time they were implementing major change in their organisation. She completed her PhD in 2009.

Dr Ellis is currently Deputy Head of School for Engineering and ICT, the Chair of the School Learning and Teaching Committee and is the Graduate Research Coordinator for the ICT discipline. Leonie has 7 PhD completions 2 in write up. Leonie's research interests relate to the use of qualitative research methodologies in the areas of eHealth and Knowledge Management.

She was the Academic Coordinator for the Bachelor of Information Systems that is delivered at Shanghai Oceans University. It is in this role that has her and her team have applied for a VC Award for Excellence in Teaching.



Anna Nowak

Professor, National Centre for Asbestos-related Diseases, University of Western Australia

Professor Anna Nowak is a Medical Oncologist at Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital (SCGH) in Perth, and Professor within the

School of Medicine and Pharmacology, University of Western Australia, with longstanding research and clinical interests in malignant mesothelioma. Her laboratory-based PhD in tumour immunology investigated chemoimmunotherapy in a mouse model of mesothelioma, a concept she has taken through to a number of local and national clinical trials.

As a principal investigator of the National Research Centre for Asbestos-Related Diseases (NCARD) and NCARD Director of Clinical Translation, Professor Nowak has a number of research leadership positions. She is Principal Investigator of the national DREAM and B2P2M2 clinical trials in mesothelioma, and the initiating Principal Investigator of a number of early phase clinical trials and translational projects in this disease, in projects as diverse as novel PET tracers and human immunology studies.

Her passion for mesothelioma research is strongly linked with patient care and a desire to bring improved outcomes and hope to people with mesothelioma under her clinical care.



Marie Boland

Executive Director, SafeWork South Australia

Marie has worked in workplace health and safety and industrial relations for ten years.

She is currently Executive Director of SafeWork SA.

Prior to this she held the position of Director, Policy and Strategy, Director, Community Engagement, Chief Policy Officer and Industrial Relations Inspector, all at SafeWork SA.

She worked as an Organiser at the Australian Services Union for a year before joining SafeWork SA in 2005 as an Industrial Relations Inspector.

Marie played a key role in supporting the enactment and implementation of the South Australian version of the Model Work Health and Safety Act and Regulations. She was also actively involved in the policy and legislative work surrounding South Australia's referral of industrial relations powers to the Commonwealth.



Sonja Klebe

Associate Professor, Faculty of Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences, Flinders University

A medical graduate of the Freie Universität Berlin, Germany, Sonja moved to Australia in

1997 to undertake a PhD in the area of gene therapy. She is an Anatomical Pathologist at Flinders University and SA Pathology, with special areas of expertise in pleuropulmonary pathology.

Her particular expertise is in the field of asbestos-related diseases. As a Clinician-Scientist, her work focuses on diagnosis, prognosis and translation of her findings into clinical practice.



Andrew Doig

Chief Executive Officer, Australian Sustainable Business Group

Andrew is the CEO of the Australian Sustainable Business Group; a business representative group largely looking after

licence holders and the service sector. He formed the ASBG in 2000 which services about 110 members.

Andrew has over 30 years experience in the environmental field. He spent 8 years in the waste industry and keeps abreast of the progression on waste legislation and management across Australia. He was on the Board of the Waste Service of NSW from 1996 to early 2001.

Andrew is a member of Australian Standards technical committee QR-011 which oversees ISO 14001. He is the primary architect of Sustainable Green Print, based around ISO 14001 and used by PIAA.

Andrew represents members and organises and presents at conferences, training and papers to primarily business audiences about 20 times a year.

Andrew holds a BE Chem Eng.



Amanda Richards

Chief Executive Officer, Asbestos Disease Support Society

Amanda commenced at ADSS in 2014 after 25 years in the union movement.

In 1988 Amanda went to work

at the Queensland Nurses Union where she held many roles over her 20 years of employment, her main area of expertise and passion was however health and safety and workers compensation.

In 2008 Amanda was elected to the Assistant Secretary role at the Queensland Council of Unions. Amanda left the QCU in 2013.

Amanda has an Associate Diploma in Labour Studies from the University of Adelaide, Diploma Work Health and Safety. She is a member of the Australian Institute of Corporate Directors and Women on Boards.

