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Dear Mr Coffey,

Re: DECC Draft Asbestos Assessment Report, Prepared for Parramatta City Council

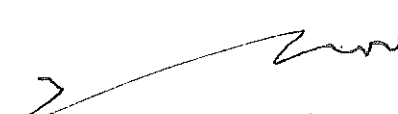
Further to a meeting held on the 3rd July 2008 with Parramatta City Council, the Department of Environment and Climate Change (DECC), and the Centre for Population Health regarding the above report, the Sydney West Area Health Service supports in principle the DECC strategy to protect human health and the environment in regard to asbestos wastes uncovered from former James Hardie disposal sites in suburban Sydney.

In particular the following recommendations are supported:

- visible asbestos is removed according to recognised Occupation Health and Safety practices
- a management plan is developed by an occupational hygienist with recognised experience in asbestos identification and management. Such a plan will ensure the asbestos is not disturbed unless appropriate plans for investigation and remediation are developed and assessed as suitable for implementation by a site auditor accredited under the Contaminated Land Management Act 1997 (CLM Act).

I thank you for the opportunity to contribute to this important matter, and look forward to working with you in the future. Should you require any further information or advice please contact Dr Stephen Corbett, Director, Centre for Population Health on 02 9840 3603.

Yours sincerely,



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