



# Australian Government

## Asbestos and Silica Safety and Eradication Council

### Asbestos Advisory Committee

#### Communique

#### Meeting 2 – 11 September 2025

The Asbestos Advisory Committee (AAC; the Committee) held its second meeting virtually on 11 September 2025.

Members noted that following the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations approval of ASSEA's [Operational Plan for 2025–26](#) (aligned to the [Asbestos National Strategic Plan 2024-30](#)), the AAC advisory plan had been revised. Members discussed the revised advisory plan and provided feedback on the action areas and projects in which they could provide advice.

The agency provided an update to members on the evaluation of the National Asbestos Awareness Campaign for 2024-25 which ran with the tagline 'Asbestos Can Kill'. It was noted that following an evaluation survey at the close of the campaign, 1 in 6 respondents recalled seeing the campaign. Members provided advice on the proposed National Asbestos Awareness Campaign for 2025-26, which coincides with National Asbestos Awareness Week in November 2025. Members noted a stakeholder pack will be developed and published on the ASSEA website.

Members considered current research of the technology and key features of hand-held and portable asbestos detection devices. Members discussed the various devices available on the Australian market and the opportunities and limitations associated with these devices. Members noted the agency plans to discuss with Safe Work Australia how real-time asbestos detection methods could be considered within the work health and safety regulatory framework.

The agency presented to members its vision for an 'Asbestos 2030 Blueprint'. This project aims to identify all the elements that are needed to effectively support safe proactive asbestos removal. Members provided feedback on the proposed process for developing the Blueprint and noted the agency will coordinate targeted workshops involving industry, unions and regulators to allow for detailed discussion and understanding of the issues.

Members received a comprehensive briefing on recent international activities including the agency's [International Collaboration and Leadership Strategy for 2025-26](#). Members noted the agency is establishing an Asbestos International Collaboration Group which will serve as a mechanism to share knowledge, research and best practice approaches for asbestos. It will also provide a source of technical expertise and facilitate effective collaboration and coordination with relevant international organisations. In addition, the agency reported on its recent visit to South-East Asia, including its participation in a clinical training program on the diagnosis and treatment of asbestos-related diseases delivered in Cambodia in partnership with the Australian Dust Diseases Research Institute and Union Aid Abroad – APHEDA.

To conclude, members received an update from the Victorian Asbestos Eradication Agency and Safe Work Australia who presented updates on their organisations' activities, including data management, prioritised removal programs, regulatory reviews, and national policy initiatives.

The next meeting will be held in February 2026.