Amanda is a member of the BERT Training Fund Board, Workplace Health and Safety Queensland Board. She was previously a director on the Q Super, Q Comp Boards, Q Leave Board, ARDSSQ Management Committee and ADSS Board.



Andrew Kefford

Head of Taskforce, ACT Government Asbestos Response Taskforce

Andrew Kefford is the Head of the ACT Government's Asbestos Response Taskforce which is responsible for delivery of the ACT

Government's Loose-Fill Asbestos Insulation Eradication Scheme.

In this role, Mr Kefford has led the development of policy and regulatory responses to the continuing contamination of over 1,000 Canberra houses with loose-fill asbestos insulation.

He is currently appointed as Adjunct Professor to the University of Canberra's Institute for Governance and Public Administration, and as the alternate ACT member on the Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Commission. He has previously served as a member representing employers on the ACT Work Safety Council.



Vicki Hamilton

Chief Executive Officer/ Secretary, Asbestos Council of Victoria/ GARDS

Vicki is the current CEO/ Secretary of Asbestos Council of Victoria/GARDS.

Vicki has had two family

members pass away from asbestos-related disease – her father with asbestos lung cancer and her grandfather with asbestosis.

As an advocate of all issues concerning asbestos, Vicki conducts support groups, participates in an education and awareness program and is a member of the WorkSafe Victoria's Asbestos Network Group.

Vicki is the current Chair of the Gippsland Regional Integrated Cancer Service Consumer Reference Group and has been a member of the Community Advisory Committee at Latrobe Regional Hospital since the groups inception in 2005.

In 2014 Vicki was awarded an Order of Australia Medal (OAM) for her service to the community through support for people with asbestos-related disease.



Elizabeth Cummings

Associate Professor, School of Health Sciences, University of Tasmania

Elizabeth is a researcher, lecturer and Graduate Research Coordinator in the School of Health Sciences.

She has undertaken research and evaluation projects for a range of organisations including the Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care, the NSW Ministry of Health, WorkSafe Tasmania, and the Asbestos Safety and Eradication Agency. She is currently working with colleagues in the School of Engineering and ICT on a project developing asbestos visual assessment guidelines.



Peter Dunphy

Executive Director, SafeWork NSW & ASEA Council

Peter is Executive Director of SafeWork NSW. Prior to this, he held various senior management positions in

WorkCover NSW (now WorkSafe NSW), including Director, Specialist Services Group; senior technical and policy roles; Acting Manager, Scientific Services Branch; Scientific Advisor; and Coordinator of the Asbestos Regulation Unit. His board memberships include Chair of the Heads of Asbestos Coordination Authorities Working Group, the Asbestos Education Committee and the Demolition and Asbestos Consultative Committee.



Melissa Ledger

Cancer Smart Manager, Cancer Council Western Australia

Melissa's role includes the development, delivery and evaluation of a range of public health projects. More recently she has been involved in the

development of an online eLearning module for home renovators on the management of asbestos-containing materials and is part of the Cancer Council Australia's Occupational and Environmental Cancer Committee. Melissa has a Bachelor of Science and Master of Public Health.



Kate Lee

Executive Director, Union Aid Abroad - APHEDA

Kate is Executive Officer of Union Aid Abroad-APHEDA, the global justice organisation of the Australian union movement. Union Aid Abroad has been

working towards asbestos bans with unions, community groups and government organisations in Vietnam, Laos, Cambodia and Indonesia and with others in the Asia-Pacific region. This work involves education, awareness, campaign and capacity-building programs. Australian unions and victims groups, Australian government agencies and embassies and individual Australians have all contributed funding to the Union Aid Abroad program.



John Cannings

Board Member, Rare Cancers Australia

John is the Australian National Markets Leader for Health, PwC's Health Consulting Leader for Australia and Pharma & Life Sciences Leader for AsiaPac.

John Cannings is an experienced and well known corporate and commercial lawyer with extensive health and pharmaceutical industry knowledge. He has been in practice for 32 years and specialises in corporate and securities law, mergers and acquisitions, strategic alliances, corporate governance and board advice, particularly in the health and pharmaceutical sectors.

