

## COMMUNIQUE

The seventh meeting of the NSW Asbestos Coordination Committee (NACC) was held on 1 June 2022.

As the NACC settles into a rhythm, the focus of this meeting was again to review progress on the *Asbestos in NSW: Setting the Direction 2021–2022* strategy, and to develop plans for beyond 2022.

### **Progress on *Setting the Direction***

Work on each of the NACC's five priority issues has progressed well in the past three months. One of the key pieces of work that was delivered is a new awareness campaign targeting DIY renovators and tradies. Research tells us that these groups represent the next major wave of exposure risk because they often don't consider asbestos when planning their work. The campaign, which went live at Easter, builds on materials developed by the Asbestos Safety and Eradication Agency (ASEA). Keep an eye out for it!

### **Developing a five-year strategic agenda**

In this meeting, the NACC considered the key issues to be included in a 5-year longer-term strategic agenda to continue when *Asbestos in NSW: Setting the Direction 2021–2022* wraps up in November this year. I was delighted by the enthusiastic response from committee members to take the lead on these complex issues.

### **The Asbestos Safety and Management Conference**

Several NACC member agencies and I had the pleasure of attending the national Asbestos Safety and Management Conference on 18-20 May. It was a fantastic opportunity for councils, industry and regulators to come together to share knowledge and experience working in this important and complex space. It was also an exciting example of how such events can be held as a hybrid of both in-person and virtual participation. My thanks and congratulations to ASEA and Blue Mountains City Council who jointly hosted the event.



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**Independent Chair**

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