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Dear Deputy Premier

I am writing to you about a significant health and safety matter that has come to my attention relating to the supply of asbestos containing material (ACM) to a manufacturing business in Queensland.

I understand that the ACM product was identified by Australian Border Force during their surveillance activities. I further understand that the information was passed on through the Heads of WorkSafe Authorities (HWSA) Imported Material Asbestos Working Group.

Specifically, the information I have indicates that a Victorian business imported the ACM products from China and subsequently supplied the product to a Queensland business. Further investigation has revealed the manufactured product has since been distributed. Consequently, the import of this prohibited ACM has put Queensland workers at risk of exposure to asbestos.


While I understand WorkSafe Victoria has commenced an investigation, I ask that this includes identifying the full extent of the supply of the ACM, including whether any other Queensland businesses have been supplied with this product. As you can appreciate, it is integral to mitigate any further risk relating to this ACM product being further circulated.

I thank WorkSafe Victoria for referring information to Workplace Health and Safety Queensland to assist in its enquiries into the matter. To ensure this sharing of information continues, I request regular updates on the current investigation, including advice on what proactive steps Victoria is taking to ensure that ACM products are not being imported by upstream duty holders and then on sold into other jurisdictions.

If you require any further information regarding this matter, please contact my Chief of Staff, Mr Nathan Ruhle, by email at industrialrelations@ministerial.qld.gov.au or by telephone on (07) 3719 7100.

Yours sincerely


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