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To whom it may concern

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

I am 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.

Following consultation with the Thoracic Cancer Nurse Coordination Service, who work closely with patients diagnosed with mesothelioma and other thoracic cancers, they see firsthand the complexity of care required for these patients, as well as the significant gaps that exist in coordinating care and supporting patients and their families throughout their journey.

Mesothelioma is a highly complex and aggressive disease that requires input from multiple specialties, including respiratory medicine, oncology, palliative care, and allied health. Patients often face significant challenges navigating the health system, understanding their treatment options, and accessing appropriate support services—particularly in the absence of dedicated disease-specific care coordination.

From a clinical nursing perspective, the value of this service cannot be overstated. MADDA supports patients to better understand their diagnosis and care pathway, assists with coordination across services, and provides continuity of support beyond what is currently possible within existing health system resources. This not only improves the patient and carer experience but also supports more effective and efficient use of health services.

In addition, MADDA's work in advocacy and awareness contributes to improved understanding of asbestos-related disease and supports broader efforts to reduce future incidence through education and engagement with industry and the community.

Western Australia continues to experience a high burden of mesothelioma, further reinforcing the need for dedicated support services for this patient group.

MADDA is seeking ongoing funding to expand its specialist nursing support service and continue its advocacy and awareness programs. I strongly support this request. Investment in this service will help address a clear gap in care and significantly improve support for patients and families affected by mesothelioma.

Should you require additional information, please contact Kirsten Mooney, Thoracic Cancer Clinical Nurse Consultant via email [kirsten.mooney@health.wa.gov.au](mailto:kirsten.mooney@health.wa.gov.au).

Yours sincerely

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