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

To Whom It May Concern,

**Mates in Construction** 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 working at the frontline of the building and construction industry, we see firsthand the ongoing risks associated with asbestos and hazardous dust exposure. Despite increased awareness, asbestos remains prevalent across Western Australia's built environment, and the legacy of past exposure continues to have devastating consequences for workers, their families, and the broader community.

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.

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

MATES understands that MADDA is seeking funding support to enable its valuable work.

**Mates in Construction** strongly supports this funding submission and encourages the Western Australian State Government to invest in this critical service helping to keep our industry safe.

Yours sincerely,



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