

Mr.Fluffy

Community and Expert Reference Group

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Mr Fluffy Legacy Project commences

As the program to eradicate Mr Fluffy loose fill asbestos insulation from over 1000 homes is nearing completion, the community is being invited to be involved in the Mr Fluffy Legacy Project.

The Mr Fluffy Community and Expert Reference Group (CERG) will lead a community consultation program to recognise the legacies of 50 years of Mr Fluffy in Canberra homes.

“The first step in the program is to invite members of the community to become involved. We will be seeking a broad representation of voices to participate in the consultation and a working group that will guide the consultation program. The group will work independently of the ACT Government, Sue Packer, Chair of the CERG, said.

”Mr Fluffy is not simply about bricks and mortar – it has touched the lives of thousands of people over those 50 years, particularly the last five.

“It is important to acknowledge Mr Fluffy’s legacies in a lasting and tangible way and that the community should determine how this is done.

“Through the legacy project consultation, CERG is seeking ideas as to how we should do this to mark what happened to people and their homes, to celebrate the spirit of Canberrans’ resilience when faced with adversity and to benefit from the lessons learned so there is never another Mr Fluffy. It is also important to recognise Mr Fluffy as part of our city’s history”.

CERG is working with independent consultants, RPS Group, to develop and conduct the community consultation program. The program will include workshops, an interactive website, a newsletter, and the preparation of an interim discussion paper for community comment.

A final report will provide recommendations for developing suitable and community-supported ways and means of permanently acknowledging the impacts of Mr Fluffy on those affected and the wider Canberra community.

Anyone interested in being involved in the consultation or in participating in the working group and has time available over the next three months, should contact: mrfluffy@rpsgroup.com.au or dial 0418 783 560.

CERG was established in August 2014 to work with the Asbestos Response Taskforce during the eradication program, and continues to be available to raise with the taskforce the needs and concerns of those directly affected by Mr Fluffy and also the issues of tradespeople and other service or care providers required to visit or work in Mr Fluffy homes.

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