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ASBESTOS AWARENESS WEEK 1985

Quoting a Kenyan proverb... "We do not inherit the earth from our parents, rather we borrow it from our children."

It could also be said that we are the inheritors of history and our children are the inheritors of our mistakes and our failures.

We have dismally failed in Australia to prevent asbestos exposure in the past, mainly due to the lack of action of our government and the bested interests of the asbestos industry. It is as a result of our past failures that asbestos is widespread in our homes, schools and other buildings today.

The Asbestos Diseases Society's main task and the principle reason for convening this Asbestos Awareness Week is to do what we can to blunt the third wave of asbestos disease, which is already beginning and inevitably will be much worse if exposure to asbestos in public buildings, schools, and in the environment in general is not reduced.

The Asbestos Diseases Society of Australia (Inc) is a caring charitable organisation providing the following unique services at no cost to the public:

- professional and specialist assistance to those who develop diseases due to asbestos, and assistance to their families to cope with their illness;
- dissemination of information on the ubiquitous nature and health hazards of asbestos;
- promoting research into the early diagnosis and treatments of asbestos related diseases.
- stimulation of research into safe alternative products.
- providing medico-legal counselling in matters of workers compensation and Common Law damages.

Public support and donations are urgently needed so that the Asbestos Diseases Society can carry out its life-saving programmes to achieve an asbestos free environment.

All donation of \$2 upwards are tax deductible.

Any person wishing to join the Society or acquire additional information, write or phone (09) 444 6699, fax (09) 444 6696.