John was awarded the Order of Australia Medal (OAM) in 2010 for services to the community and is a Fellow of the Australian Institute of Company Directors.



Andrew Morgan

Director, Asbestos Safety and Eradication Agency

Andrew received a Churchill Fellowship to research approaches that European countries are taking to reduce the risk of mesothelioma and

other asbestos-related diseases. He also conducted a survey of asbestos experts to identify their views on the location of asbestos risks and the most effective and efficient ways to reduce the risks of asbestos-related diseases throughout Europe to identify lessons for Australia.



Serafina Salucci Mesothelioma Patient

In April 2007 Serafina was diagnosed with pleural mesothelioma. At the time she was 37 years old and married, with four children aged 10 and under. She had never worked with asbestos and never

personally renovated.

In 1977, when Serafina was 8 years old, her father bought his first car, and therefore built a garage in the backyard, which he built out of fibro. Her father built the garage on the weekends. Serafina remembers she and her brothers playing in the backyard while her father built the garage, and she remembers playing with the fibro offcuts. This is probably where she contracted mesothelioma.

Since being diagnosed, Serafina has had many major operations, which have included the removal of her right lung, diaphragm, lower ribs, right kidney and half her liver. She has also had extensive treatment, including dozens of rounds of chemotherapy and radiation.

Serafina's most recent scan showed recurring disease, and will be commencing immunotherapy soon.



John Bell Senior Associate, ACIL Allen Consulting

John is a Senior Associate with ACIL Allen Consulting. He has more than 14 years' consulting experience. John has made major contributions

to ACIL Allen Consulting's work for the Asbestos Safety and Eradication Agency, including our report, Illegal asbestos dumping: Review of issues and initiatives.

John has a PhD in Chemistry from Sydney University. He was formerly Deputy Secretary and Chief Science Adviser in what is now the Australian Department of Industry, Innovation and Science. He has spent seven years working at the OECD in Paris. John is a Fellow of the Academy of Technology and Engineering, and a Fellow of the Royal Australian Chemical Institute. In 2003 he received a Centenary of Federation Medal for his strategic contribution to research and development in Australia.



Rodney Fox

Managing Director,

HSE Australia

Rodney is an accomplished business leader and expert in health and safety systems, training, compliance and reporting. He has a Bachelor

of Business and is a Graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors.

Following a successful career in global public companies primarily in the industrial, service and supply sectors, Rodney decided to establish his own with a view to being able to offer clients many health and safety solutions from one single source. He started Health Safety Environment Australia. Now with the head office in Adelaide he continues delivering on the one phone call or one contact paradigm.

The team at HSE Australia operate from offices across Australia. Thriving on delivering bespoke solutions and the corporate values and brand purpose, solving problems that others find difficult. Working with some of Australia's pre-eminent companies he has undertaken more than 320 site inductions for clients that include Rio Tinto, BHP Billiton, Santos, Queensland Gas, Telstra, Australian Submarine Corporate, BAE Systems.



Ged Keane
Director & Principal
Consultant, Keane

Environmental

Ged has lived and worked in Australia for 7 years and is the author (while working at another consultancy) of the

report on 26 Bradfield Street Downer, ACT that highlighted the ongoing risk to homeowners of loose-fill amosite asbestos (Mr Fluffy), which resulted in the ACT government initiating a buy back scheme of nearly 1000 houses in order to remove the asbestos and demolish the houses. He is one of the leading consultants in this area of work and has provided advice to the ACT Government on numerous asbestos issues.

Ged has a great deal of asbestos surveying and management experience gained working in over \$400 million worth of building projects and major refurbishments at the University of Dundee. He also managed the University of Dundee's asbestos removal projects/program over 3 Campuses incorporating 75 buildings, including Ninewells hospital and sensitive research areas.



Tanya Segelov

Asbestos Safety and Eradication Council Member/ Principal, Segelov Lawyers

Tanya of Segelov Lawyers is an expert in asbestos and legal issues. Since 1996, Tanya has represented hundreds of asbestos claimants in courts

throughout Australia including acting for the late Bernie Banton in both his claims against James Hardie. She also acted pro bono for the unions and asbestos groups in the James Hardie Inquiry. Tanya is a former member of the Asbestos Management Review Advisory Group.



