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**Subject:** Submission on the Appropriation Bill ACT Government, Asbestos

Dear Sir/Madam,

Could you please forward my letter to the appropriate area, and I hope you can extend the close time of today, 26 November 2014.

I submit as follows:

That the buy-back be 'fair and more than fair'. This is most certainly not the case as it stands at present. Rather, it is a disgrace, and the whole affair is indeed a scandal.

That the declaration be made, that the Government projection re alteration to zoning/regulations to blocks of Land and thereby a value increase, be to the benefit in full of such re-zoning, to the Home Owner of an asbestos contaminated home.

That full provision be made, as above, so that the affected Owners can be assured that they can return to their Land, if desired, undiminished in size.

That the 'Golden Rule' be followed: 'Do to others as you would have them do to you', and remembering that a country and a government is judged on its treatment of the vulnerable. Any and all individuals involved in the present decision-making, of both Federal and the ACT Government, would do well to consider very carefully.

That responsibility and accountability be pressed in proper measure towards the Federal Government, who let Mr Fluffy in the Door. This was despite very early knowledge of the toxicity of the asbestos. That the Grant of one billion dollars be made, as changed from Loan.

That responsibility and accountability be taken by the ACT Government, who had the knowledge of continuing toxicity early on, and didn't do enough, letting it all run on.

That the Fencing of properties be addressed carefully, with the awareness of this area concerning boundaries being a general problem and often one of great difficulty and dispute between neighbouring and adjoining properties. Full replacement of Fences being likely, Costing of several thousand dollars per boundary to be addressed, as well as impact on neighbouring garden; trees, shrubbery, landscaping.

That neighbouring homes to Mr Fluffy be advised immediately.

That Details are resolved responsibly before the Bill is passed.

We were/are a Firestorm January 2003 survivor, and we continue to be grateful and thankful for all the support and assistance and recognition we received following that disaster in Canberra and surrounds, which brought much suffering and angst.

Thank you for this opportunity,

Yours faithfully,

Harriss