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The Secretary
Standing Committee on Public Accounts
Legislative Assembly for the ACT
GPO Box 1020
Canberra ACT 2601

Attention: Dr Andrea Cullen

Dear Dr Cullen


RE: **INQUIRY INTO THE PROPOSED APPROPRIATION
(LOOSE-FILL ASBESTOS INSULATION ERADICATION)
BILL 2014-15**

The Real Estate Institute has been involved with the Mr Fluffy situation since early 2014. Hardly a day goes by without some form of contact from the public or from those engaged in the real estate industry.

Chief Minister Katy Gallagher appointed the writer to the Community Expert Reference Group (CERG) in order to assist with the very difficult process of eradication through the "Buy-back program".

It is the view of the Institute that the process as outlined in 'Buyback Program Application Pack' should be implemented as quickly as possible.

The writer has witnessed firsthand the impact that this disastrous situation has had on families and in particular the elderly.

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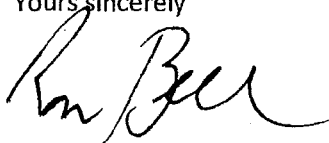
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It is imperative that those affected are given some certainty so they may get on with their lives. The stress and emotional effect on the health of many will be a reality and long lasting, so government action as per the program must seek to minimise this position.

The writer as Chief Executive Officer is available to discuss and expand on the experiences encountered.

We trust this brief submission assists with the Committee's deliberations.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "RJ Bell". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a long, sweeping tail on the final letter.

RJ Bell
Chief Executive Officer