Stephen Hayes

Director, Remote Essential Services Unit, Department of Housing and Community Development, Northern Territory Government

Stephen Hayes is Director of Remote Essential Services

(RES) for the Northern Territory Government Department of Housing and Community Development. RES is responsible for the administration of the provision of power, water, and sewerage services as well as essential services infrastructure investments in remote Indigenous communities across the Northern Territory. The RES unit is delivering a \$19.6M Territory wide Asbestos Remediation Program in these remote Indigenous communities on behalf of the Australian Government.



John Mitchell

Manager, Government Relations - NATA

John's NATA career spans 27 years. The first 16 years were in laboratory accreditation operations and field management before moving into a government stakeholder

relations role. In this time, John has represented NATA in international fora relating to trade and the mutual acceptance of test data necessary in cross-border transactions. A current focus is contributing to the development of resource material explaining the role of accredited conformity assessment infrastructure in trade. This has included production of NATA's Industry User Guide series, two of which relate to asbestos.



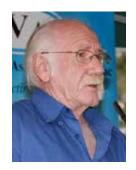
Robert Birse

Assesment Manager-Wellington, Worksafe NZ

Robert is a Health and Safety assessment manager in the Operations and Support area of WorkSafe New Zealand. He has worked in health and safety for

18 years and has been a key business adviser on a number of national and international projects.

Working as a business advisor, Robert developed an asbestos management program for NZAID on Niue Island follow cyclone damage in 2004. He was also the project manager for the implementation of the Health and Safety at Work (Asbestos) Regulations 2016 and is currently presenting to industry on the new asbestos regulations.



Terry Miller

President, Asbestos Victims Association South Australia (AVASA)

Terry grew up in Waikerie in the South Australian Riverland before coming to Elizabeth and working for James Hardie.

He worked at the Elizabeth pipe manufacturing plant for 20 years. When Hardies closed its plant in 1987 he went to work at GM Holden and during his 14 years became a senior shop steward for the last 10 years. He was also elected President of the AMWU Vehicle Division and held that position for 4 years.

Terry was part of a small group at the inaugural meeting that ultimately saw the beginning of Asbestos Victims Association (A.V.A.) in 2000. It was not until 2002, and the fact he had by now been diagnosed with Asbestosis courtesy of the large amount of asbestos exposure at the James Hardie plant that he had to retire from Holden.

Terry was asked to become Secretary of AVA and from there it has been an interesting and often a heart wrenching job, meeting with victims and their families.

He is proud of the achievements, particularly the ground breaking Dust Diseases legislation that was passed by the South Australian Parliament in December 2005.

(Terry also lost his wife who was exposed to asbestos when washing his work clothes).

Terry was awarded an Order of Australia (OAM) medal in 2007 for Services to asbestos victims.



Morris Lamacchia

Marketing Services Manager SA/NT/TAS, **Bunnings Group Limited**

Morris Lamacchia has over 40 year's retail experience and is currently the Marketing Services Manager-SA/NT/TAS

for Bunnings Group Limited. He has worked within the company for 25 years and is based in the support office at the Mile End Warehouse in South Australia.



Andrew McNee

Deputy Secretary-Chemicals and Wastes Branch, Department of Environment and Energy, Australian Government

Andrew leads the Chemicals and Wastes Branch in the

Department of the Environment and Energy, Australian Government. He is responsible for a suite of major policy reforms, including the development of a framework for the sound management of chemicals in Australia, reform of Australia's legislative frameworks for managing hazardous waste and monitoring pollution emissions, and review of Australia's ground breaking national product stewardship

Andrew is an evolutionary ecologist with over 25 years experience as a policy adviser to the Australian Government. He has held senior roles in fisheries management, migratory species conservation and marine protection.



Chris Keating

Victorian School Building Authority, Department of **Education and Training**

Chris is a visible leader in the government infrastructure arena with a strong track record of delivery in a complex

operational and political environment.

He has led the management of the Victorian government school portfolio which represents a \$19.6 billion asset base, with a \$2.4 billion infrastructure program to support more than 1,500 schools and 500,000 students in his role as Executive Director of the Infrastructure and Sustainability Division of the Department since 2013.

