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Hello, please here is a submission for consideration by the Inquiry into the management of ACT school infrastructure.

I work [REDACTED] within the ACT Education Directorate [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] My main areas of work include a metal workshop with welding bays and a store room as well as a wood workshop with a wood preparation/ store room that has 2 small additional store rooms.

All of the above listed rooms are in poor condition and appear to have suffered from years of neglect.

Both workshops have thick levels of dust on elevated ducting and ventilation systems. All rooms have damaged skirting boards, ceiling damage, wall gyprock damage, peeling paint that probably contains lead, stained walls, evidence of water damage, damaged flooring and when it rains water drips from the ceiling onto the floors. There are window sills that are identified as being made of asbestos that have flaking paint on them that falls to the ground.

Most concerning of all to me is that there is extensive black mold on the walls in both workshops. In some areas the walls are partially covered by fibrous tiles. The tiles have black mold on them and have in places peeled away from the wall. This has removed the glue which was used to attach the tiles and has peeled off the paint that was on the wall behind. The wall behind is identified as being made of asbestos which appears to me to be partially exposed in patches.

I observed all of these faults on my first day when I started my job. It appears to me that these faults are long standing.

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Coincidentally, recently the heating system [REDACTED] has suffered a breakdown and at times the measured temperature of my workplace has been sustained at approx. 18 degrees C.

This week after rain the ceiling has been water damaged and I have been warned about a hazard of the risk that debris may fall.

I have done large amounts of work in both workshops which are dusty environments and when necessary have used PPE. The facemasks that have been available to me have been paper re-usable P2 masks.

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