

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

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To Whom It May Concern,

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.

As Patron of MADDA, and in my former role as Chief Scientist of Western Australia, I have long recognised the importance of evidence-informed approaches to addressing complex health challenges. Mesothelioma remains one of the most significant and preventable occupational diseases affecting Western Australians, reflecting the enduring legacy of asbestos exposure across the state.

Western Australia continues to experience a disproportionately high incidence of mesothelioma compared to national averages, underscoring the need for both effective prevention strategies and appropriate support for those affected. Despite advances in research and clinical care, mesothelioma remains an aggressive and incurable disease with profound impacts on individuals, families, and the broader health system.

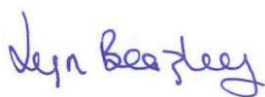
In this context, MADDA provides a unique and highly valuable contribution. The nurse-led support service delivers care navigation, advocacy, and psychosocial support to individuals and families from diagnosis through to bereavement. The model addresses a clear gap within the current system, particularly in Western Australia where, within the public health system, there are no dedicated mesothelioma support nurses.

Importantly, MADDA's work extends beyond direct support. Through its advocacy, education, and engagement with industry, government, and the community, MADDA contributes to raising awareness of asbestos and dust-related risks. Such efforts are essential in reducing future exposure and align with broader public health and safety objectives.

From a policy and scientific perspective, initiatives that integrate prevention, education, and patient-centred support represent best practice in responding to complex and long-latency diseases such as mesothelioma. The work of MADDA reflects this integrated approach.

For ongoing funding, MADDA is now seeking \$250,000 per annum to expand its specialist nursing support service and continue its advocacy and awareness programs. I support this request unreservedly, recognising the value of investing in services that both improve outcomes for those affected and contribute to long-term disease prevention.

Yours sincerely,



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