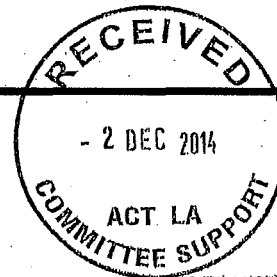


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RE: Asbestos contaminated houses




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Dear MLAs,

thanks for listening to us yesterday, and for listening to other witnesses and for reading the many submissions.

I suggest you recommend that the Appropriation (Loose-fill Asbestos Insulation Eradication) Bill 2014-15 be passed, so that the money can start being paid to people who are happy to leave their properties permanently, but that the Assembly then refer the whole plan to a committee for further consideration.

The government's plan, supported also by the Greens member and the Liberals, is a bad plan, made badly -- in secret, without proper consultation -- and badly received by those affected. It needs to be thoroughly reconsidered. As it stands it is at best a draft, and it may be fundamentally flawed.

There seems no doubt that the contaminated buildings need to be demolished. The problem is to finance the operation without doing further environmental and social damage, and in particular without inflicting more damage on the people who were misled by the ACT Government's earlier assurance that the houses were safe (I refer to the Certificate of Completion of Asbestos Removal Work).

This morning's *Canberra Times* brings up a new objection to the current plan:

'Australian Property Institute ACT president Paul Powderly said chopping Mr Fluffy blocks in half to build a home on each wouldn't work in the majority of cases under the solar rules. "The current blocks are not designed in a sense that they're the right shape to be cut in two," he said. "Variation 306 will certainly govern a lot of the blocks; a lot won't be able to be subdivided.'"

<http://canberratimes.domain.com.au/real-estate-news/solar-access-rules-could-affect-mr-fluffy-land-plans-20141201-11wsn8.html>

Best wishes,

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