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LETTER OF INDUSTRY SUPPORT FOR MADDA FUNDING SUBMISSION TO THE WESTERN AUSTRALIAN DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

To Whom It May Concern,

Master Builders 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.

As an organisation embedded within the building and construction industry, we are acutely aware of the ongoing risks associated with asbestos and hazardous dust exposure. Despite decades of regulation, asbestos remains widespread in Western Australia's built environment, and the legacy of past exposure continues to result in devastating health outcomes. Western Australia has one of the highest rates of mesothelioma in the world.

MADDA plays a critical and unique role in addressing both the prevention and impact of dust diseases, including asbestos-related disease. Through its strong partnerships with industry, training organisations, and government, MADDA delivers targeted awareness and education initiatives that are essential in reducing future exposure risks.

Equally important is the support MADDA provides to those already affected. Mesothelioma is an aggressive terminal cancer, often resulting from occupational exposure in the building and construction industry. Workers diagnosed with this disease face complex medical, emotional, and practical challenges, often with limited coordinated support available.

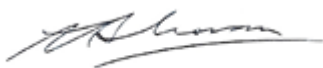
MADDA's nurse-led support service fills this critical gap. By providing care navigation, advocacy, and psychosocial support, MADDA supports patients to better manage symptoms, access appropriate services, and navigate care pathways. This helps reduce avoidable hospital presentations and supports more efficient use of health resources, reducing pressure on the health system through improved coordination of care.

From an industry perspective, this service is invaluable. It ensures that workers who have contributed to building our state are supported with dignity and care when facing life-limiting illness. It also reinforces the importance of ongoing prevention through awareness and education, and shared responsibility across industry and government.

MADDA is seeking \$250,000 per annum in ongoing funding to expand its specialist nursing service and continue its advocacy and awareness programs. This is a minimal essential investment that will deliver meaningful outcomes for our industry workers, families, and the Western Australian health system.

Master Builders WA strongly supports this funding submission and encourages the WA Department of Health to invest in this critical service and help keep our industry safe.

Kind regards,



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