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To Whom It May Concern,

LETTER OF SUPPORT TO THE WESTERN AUSTRALIAN DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

The Construction Contractors Association of Western Australia is pleased to support the funding submission of Mesothelioma and Dust Diseases Australia (MADDA) to the Western Australian Department of Health.

Our members work across the commercial construction sector, where exposure to asbestos and hazardous dusts remains an ongoing risk, particularly in refurbishment, demolition, and maintenance of existing buildings. Western Australia continues to experience one of the highest rates of mesothelioma in Australia, at 4.2 cases per 100,000 people - almost double the national average. Dust diseases are on the rise, causing permanent harm to workers physical and mental health.

MADDA provides an essential service supporting individuals and families affected by mesothelioma, while also contributing to prevention. Their nurse-led support program delivers practical care navigation, advocacy, and psychosocial support - ensuring patients can access the right services at the right time, helping to maintain the best possible quality of life on their mesothelioma journey. In Western Australia, where there are no dedicated mesothelioma support nurses within the public health system, this service fills a critical need.

In addition, MADDA's work in advocacy and awareness plays an important role in raising awareness and promoting safer practices across industry, particularly through collaboration with training providers, industry bodies and government. This work is vital to reducing future exposure risks, and reducing harm from these preventable diseases.

MADDA is seeking \$250,000 per annum in ongoing funding to expand its specialist nursing service and continue its advocacy and awareness programs. The Construction Contractors Association of Western Australia supports this request and recognises the value of investing in services that both support affected workers and help prevent future harm.

Yours sincerely,



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