Chris has recently been appointed as the Chief Executive Officer of the new Victorian School Building Authority.

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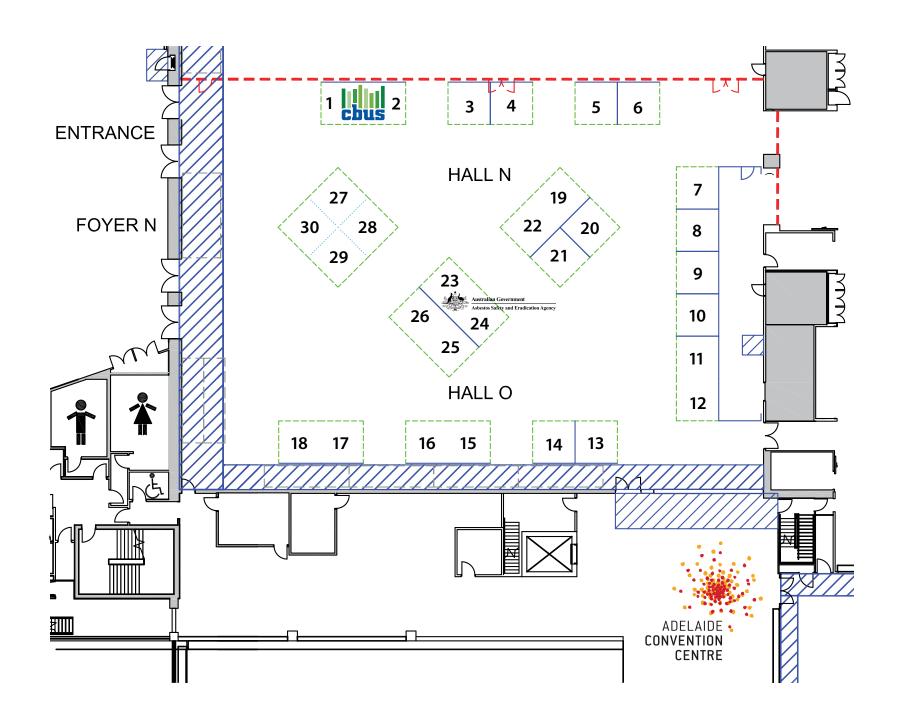
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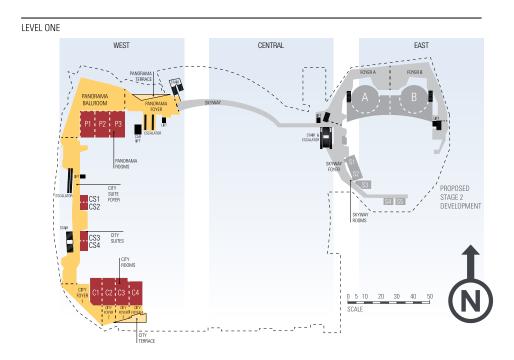
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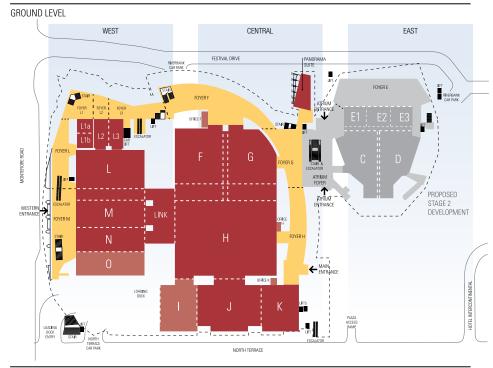


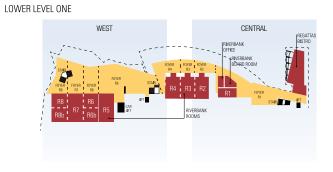
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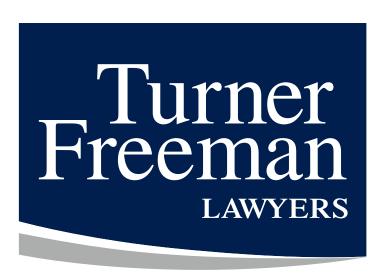
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