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To Whom It May Concern,

CCF WA is pleased to provide this letter of support for Mesothelioma and Dust Diseases Australia (MADDA) and its funding submission to the Western Australian Department of Health.

CCF WA represents contractors working across civil construction and infrastructure—sectors where workers are frequently exposed to legacy asbestos and hazardous dusts during excavation, demolition, and maintenance of existing assets. Despite improved regulations, these risks remain significant, particularly in older infrastructure and contaminated sites.

Western Australia continues to carry a disproportionately high burden of mesothelioma, with incidence rates of 4.2 cases per 100,000 people—almost double the national average. Each year, hundreds of Australians are diagnosed with this aggressive and terminal disease, caused almost entirely by asbestos exposure.

MADDA provides a critical service that addresses both the impact and prevention of these diseases. Their nurse-led support program delivers practical care navigation, advocacy, and psychosocial support to individuals and families facing a mesothelioma diagnosis—helping them access the right care at the right time and navigate an often complex health system. In Western Australia, where there are currently no dedicated mesothelioma support nurses within the public system, this service fills a significant and well-recognised gap.

In addition, MADDA plays an important role in raising awareness and driving safer practices across industry. Through engagement with training providers, government, and industry stakeholders, MADDA supports improved understanding of asbestos risks and promotes preventative measures that are essential to protecting current and future workers.

From a civil construction perspective, this work is vital. Our industry is at the forefront of interacting with legacy materials in the built environment, and continued education and advocacy are key to reducing exposure risks. At the same time, ensuring that affected workers and their families receive appropriate support is a shared responsibility across industry and government.

We understand MADDA is seeking \$250,000 per annum in ongoing funding to expand its specialist nursing support service and continue its advocacy and awareness programs. CCF WA supports this request and recognises the importance of investing in initiatives that both support impacted workers and prevent future harm.

Yours sincerely,

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Andy Graham, CEO (WA)